



# HWPP Newsletter

## Harvest Preparation in Full Swing

A somewhat hectic week with so much preparation to do in time for 'harvest,' but neither the children or staff didn't disappoint.

A variety of vegetables and fruits became a regular focus point for the children to associate with Harvest and autumn. From pumpkins to beetroot, butternut squash and even aubergine's were all on display. We set to work encouraging the children to use their senses to identify what each vegetable or fruit was and we had some very interesting options put forward. Additionally, they had their first stab at cooking collectively in both rooms where children were supervised where necessary to cut, slice and chop all the vegetables and make a delicious harvest soup. We then blended them altogether and the result was superb. Every child had a taste but the majority all slurped their cup of soup with delight. Home made bread rolls with a little butter were also on hand to dip into their soup which was a firm favourite by all.

Kind thanks to Reverend Sam (from St Paul's church) who popped in to sing a harvest tune with the children and reflect on why celebrating this wonderful festival is so important to everyone especially those who are less fortunate than ourselves.



Home made Harvest Loaf carefully crafted by Judy Quickenden (ex Supervisor) who kindly volunteered to pop in and help the children bake. This, together with all the donations of food was taken over to St Paul's on Friday afternoon ready for the thanksgiving service this morning.



**Angie Roberts**  
Supervisor & Editor

Are you enjoying the newsletter? Do feed back and let us know.



**Winner for the 2nd consecutive year!!  
Best Preschool in North London**

### Star of the Week

#### **Frankie**



For settling in so beautifully.

**Excellent start Frankie!!**



#### *Theme of the week*

*Week 4*

***Introduction to Black History***

***Woodland animals***



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***Autumn***



#### **Library**

**NAME PLATES** have been placed into your child's book bag please refer to this daily to aid writing their name

**L**iteracy:

This week will begin looking at sounds and letters of the alphabet. We follow the read, write, inc (RWI) tool where the children learn with actions and sounds to recall the letter.

Our letter of the week is 't'. This is known as a bouncy sound as we turn our head side to side saying 't, t, t'. Please see the link below to download the letter sheet for practice. Please do reiterate the sounds we do in class to support your child's learning. We shall be doing this within the classroom too. Words beginning with 't' - tower, tart, tail, turtle, trumpet etc.

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**Recommended Books for reading:****Book of the week for Caterpillars:**

It's Ok to be Different by Sharon Purtill

**Book of the week for Butterflies:**

Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne (Highly Recommend)

**Numeracy**

Number association and shapes in our environment.

**Expressive Arts & Understanding of the World**

Butterflies and Caterpillars will continue with the theme of autumn (age and stage appropriate).

Additionally, we draw in a new theme, that of Black History. Within our HWPP walls we have an array of cultures and spoken languages and this is the perfect opportunity to embrace all of them but particularly those of black origin. Caterpillars will be looking how their colour skin differs but inside we are all the same. We shall be focusing on Handa's Surprise and reenacting this pivotal story in both cohorts. It also lends to reflecting on all the different fruit and vegetables we have been talking about as well as introducing some exotic ones too.

**Physical**

Using animal movement and dance to get fit. We shall be listening to different music genres, Latin American, Caribbean and African music with famous pop idols with whom little children can identify with.

## Meet HWPP's Caterpillar Mascot Ollie

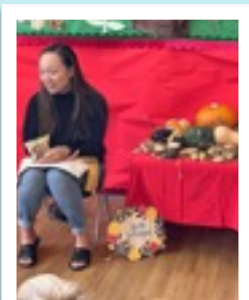


We have decided to introduce Ollie to the Caterpillars to acknowledge all the hard work they do. Ollie will go home each week on a Thursday with a child who has demonstrated excellent work in

any area of Caterpillar life, be it, sharing, taking turns, sitting well at circle or story time. A little token of appreciation for all their efforts.

## Harvest Moon Celebrations

Khloe (Sophie's mummy in Butterflies) popped in last week to reveal how Chinese/Vietnamese people celebrate Harvest in their culture. It was fascinating to hear and the children were privy to wonderful Harvest Moon Cakes as well as receiving a lovely paper lantern each to keep.



Mooncakes are made in round shapes to represent the full moon. They symbolise togetherness and reunion.

Lanterns represent lighting the way to good fortune, prosperity and to send blessings to the moon goddess.

Thank you so much xx

**HWPP warmly invite all our grandparents to a little ensemble to celebrate this special day**

**on Wednesday 11th October at 11am**



**Refreshments served with children singing some rhymes and songs**

### Primary School Open Mornings

Cromer Road School	- Private visits welcome
Hadley Wood School	- Wed 1st Nov & Sat 15 Nov
Monken Hadley	- Thursday 12th October
Stormont School	- Saturday 7th October
Trent School	- Tuesday 10th October



### Book rota as follows until half-term:

Jess	-	Wednesday 11th October
Sophie	-	Wednesday 18th October

**Don't forget to give in your name to a rep, Gabriella, Anasta or Victoria, if you wish to read to the children after half-term. The children value a parent coming in to read and thoroughly enjoy meeting someone new each week.**

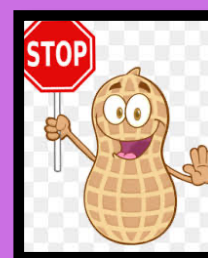
## Allergies

Please note lunch boxes or snacks should NOT contain boiled eggs, or any nuts or traces of nuts and kiwis.

Water or milk only please

**No Popcorn - choking hazard**

*Please cut grapes in half length ways*



NO fruit juices or fizzy drinks

## **Dates for the Diary**

### October - Black History Month

A time to celebrate the diversity and inspiration of culture and history

### Wednesday 11th October

**Grandparent's Day - Embracing grandparents**  
Drop in and enjoy tea/coffee and a sing song from 11-11.30am

### Monday 16th - Wednesday 18th October

Each child to bring in a pumpkin

### Thursday 19th October

**Caterpillar Parent's Drop in Morning**  
10.00-11.00am

### HALF TERM 23-27 October

### Sunday 29th October

**British Summer Time Ends -**  
**REMEMBER Clocks go back 1 hour**

### Monday 30th October

**Return to HWPP**

### Tuesday 31st - Halloween

**Halloween Fancy dress**

### Sunday 5th November

**Bonfire Fire Night at HWPP**  
**FUN & FIREWORKS - ALL WELCOME**