

# Batford Nursery School Newsletter

## December 2022

The themes we have explored this Half-Term are:

- Autumn/Winter
- Light & Dark
- Nocturnal animals
- Christmas

*(NB Please see the Parent Notice Board on Tapestry for detailed weekly plans.)*

**Autumn/Winter:** The children enjoyed going on an autumn walk around the grounds, learning more about seasonal changes. A particular favourite was rolling, kicking and throwing the autumn leaves in the air! They observed the changing colours of the beech tree in the nursery garden and used different mediums to recreate the tree and leaves in the creative area.

With the recent snowfall the children have enjoyed exploring the changes in ice and snow. Making snowmen and snow angels, a particular favourite was to investigate animal and bird tracks in the main and forest school gardens.

**Light & Dark:** The children have used torches to explore shadows as well as making a dark den to share stories by torchlight. In the art area the children used paint and glitter to recreate fireworks and bonfires.

**Nocturnal animals:** The children were very knowledgeable about animals that come out at night. We learnt new words such as nocturnal and habitats and used the ipads to find out interesting facts.

**Christmas:** Christmas arrived at Batford with lots of tinsel, baubles and tree decorating. Children enjoyed exchanging cards with one another. We hope you like all the Christmas goodies in their decorated bags. The Christmas present parcels were successfully delivered by Batford "elves" to the foodbank van this week. The children had great fun helping load the van with Christmas goodies to be distributed in the local community. Santa's workshop arrived in the home corner, giving children the opportunity to dress up and role play in Christmas themed costumes and share Christmassy stories. It was lovely watching them play, problem solve and learn about Christmas festivities.



### Forest School

The children have learnt the rules of the Forest School garden and embedded these with games; Duck, Duck Goose, 123 Where Are You and learnt the recall sound of how to gather back together in a group. You may like to ask them if they know what the noise is! The children made ground art and stick men and Christmas decorations. They have also enjoyed hot chocolate and snacks in the garden, always a winner!

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### Events

- Thank you to all those parents and carers that donated to the Harvest food collection, we were informed earlier this month that the food collected equated to 134 meals that have been distributed in the local community.
- Thank you to all the parents that came to our first Stay & Play of the year. We hope you enjoyed finding out a little bit more about what your child does at nursery. Watch this space for our next one!
- The children enjoyed a fun Children in Need day with lots of fun activities and games. Thanks to your kind donations we raised an amazing £170.00
- We hope you enjoyed the Christmas songs last week. The children practiced really hard; we are very proud of them. It was lovely to see the children arrive on the day in their Christmas jumpers. We hope you enjoyed their singing and it has helped you get into the festive spirit in the run up to Christmas. Thank you to all parents for your support.
- We are looking forward to the children's Christmas Fun Day this week and a visit from the main man himself



### Thank You

- Thank you to all parents who have put together Christmas Present Hampers for those most in need at this time in the local area.
- Thank you to all the families for your kind Christmas gifts and cards. All the staff are very appreciative and wish you all a very Merry Christmas.
- We will be saying a fond farewell to Phillipa at the end of this term. Phillipa has been a member of the Nursery staff team for nearly 6 years and in that time has made a massive impact on local children and families. Although we are very sad that she is leaving, we are pleased that in her new role she will continue to work with families and use her expertise in Early Years. We will all miss her lovely smile, enthusiasm and wish her well for the future.



Online safety newsletter <https://thegrid.org.uk/assets/hfl-online-safety-newsletter-for-parents-and-carers-summer-2022.pdf>



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**Primary School Applications - Please ensure you have completed your application for a Primary School place by the deadline of Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

Lastly, on behalf of all the staff at Batford Nursery School we wish you and your families a wonderful festive season, stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you back next year on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023.





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