



Autumn/ Winter news from Singleton Day Nursery



Dates for your Diary:

27th & 28th December—Closed

3rd January—Closed



Christmas Jumper day

10th December 2021

We would like to encourage the children to join us in wearing our Christmas jumpers to celebrate this day.

Christmas party day

16th December 2021

We would like to welcome the children to join us in having a Christmas party with us here at the nursery there will be party games and party food.



Christmas dinner day

22nd December 2021

Our Nursery Cook, Ali will be preparing a traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings for the children and staff to enjoy together.

If your child does not attend any of the above days and you would like your child to join in the festive fun, please speak to a member of the management team to book an extra session

Adventures with Alice Sharp

We are still looking for bits and bobs to enhance our Alice Adventures if you have any of the following you no longer need at home we would be very grateful to take them off your hands.

- Balls
- Spoons
- Small creatures
- Clocks/ watches
- Material
- Teddies
- Lookers
- Old phones
- Dice



Reminder

All invoices will need to be paid for by the 1st of the month. Any late payments will incur a £20 late fee charge.
Thank you for your co-operation.



Staffing News

Welcome: Beverly Stephens who is our new school runner here at Singleton. Beverly looks after her 3 grandchildren and thoroughly enjoys the conversations to and from school.



Get to know the team:



I have worked in the childcare field for 18 years. I have been in Singleton Day Nursery for 4.5 years. I am most proud of my professional manner with parents and my caring nature with the children. I ensure the children are cared for and their needs are met to the highest standards. I am most happiest when I am with my team and providing fun activities for the children. - Janina



I am currently new at Singleton Day Nursery I am in my Seventh month. I love to see children grow and develop and being a part of helping them learn new things. I am proud that I got to know the parents and children quickly. I am most happiest at work when I am outside with the children. I have worked in the childcare field for 9 years.— Rachel



Nursery developments: The pre school children would like to show you their new flooring in the classroom ready to make lots of mess and fun within their play experiences.



Winter is DEFINITELY here.....

BBBB, it's cold outside! Please be sure to send your child in with appropriate coats, hats and welly boots as we will continue to go outside as the weather allows us to! Please make sure all items of clothing are labelled.

Please can you make sure that you provide your child with some spare clothes that can be left in their bag whilst at nursery— include some warmer items such as long sleeve tops, vests, Trousers/ leggings, socks/ tights and underwear if potty training..

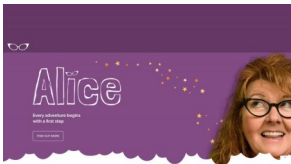


Our Children's Themes and Activities....

Under 2's

We would like to welcome to our new children to our under 2's family. We are all very excited to start our new Autumn topic, where the children will be exploring and learning about Autumn through a range of messy and sensory experiences using real objects.

We will also be continuing our Adventure with Alice as the children really enjoyed exploring, all different types of keys, using our senses to explore. We can't wait to start on the next adventure.



Toddlers

Over the coming months we are starting our new topic 'All about me' where we will be learning about our families and friends by doing activities such as looking at our facial features and painting a portrait, sharing family photos and making our own houses.

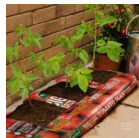


Before moving on to learn about all the arctic animals in their habitats where we will be doing ice cube play with the animals, matching animals, counting using the animals as well as creative activities such as painting and making our favourite animal.



Pre-school

In pre school we have been doing lots of science experiments using our senses. The Pre schoolers have been investigating to see what different reactions can be made from the science experiments. One of the pre schoolers favourite experiment was the fizzing tuff spot which they were mesmerised by. The pre school children also have been busy bees gardening in the pre school garden. We have currently planted tomato's which we are all excited to see how they would grow.



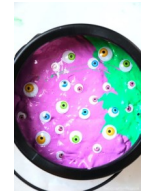
Coming up we are learning about autumn and winter. We will be exploring through a range of activities including leaf modelling where autumn animals would be created out of leaves and we will be learning why leaves fall from the trees. For winter, the pre school children will be pretending they are penguins, ice painting and ice play will be explored and experimented with.



Play scheme

During playscheme we will be doing lots of fun activities over the Winter months.

For Halloween we took part in decorating our very own pumpkins, making spooky slime and creating window decorations as well as hosting our very own Halloween spectacular talent show.



Over the Christmas playscheme we will be biscuit decorating, making our own decoration to take home for our own Christmas tree's. Playing party games in our Christmas party and enjoying a nice Winter movie with snacks and a little treat from Sam.



If you wish to book a space for your child for the playscheme sessions then please get in touch on 01792202900



Things To Do Together At Home

As we're heading into the Winter months there are lots of fun and easy activities that can be done at home Here are some ideas that we know the children would enjoy doing with you:



- **Rock Snowmen** - Collect rocks, paint, paint brushes, PVA glue.
- **Leaf pictures** - Leaf hunt, glue, scissors.
- **DIY Moon Sand** - flour, vegetable oil and food colouring (8 cups of flour to 1 cup of oil).
- **Bake cookies** - Please see the link for recipe [Basic cookies recipe](#) | [BBC Good Food](#)



Christmas is a magical time and reading books together can certainly help bring about the magic of Christmas. Here are some of our favourites: Paddington and the Christmas surprise by Michael Bond, Where's Santa Claus by Ingela P Arrhenius, Peppa's night before Christmas by Peppa Pig, and learn how the Grinch stole Christmas by Dr Seuss.

Ali's Nursery Winter special

Feeds Family of 4

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 4 chicken breasts, chopped
- 1 onions, diced
- 1 bell peppers, thinly sliced
- 2 tsp chopped garlic
- 1 tbsp Cajun seasoning
- 250g long grain rice
- 2 cans of chopped tomato
- 350ml chicken stock



Chicken Jambalaya



Method

- Heat 1 tbsp olive oil in a large frying pan with a lid and brown 2 chopped chicken breasts for 5-8 mins until golden.
- Remove and set aside. Tip in the diced onion and cook for 3-4 mins until soft.
- Add your thinly sliced peppers, crushed garlic cloves, Cajun seasoning, and cook for 5-10 mins more.
- Stir the chicken back in with the long grain rice, add the can of tomatoes and chicken stock. Cover and simmer for 20-25 mins until the rice is tender and cooked.



Check out our Facebook page where you get to see an insight to what happens within our nursery setting!

Please visit our website for up to date information and useful child related articles and links.

Local things going on

Sunday 21st November—Christmas parade in Swansea.
12th November—5th January - Winter Wonderland comes back to Swansea.
26th November—21st December—Swansea Christmas market.
4th December—Breakfast with Santa at Mumbles Pier
16th December—Interactive musical Santa's best ever Christmas at the Gwyn Hall Neath.
10th December—2nd January—Snow white and the seven dwarfs are putting on a pantomime at Swansea grand.

