

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children and staff have been busy celebrating black history month and all things Halloween. Over the week lots of children have dressed up. We've had skeletons, pumpkins, homemade masks along with princesses and superheroes. It's been lovely to see the children willingly share their costumes with each other.

Some of the children have been busy visiting borough market. They travelled by bus, which is an adventure in itself when you're travelling on the bus with your friends. Once they arrived, they were in awe of the hustle and bustle of the busy market and had great fun picking out the very best pumpkins.

On Thursday all the children got the chance to attend a jazz dance workshop at the Columbo centre organised by the community team. The children got an opportunity to learn how to swivel, pivot, swing and spin to the sounds of their favourite Disney songs (jazz style). I was lucky enough to join them and I can honestly say with confidence we have some future contestants for Strictly Come Dancing in the making!

Parent Volunteers

Soraia has sent out a message to the Discoverers parents to ask if any parents would like to come into the nursery to share any specific skills, talk about their job or cultural background. We would like to extend this to all parents as it's always a pleasure to have parents in to share their experiences. If you would like to offer to pop in, then please let your room lead know so they can arrange a suitable time.

Sam shares some sleep tips

Please click on the link to watch the short video where Sam shares some of her tips to help settle children into a good sleep routine.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0snPBHA7vZg>

New menus

Simon launched his Autumn menus this week which have gone down well with the children. Homemade fish fingers along with Moroccan sweet potato and chickpea stew have already become firm favourites.

This week a few of the children tried carrot cake for the first time. Simon's carrot cake is always popular, so I thought I'd share the recipe just in case you'd like to have a go at baking at home. Next week will be week 2.

I've attached the new menus to this update so you can see the delicious food your children are getting each day...

November Invoice

Invoices for November will be processed in the coming days – some of you may already have received them.

We have experienced issues in reconciling accounts on the new system which has caused a significant delay to closing October's invoices, which has led to delay in the processing of November's too.

We apologise for the delay; we are working hard to get back to our usual timeframe for invoices as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience as we work through this issue.

thanks for reading,
Best wishes,

Jane & the team