

On the Hop

The Hopscotch Newsletter

Staff Focus

Nicola - Manager

Hi my name is Nicola, I am the Manager at Hopscotch Kids Club and have been for over 10 years. I have a Degree in Children's Learning and Development and hold the position of Graduate Early Years Educator. I specialise in the EYFS framework and the delivery of education and learning through play. I am also the Safeguarding and Child Protection lead, Lead for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.



Flute for Sale

If anyone has music lessons or is interested in buying a like new flute please speak to Nicola.

Questionnaire

Our annual questionnaire will be sent out via email when we return from Christmas in January. Please keep an eye out for your copy in your email dropbox. Paper copies will be available at Hopscotch for anyone who needs one.

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Making Potions

Carving Pumpkins

Baking

Halloween

For Halloween at Hopscotch the children have been using their magical abilities to make lots of different potions. The children also carved pumpkins and played with the flesh and seeds. They have also made lots of spooky decorations for Halloween as well as using our woodworking tools to make candle holders to take home.

Baking

The children have been doing lots of baking at Hopscotch. The baking team have so far baked flapjack, buns and cookies. The children made the flapjack to have for their snack the following day. We will now be baking much more often at Hopscotch as the children have shown great interest and really enjoyed themselves.

Remembrance day



Christmas



Children in need



Remembrance day

The children made poppys for remembrance day, some of the children made poppys using different coloured pieces of paper and paint whilst others painted their own design onto a stone. The children also learned about the use of ration boxes during the war and what sort of food items they would contain.

Anti-Bullying week

For anti-bullying week we had a discussion about respect. The children wrote words and sentences relating to respect which we used to make a display.

Children in Need

For Children in Need we held a bake sale selling gingerbread Pudseys and buns. In total we raised £36.00 for Children in Need.

The children were also very busy crafting and baking during Children in Need. First they made their own Pudsey bears using paper and split pins to allow the arms and legs to move. They also baked their own gingerbread Pudseys to take home and participated in a competition to see who knew the name of Pudseys girlfriend- The winner of the competition received a Pudsey bear back-pack.

Christmas

For Christmas the children have been doing lots of different activities. The first activity they did was making their own personalised advent calendars to take home with them. The children then all helped to decorate our christmas tree. Some of the children even made their own christmas decorations.

We also turned our role play area into the Elf wrapping station again this year as it is such a big hit. This is where the children can dress up as Santa or an Elf and wrap “presents”.

Eco friendly

At Hopscotch we aim to become more eco friendly. Our crafting area already makes use of resources such as paper, cardboard and plastic containers that would have otherwise been thrown away. Our last newsletter detailed our new cups, plates and non-plastic items that we have changed which are much better for the environment. We are also now starting to turn off unnecessary lights - when we start to clean up for the night you may now notice that the chairs have been stacked and some of the lights have been turned off. This is being done to conserve energy - we are still open!

Gentle Reminders

We cannot open our doors for any children before 7.30am as our insurance does not cover any children before this time.

If you would like your child to attend before 8.00am, please speak to a member of staff and we can adjust the fee to an early start fee for you.

Children must be collected by 6.00pm as this is our closing time.

Collection

Please ensure you inform Hopscotch if your child is/has been collected from school, is ill or is attending a club, the other children and staff cannot leave school to get to Hopscotch until all children are accounted for. Please leave a voicemail if there is no answer on the phone. Also please allow your child 5 minutes to clean up when collecting from our after school session as it is important for them to learn to tidy up what they have used.

Door

Please do not leave Hopscotch on your own when collecting your child. Please ask a member of staff to let you out so we can ensure the door is locked and alarmed when you have left.

Outdoor play

At Hopscotch we like to use our outdoor space all throughout the year as it is a great way for the children to play and to get some fresh air. We will continue to play outside regardless of the weather. If your child would like to play outside please make sure they have a coat with a hood.