



# December Newsletter



WELCOME TO OUR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

On 9th October the children were welcomed into Bethesda Eventide Care Home to sing with the elderly residents, as part of the TINY Sing Workshop.

TINY Sing Workshop is a company The Lodge have been working with over the past few months.

Edie, Tiny Sing tutor, provided the children with weekly activities that encouraged marching, rolling, tapping, clapping and moving to the beat. The children learnt to sing songs that incorporate simple hand motions or dance moves, including jazzed-up nursery rhymes, modern pop tunes and their very own funky self-penned songs.

The children had tremendous fun performing to the residents. Visiting such places supports the children and the elderly in so many ways. The children are being challenged with unfamiliar environments, which supports a child to feel more confident and boosts self-esteem. Children's language development increases as they embark on new experiences and build upon their vocabulary. This December, The Lodge children will be visiting Bethesda Eventide Care Home again spreading Christmas joy. They will be performing some of their favourite Christmas songs and participating in some glittery Christmas crafts.

We hope this is going to be an ongoing relationship between Bethesda Eventide Care Home and The Lodge, helping the children gain new and wonderful experiences and giving back to our community.





The Lodge children have been on various outings this month from Victoria Nurseries to Broomhill Library.

The Library had some lovely resources available for the children to explore including pencils, crayons and felt tips for mark making, some puzzles, Lego and, of course, lots of books. Our children also enjoyed exploring new boundaries as they walked alongside staff members to the Library, jumping in each and every puddle that we saw along the way!

Towards the end of last month the children wrapped up warm with their woolly hats, coats and wellington boots and took a stroll to Victoria Nurseries. On arrival, the children were very excited to spot a holly wreath and a large Christmas tree outside. Towards the back of the nursery there were a few animals, goats and ducks. We observed the goats munching on their hay and the ducks having a bath in the water. We even gave the animals a small performance of the '5 little ducks' song, singing this to the tops of our voices. The children then found two Christmas trees to take to the shop keeper to purchase.

As the Winter months are well underway now, please can we ask for you to provide your children with coats, hats, scarves and gloves for all our outings.





Discoverers and Explorers children created their very own bonfire for the children to explore, celebrating Guy Fawkes this year. The practitioners in Adventures set up a fireworks Tuff Tray and the children were able to use different tools creating lines and marks. The children constructed lines to express their experiences of fireworks and how they explode in the sky!

We had a great day celebrating Children in Need! The children watched the Annual Duck Race Sweepstake in anticipation of the winner. There has been some amazing superhero outfits from all as well as some fantastic activities.





In commemorate 'Remembrance Day', The Lodge children participated in a variety of activities, to develop the children's knowledge. Discoverers and Explorers children took part in craft activities to make their very own poppy pictures. The children explored the paints using different resources and hand movements to create brush strokes on the paper.

During circle time in Adventurers room, the children watched a CBeebies video which explained, using animation, a rabbit in poppy fields. After the video the Room Leader explained how the poppies disappeared during the war however they all returned afterwards. The children were very engaged throughout the video asking lots of questions to find out more.





We would like to say a formal farewell to Trina who will be leaving The Lodge this December, her last working day will be 17th.

Trina has been with us right from the beginning, guiding new parents with registering their children and catering for any further queries of our current parents. Trina has helped the team promote and set up the Nursery, maintaining the finances along the way. Trina has become a fond member of The Lodge Team but she has now decided to take on a new adventure and expand her skills else where. Trina will be thoroughly missed but we would like to wish her all the best for the future!

We would like to inform you that Nikki, our Adventurers Nursery Assistant, has accepted the role of The Lodge Administrator taking over Trina when she leaves us on the 17th December. Nikki has had two careers and we are looking forward to her returning to her first career as an Administrator but this sadly means we will not have her in the Adventurers room in the New Year.

## Updated Room Structure

Hayley (Manager), Tamisha (Deputy Manager) and Megan (Deputy Manager)  
Nikki (Administrator) and Marta (Chef)

### **Discoverers & Explorers**

Charlotte (Room Leader), Emily, Sarah, Ros,  
Lydia, Sophie, Caitlin and Gemma

### **Adventurers**

Lindsey (Room Leader), Charlie, and Jojo

**IPSWICH SCHOOL & PREP SCHOOL TERM TIMES: The Lodge follows these term times.**

	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Term Recommences	Terms ends
Lent 2020	Mon 6 Jan	Thurs 13 Feb	Mon 24 Feb	Fri 27 Mar
Summer 2020	Mon 20 April	Fri 22 May	Mon 1 June	Fri 3 July
Michaelmas 2020	Thursday 3 September (*)	Fri 16 Oct	Mon 2 Nov	Wed 16 December

\* The days preceding the start of the Michaelmas Term 2019 will be used for staff INSET (Monday 2 September) and pupil induction (Tuesday 3 September)

**INSET DAYS at the Prep and Senior School:**

**We are open as usual and for Holiday Club bookings.**



Staff have been very busy creating new and stimulating learning areas and activities for the children in Discoverers, Explorers and Adventurers rooms.

