

This month we are introducing the new season as well as other festivals, celebrations and learning experiences. Alongside the children's own interests.



As part of the Harvest festival this year we are collecting for the 'The Bay Food Bank'. We have a box in our porch area for donations. The box will be there until 1<sup>st</sup> November. Please click on the link to see a wish list of items that we are collecting [Wish List — The BAY Foodbank](#)

**THE BAY  
FOOD  
BANK**



Well done to Ella and Sophie our nursery apprentices who have complete their 12 hour Paediatric first aid course last week. We now have our full team qualified in paediatric first aid.

### School Applications 2023

If your child's date of birth is between the 01/09/2018 and the 31/08/2019 they will be starting Reception class in September 2023. You can apply via the Online Portal from the 12th September 2022. The closing date for applications is the 13th January 2023. You must apply before this date. Please click on the Apply link below to make your application for North Tyneside Schools.

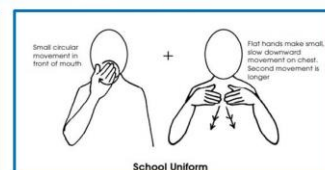
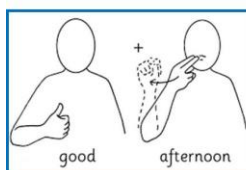
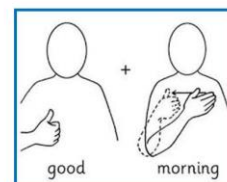
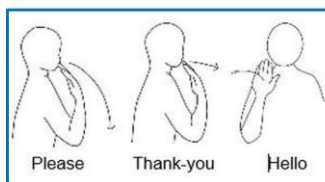
[Online school applications | North Tyneside Council](#)

### Makaton

Last month our team completed a refresher course in Makaton training by Dene Communication Centre. We will be using Makaton in all the rooms along with visual timetables to support spoken language and communication. Here are some helpful signs if you would like to continue this at home. We will also be displaying a sign of the week on our notice board.



### Helpful Makaton Signs





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October/November addition



WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT



Thank you to everyone that attended our coffee morning on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September we raised a total of £32.25.

## Dates for Dairy

**Pumpkin Trail 24<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> October** - We would love for you to design a pumpkin at home and bring it to nursery to join our pumpkin trail, if you would like to take part please place your pumpkin design near our front door with your child's name on, these will be available for the children to view and children will receive a small treat for taking part.

**Halloween Stay and Play 28<sup>th</sup> October (Babies and Toddlers) 2-3pm**

**Halloween Stay and Play 31<sup>st</sup> October (Early Learners and Pre School) 2-3PM**

All parents are welcome to attend our Halloween stay and play sessions, if your child is not at nursery on this day you must stay with them through out the sessions, we will have a range of sensory and Halloween activities available. Children are welcome to dress up in Halloween costumes on these days if they wish.

**Nursery Photographer 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November** – Zoe our nursery photographer will be available to take photos of the children for parents to purchase. A letter of consent will be issued nearer the time.

**Road Safety Week 14<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> November** – This week we will take the children on a walk in the local area and talk about how to cross the road safely with an adult, look at different types of crossing and talk about how we need to 'stop, look and listen'.

**Children in need Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – Come to nursery in your pyjamas and have a cosy day with lots of stories to help up raise money for "Children in need" please make any donations to the children in need website.



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### Autumn/ Winter Menu

We have recently released our Autumn/ Winter menu. This has now been emailed to all parents and is on display in our Dining room. We hope your children enjoy the new dishes available and as normal all allergies are considered with each dish.



Here at Bright Start we encourage the communication between nursery and home. We have found using Tapestry is a great way to reach out for both staff & parents.

We would like to encourage all parents to use this app to share events such as birthdays, weddings, days out, holidays etc so we can talk with the children about what they have been up to & showing them the photographs you have uploaded on to Tapestry. If anyone has problems doing this and would like advice, please see a member of staff.

### Parents Questionnaires

Thank you everyone that has returned their parent questionnaire, we have had some great feedback, if you haven't returned your questionnaire and would like to, please post it in the box in our porch area or hand it to a member of staff. We will use these questionnaires to reflect on our practice and make improvements to the service we provide.

### Observation Checkpoint/ Parents Meetings

As we have reduced the amount of observations we put on tapestry to spend time extending on your child's learning as it happens rather than spending time recording and planning for their next steps. We have recently introduced observation checkpoints where will record a short summary to make sure your child is on track and invite you to a meeting to share their progress. These are completed at 6,12, 18 and 24 months and at 3, 3.5 and 4 years of age. Your child will still have a two-year check between the ages of 2 and 3 years. We will still assess your child on an ongoing basis, although these wont always be recorded, your child's keyworker will be happy to discuss your child's progress at any time.



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### The Baby Room

Over the past month we have enjoyed going on Autumn walks to the park and practicing our balance and climbing skill as well as collecting autumn leaves. We then used our leaves to explore with paint, feeling the different textures and developing our fine motor skills .

We have enjoyed filling and emptying container and have made some autumn sensory bottles. We explored our new sensory room and have played outside in the garden climbing onto the bikes and drawing with the chalks.



### The Toddler Room

In the Toddler room the children have been exploring Autumn materials which they collected at home in their Autumn treasure bags, we then explored these material in different textures such as making marks with sticks in gloop and poking sticks into playdough . We have also explored the bark area outside and crunched our feet in the Autumn leaves.

The children have also shown a lot of interest in books particularly the animals sounds book and have enjoyed pressing the sound buttons and lifting the flaps. Adventure Bear has been going on his holidays to some of the children's homes and its great to see what he has been up to.







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### Early Learner Room

The Early Learners have recently been interested in autumn and have been crunching in the autumn leaves outside. Everyone has taken their autumn treasure bags and scavenger hunts home and have come back to nursery to share their exciting finds and explore these in the tuff tray. The children have collected leaves, conkers, acorns and sticks to make their autumn pictures. The children have shown a particular fascination with touch and feel books and have enjoyed feeling the different textures, we have added these to our lending library for children to enjoy at home. We have enjoyed activities such as ice play with dinosaurs and talking about textures and if it feels cold.



### Pre-School

The past month in pre-school we have enjoyed welcoming our friends from Early Learners. We have also spent some time talking about our families and who lives in our homes. Some children have been interested in the human body and we have expended on this by looking at our skeletal system and the different bones in our bodies. We have enjoyed circle time where we have been focussing on body percussion and rhythm and rhyme. We had a walk to our local church to see Nicola the room manager of Early Learner after she got married, and have created a new breakfast and snack station to promote children's independence and they have been very good at serving themselves.

