

# newsletter - Canada water

January 2026

## happy new year

Please see below the exciting events that took place in the nursery last term and also a list of fun upcoming events to look forward to.

## big draw month

Children went on a walk of the local area and drew their own map, including key features such as the new Redbridge, the canal and library.

## exotic explorers

We arranged for Exotic Explorers to bring in animals to the nursery including a rabbit, snake, hedgehog, tortoise and lizard. The children were able to hold the animals, pet them and feed them.

## world food day

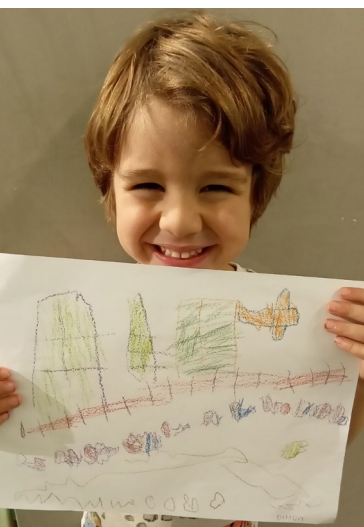
We invited parents to cook with the children. Parents made cupcakes, exotic fruit salad and pizza's. The children loved getting involved, mixing ingredients, cutting fruits, rolling out dough for their pizza's and most importantly enjoyed tasting their creations.

## diwali

The children took part in many creative activities to celebrate Diwali including making Rangoli patterns, designing their own cards, creating Mehdi patterns, firework pictures using recycled materials, making candlelight holders with clay and many more. They also enjoyed a traditional Diwali dish for their tea.

## halloween

To celebrate Halloween, we had a dress up/ tea party and some activities the children took part in. These included exploring real life pumpkins and natural resources finding the hidden pumpkins, making our own wands using natural resources such as leaves and sticks, potion making - adding ingredients to make our own potions. The children also did bubble potion printing using recycled materials, washing up liquid and paints to create bubble effect. At the end of the day they had a party tea with ghosty banana's, spider Oreos, monsters claws, mummy sausages and much more.





### remembrance day

The children made large poppy wreaths. A small group from each room visited the local memorial monument in Bermondsey to lay their wreath and looked at all the poppies that had been placed there.

### world kindness day

To celebrate world kindness day, the children have been super busy baking special treats such as biscuits and cookies to share with members of our local community as an act of kindness. The children went on a local walk to hand deliver these treats to people within the community.

### Christmas performances and Celebrations

Toddlers sang their favourite Christmas songs and enjoyed a party tea afterwards. Pre-School put on a performance of 'The Little Nativity'. They all had their loud singing voices on and made their parents very proud.



### Christmas pyjama day

To celebrate pyjama day we had a story telling evening.

### Carol Concert

Every year we go to the local church for a very special carol concert. The older children took part and were joined by lots of parents who joined in with the singing.

### Christmas lunch

All of the staff and children sat down together and had a delicious Christmas dinner cooked by our lovely team in the kitchen.

### raising money for mcks

To raise money for our chosen charity MCKS we had a tea and coffee stand outside of the nursery so parents could take a coffee with them. We raised £89.48.





## upcoming events

### january

- 12th - Kite flying at Decathlon for International Kite Flying Day - times TBC
- 28th - International Lego Day - parents to build a Lego creation with their child and email pictures to Tayler
- 30th - Hot Chocolate Day, we will be hosting a hot chocolate stand to raise money for MCKS

### february

- 13th - Valentines Breakfast, all parents welcome to join us for a special breakfast - Email Tayler to book

### march

- 5th - World Book Day - Children to dress up as their favourite story book characters
- 13th - Mothers Day Stay and Play - times TBC
- 17th - St Patricks Day - Children to wear Green

### april

- 1st - Easter Egg Hunt - location and time TBC
- 2nd - Easter Bonnett Parade - Children to design and create their own Easter Bonnet with parents at home & bring in to share
- 17th - World Heritage Day - to celebrate, parents are invited to come in and prepare a dish from their home country with the children - email Tayler to book a slot



### buggy store

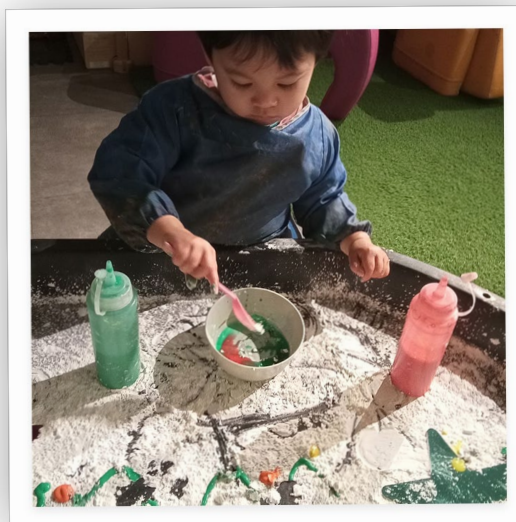
A reminder to all parents that they MUST collapse the buggies and use the shelving storage provided. Please DO NOT block the exit of the Toddlers room as this is a fire escape route

### appropriate clothing

please can we remind parents to ensure children are dressed appropriately. This includes bringing coats, shoes, wellies etc as the children go outside in all weathers.

### dougie's diary

A reminder that our children's books Dougie's Diary are available to purchase from the nurseries or from our website. There are 5 titles available including Daisy Comes Home and Thankyou Day. Please speak to the Nursery Manager if you would like to purchase any of these.



### our charity

Our Nursery Owner **Mandy Khaira** is a Trustee of the MCKS Charitable Foundation UK. Therefore, our nurseries actively fundraise and support the charity throughout the year in various ways. If you have fundraising ideas or would like to support our events then please speak to the Nursery Manager.

Our fundraising page on Just Giving is: [www.justgiving.com/page/mandy-khaira-1716139054126](http://www.justgiving.com/page/mandy-khaira-1716139054126)

Best wishes

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