All the children have been using their curiosity and imagination to explore these further.





Our children in Discoverers and Explorers have had lots of new experiences recently.

One of our staff members explored a key interest of their own to enhance the children's knowledge and develop their exploration skills, with some horse equipment. The children had the choice to explore the textures of a horseshoe, dance with the ribbons from the rosettes and could climb up on to a saddle. The children demonstrated fantastic imagination as they bounced on the saddle making horse noises and created links from the equipment to the nursery rhyme 'Horsey, Horsey'.

During an outing to visit the ducks the children have been enhancing their gross motor skills and developing their spacial awareness. They were very keen to help the adults by pushing our quadruple buggies. Well Done!





Adventurers have enjoyed indoor and outdoor activities. We took a visit to the park exploring the environment on the way. The children found a big pile of leaves on their walk and one child was very excited running straight over and jumping in the middle. Other children used the leaves as raindrops throwing them into the air, laughing as the leaves fell on their heads.

We have been cooking scrumptious cakes for all to eat. The children used great fine-motor skills to add ingredients and mix them all together. We then took these to the kitchen for Marta to bake.





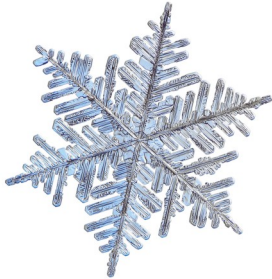
### It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

The Christmas festivities are well under way here at The Lodge. The children have been busy decorating the Nursery with trees, tinsel and lots of lights! The children are amazed by the lights, watching them sparkle and shine! We have our very own igloo for the children to explore their senses, textures and shapes whilst keeping cosy and warm.

We have been busy creating food for the reindeer, learning all the reindeer names and getting very excited that someone special will be visiting us soon! We are very excited as we continue this festivity with lots more activities with the children during the run up to Christmas.

**Let the festive celebrations begin!**





### Friday 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day

The Lodge will be raising money for 'Save the Children' charity to coincide with Christmas Jumper Day. Children are invited to wear their festive jumpers, the staff will be dressed up too!

Any donations for this wonderful charity would be gratefully received.

### Wednesday 18th December - Children's Christmas Party —9-11am

The morning will be filled with wonderful Christmas activities, along with Christmas songs and Christmas craft. The Lodge children will have a visit from Father Christmas and there may even be a special Christmas treat for them! Please come dressed in your best outfits, to join in the festive fun!

Our Christmas party this year will be held in the Lower Prep Hall. Parking will be available in the Lower Prep car park. We will be providing drinks and festive snacks for all children and parents. Please do let a member of staff know if you are attending the Christmas party, we hope to see you all there.

### Thursday 19th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Marta, Nursery Cook, and Hayley will be cooking a delicious Christmas roast dinner for all children and staff at the Nursery on this day. Tables will be decorated and the Christmas songs will be sung. Children can come dressed for the occasion and join in the celebrations.

### Monday 23rd December, last day for The Lodge before Christmas

On the last day before Christmas, The Lodge children will be spending the day altogether. Discoverers, Explorers and Adventurers will be opening up their rooms for a fun filled and packed day of Christmas joy! The rooms will be filled with games and activities for the children to explore, along with all things Christmassy! Please feel free to bring your child in Christmas clothes and any games/toys they would like to share on the day.

The Lodge re-opens on the 2nd January 2020

**We wish you a very**





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IMPORTANT INFORMATION



**Drop Off & Pick Up Points** All parents should use the main reception door at the front of the building and ensure that your child is signed in/out.

## **Adventurers' Large Apparatus sessions in The Lower Prep Hall**

On Friday mornings, during term time, whilst The Play Together Group are using the Adventurers' room, we will be taking the Adventurers for a large apparatus activity session in the Lower Prep Hall. This not only gives us a bigger space to develop gross motor skills, but also greatly helps with the transition for the children into the Nursery Class in Lower Prep. If you could ensure your children arrive before 10am we can make sure they can take part in this activity.

## **Breakfast Club at The Lodge – Ipswich Prep Nursery & Reception pupils**

by booking only to [hello@lodge daynursery.co.uk](mailto:hello@lodge daynursery.co.uk)

£4.95 per session, per child including breakfast 7.45 – 8.15

## **Late collection policy**

Please see our Terms & Conditions.

## **Non-Attendance**

Please advise us when your child will not be attending e.g. for holiday or sickness—see below.



### **Contact information and keeping up to date:**



**Email:** Via [hello@lodge daynursery.co.uk](mailto:hello@lodge daynursery.co.uk) or through 'Nursery In A Box' for all general communications, absence, sickness, extra sessions etc., this will ensure that your query is dealt with as quickly as possible.

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