



Autumn Newsletter 2023

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter. We hope you had a great summer and enjoyed the sunshine when it made its few appearances.

We are delighted to announce Jess Rowe has been appointed as our Nursery Manager. Jess being part of the team for 18 years brings a wealth of experience to the role. She is very committed to both the children and our staff team. She is focussed more than ever on building the future of the nursery and is looking forward to sharing memories and being a part of your child's journey at Singleton.

Jess has an open door policy to all parents and additional meetings with her can be arranged at any time.

We have lots to look forward to in October including a visit from a photographer, parent's evening and our very own scarecrow festival. Further information to follow on Family.



IMPORTANT DATES!

13th October –
PHOTOGRAPHER

19th October – PARENT'S
EVENING

25th October –
SCARECROW FESTIVAL

30th Oct – 3rd Nov –
PLAYSCHEME

Exclusion Period

Updated exclusion period for common infections has been published on public health Wales. For more information

<https://phw.nhs.wales/services-and-teams/harp/infection-prevention-and-control/guidance/accordians/settings/>



Great job to Elisha for being recognised by head office for delivering exceptional **customer service**.

Schoolhouse is committed to putting our nursery families at the heart of everything we do!

News from Under 2's....

Our children have been busy exploring the indoor and outdoor areas. They have especially enjoyed reading *That's not my squirrel*, *hedgehog*, and *fox* books. We have been learning about farm animals, what they look like and what they are called.

Over the upcoming months we will be creating various Autumn crafts and collecting leaves for our mud kitchen and leaf printing. We have planned to create pat mats, for sensory play using Autumn items.



Ingredients

- 225g [plain flour](#)
- 2 tsp [baking powder](#)
- 1 tbsp [ground cinnamon](#) (or 2 tsp pumpkin spice)
- 100g [caster sugar](#)
- 50g [soft light brown sugar](#)
- 200g pumpkin purée (from a can or homemade – see 'goes well with' below)
- 2 large [eggs](#)
- 125g slightly [salted butter](#), melted



Pumpkin Muffins Method

Step 1 – Heat the oven to 200c/180c fan/gas 6. Line a 12-hole muffin tin with muffin cases. Mix the flour, baking powder, cinnamon and both sugars together in a large bowl. Break up any lumps of brown sugar by rubbing them between your fingers.

Step 2 – Whisk the puree and eggs together in a jug, then add to the dry ingredients with the melted butter. Whisk for 1-2 mins with an electric hand whisk until just combined.

Step 3 – Bake for 15mins until golden and risen and a skewer inserted comes out clean. Lift onto a wire rack to cool completely. Will keep for three days in an airtight container.

21 October - Apple Day at the Farm

11.00am - 2.00pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach SA5 4BA

Head for Swansea Community Farm for a super fun Apple Day, to learn about and explore our beautiful heritage apple orchard, and activities including juicing, treasure hunts, baking, arts and crafts and games galore. No booking necessary. Bring along a bottle and any suitable apples you have for juicing. Donations welcome.

Contact: Katharine Aylett, 01792 578384

What's on in Swansea

Tuesday 31 October - Tots on Tyres with BikeAbility Wales

12noon - 1.00pm, BikeAbility Wales, Duvant Rugby Club, SA2 7RU

Tots and toddlers come and play with us. We have scooters, trikes, balance bikes and many more. Start them young and have some fun. £6 per child.

Contact: BikeAbility Wales, 07584 044284 or info@bikeabilitywales.org.uk

Cognitive and Social Activities for Toddlers:

- **Simple Puzzles:** Introducing toddlers to basic puzzles can sharpen their problem-solving skills and enhance hand-eye coordination.
- **Group Playdates:** Social interactions are crucial at this age. Organising group playdates can help toddlers learn about sharing, empathy, and communication.
- **Storytime and Interactive Reading:** Reading isn't just about recognising words. Toddlers can learn about emotions, expressions, and the world around them.

Taken from our blog 'What experiences should I be introducing from baby to toddler?' to read the full article head over to Facebook

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News from Rising 2's and Toddler....

What a busy summer we had in our Rising 2's and Toddler room, the children have had a lot of opportunity to use the outdoors and a range of activities including sand and water play and working on their gross motor skills using the trikes and bikes.

We are looking forward to Halloween and Bonfire night. We have planned crafts which the children will be able to participate in and take home their creations. We will also be learning about the ways of the world by identifying animals and insects and learning where they live and their habitat.



News from Preschool...

Over the summer we loved being outdoors – we planted flowers, went on bug hunts and even went on a walk in the woods, where we found birds and squirrels.

Inside our classroom we explored the different areas including our role play shop where we had the opportunity to buy and sell real fruit and vegetables!

We practised taking turns and our sharing skills by taking part in smaller group activities such as marble run.

Autumn is one of our favourite seasons in Preschool as we can use fallen leaves to create potions in our mud kitchen and practise our throwing and catching skills using bunches of leaves.

We are continuing our journey with Alice Sharp such as using everyday objects in our activities, content will be uploaded to Family. Watch this space!



Leaf Confetti Nature Wands

During Autumn make some Nature Wands using cut up fallen leaves in various colours!

Children will enjoy using them outside igniting their imagination!



The **Childcare Offer for Wales** helps towards childcare costs for eligible parents of 3 to 4 year olds. To check if you are eligible, please visit:

<https://www.gov.wales/get-30-hours-childcare-3-and-4-year-olds>