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Welcome

Summer is well and truly over now and we are fully embracing all things Autumn!



The rooms are having great fun with a variety of seasonal craft. Some of the children have been on walks to collect leaves and pinecones to use in their activities. The staff create sensory trays which consist of an assortment of different items, this month some rooms have added acorns, pinecones and sticks to help with their sensory development.

Taking part in cooking and baking is a firm favourite with the children and this month some of the children have created pumpkins shaped from rice crispies as well as made pumpkin pie from scratch.

The office staff were even treated to vegetable soup by the Badgers room, which tasted delicious!

Christmas

Although some of you might not want to acknowledge it just yet, Christmas is just around the corner! We always love embracing this time of year as it is so magical for the children.

We have lots of things planned for parties in the rooms and will be in touch about them in the coming weeks.

Please be aware we close at 1pm on Christmas Eve and will reopen on Tuesday 4th January.



Staff

We are pleased to welcome Gabby to Badgers and congratulate Ellis who has taken over the role of Senior Childcare Leader (SCL) in Moles.

COVID 19- protocols

**PLEASE SOCIALLY DISTANCE AT
BACK GATE**

- Parents are able to come into the setting for drop off and pick up from 1st September.
- Please can we have one adult per child at pick up and drop off.
- Masks must be worn at drop off and pick up.
- If you have concerns or wish to share additional details, please can you call the office or email childcaremanager@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk

Absences

Please call us if your child is not going to attend a session.



It is a Kent County Council requirement to know why your child isn't able to attend and also helps us plan for staff and food preparation.

Donations

If you have a spare buggy you no longer need then please consider donating it to St George's!



Many thanks

CHRISTMAS FAIR – SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER 3pm-5pm



We are so pleased that we are able to go ahead with our annual Christmas Fair this year (providing it is safe to do so and further government restrictions are put in place). You should shortly receive a letter home with your children advising of all the details and how you can support the fair, along with raffle tickets to purchase. We do hope that you are able to come along to the fair with your families and friends as it will be the first time, we have been able to socialise together since our Christmas Fair 2019.

The fair will be held outdoors and we will have lots of stalls, refreshments, competitions and obviously Father Christmas will be here! If anybody has a gazebo/marquee that you would be happy to lend us for the fair, please contact Becky at becky.king@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk.

PYJAMA DAY – WEDNESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

All children and staff who are in on Wednesday 10th November and would like to wear their pj's to nursery on that day, are asked to donate £1, which goes towards their room's fundraising for new toys and equipment.



LOVE WHERE WE LIVE

Thank you to everyone who nominated St George's for the "Charity of the Year" award at the Love Where We Live Awards that were held on Thursday 7th October. We were very proud to have been chosen as one of 3 finalists for this award but sadly we did not win on this occasion, the award went to Nourish, our local food bank and a wonderful charity. The competition for the awards was tough as there were 300 local charities/businesses/individuals nominated and out of these only 19 finalists selected by the awards committee for 7 awards (of which we were one), so we were super excited to have been a finalist but disappointed not to have won – maybe next time!



Diary Dates



Little Dragons back	Monday 1 st November
Pyjama Day	Wednesday 10 th November
Christmas Fair	Saturday 4 th December 3pm-5pm
Otters Nativity	Tuesday 7 th December
Little Dragons Christmas concert	Wednesday 8 th December
Little Dragons last day	Friday 17 th December
Little Dragons return	Monday 10 th January

Please review us

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(daynurseries.co.uk)

<https://g.page/StGeorgesChildcare/review>

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Facebook



Visit St George's Facebook page to see the fun activities that the children and staff enjoy!

www.facebook.com/StGeorgesChildcare

Squirrels

Rain or shine the squirrels have enjoyed being outside, exploring the garden and making the most of the wet weather clothes that have allowed them to jump and splash in some muddy puddles. We have also been busy making different nursery rhyme characters for our board. So far we have painted humpty dumpty and the cow who jumped over the moon. We are going to be adding some stars and some spiders. The squirrels have enjoyed painting leaves to make the rooms look more autumnal.



Hedgehogs

This month in hedgehogs we have been doing lots of autumnal crafts. The children have enjoyed making spiders using paint and sticking on fluffy legs, we have made acorns using painted rice crispies and used sponges to paint pumpkins.

Hedgehogs have also been exploring things found outside, they have enjoyed feeling and playing with leaves, twigs, acorns and pinecones.

Hedgehogs loved making pumpkin shaped biscuits and decorating them this month too.



After School Club

In After School Club we were still digging up vegetables and we have found some potato people, which was very funny! The new children have completed their first few weeks in, and they have enjoyed meeting others from different schools and making new friends.

They have loved designing posters for Recycling week.



Moles



We are pleased to welcome Ellis to the team as our new room leader. She is looking forward to getting to know all of the Moles children and parents.

This week in Moles we have been decorating our room for spooky week. The children loved making their decorations which were ghosts and pumpkins. Moles have been getting into the Autumn spirit and have been walking to the church and collected leaves to do leaf painting.

Moles have just started to do a healthy living display board and we focused a lot on germs and we did an experiment where we put herbs in some water and got the children to put their finger with soap on it so it dispersed. If you have any ideas that you do at home that we could put on our display board that would be amazing.

Little Dragons

This month in Little Dragons we have been thinking about all things autumnal, we went on an autumn nature walk, have been crafting with natural materials and finding out about changes that happen during autumn and at harvest time.

The children brought in their favourite vegetables to chop for harvest soup and made bread to enjoy with it.

The room redecorating is near completion now so all our lovely displays will be able to brighten the room again! We look forward to showing off our wonderful art and craft activities.

Next term we will be starting to learn Christmas songs and rhymes and you will be able to come in to do crafts with your child, (please sign up for this!).



Otters

Otters have been celebrating Autumn and Harvest this month. The children have enjoyed making autumn tree crafts, wreaths and other arts and crafts to decorate their room. We made pumpkin crispy cakes and marshmallow spiders and shared them with the adults! Otters took a trip to Sainsburys to buy vegetables which they then used to paint and print with.

Next month we will be looking at Fireworks and the topic All About Me. We would kindly ask parents to provide family photos which we can then incorporate into this topic. Christmas Nativity practice has already begun and we will be continuing with this! Please feel free to purchase raffle tickets in advance and may we ask that all Nativity slips are returned by 15th November. Raffle prizes are welcome and very much appreciated.



Badgers



We have had lots of birthdays so the discussion of choice has been parties and presents. One party in particular was pirate themed and so we had to have a treasure hunt, made eyepatches and took photos for our wanted posters.

In cooking we made our own burgers and cooked them over the firepit for our tea. And we also made apple cake, potato fritters, bubble and squeak, fresh orange juice, banana and strawberry smoothie and vegetable soup.

We have been exploring slime as well!

And we have harvested our amazing sunflowers from the allotment and played with the seeds. As well as the last of the runner beans and spinach.

We made some leaf rubbings and have started to look at autumn. Organised is an autumn scavenger hunt. Please feel free to collect autumnal things in a box and get sponsored to raise money for new resources and toys.

We have started celebrating Halloween. And we are excited for dress up week and trick or treating starting the week of the 25th October.