

Robin's Nest Autumn Newsletter



Dear Parents,

I want to say firstly a huge thank you to all of those that could attend our work day at the beginning of the term, we all achieved so much and we are very grateful to you all, it really does reduce our work load for the rest of the term. It is also a lovely way to build community and really meet each other and bond a little.

The children have finally settled into their new constellation and entered into their habit life once again. It always takes a little while at the beginning of the Autumn term due to a very long Summer break and the integration of new children. Our children are still finding each other's limits which is a very healthy and necessary process but does take time and patience and a lot of negotiation. We are now all holding hands with one another which is such an accomplishment this early on in the term.



There are only a couple of changes to the rhythm of the week from last term and they are; Eurythmy has now been moved to a Thursday due to Kelly's availability and we have now taken two younger children on Fridays. This has worked very well so far with the older children really fostering a sense of care and responsibility for their well-being. They are helping to dress them, encouraging their good eating habits and inviting them into their play and have even prepared puppet shows for them. What a wonderful quality to foster, being wanted and needed in the world by another and able to assist! We are very fortunate to be able to provide this and it has brought a real sense of nurture into our Fridays. There are many settings that have already adopted this model and as most of you know this is how we began back in Orchard Cottage in 2012 so we are already experienced in this type of care.

Our Michaelmas Festival on Wednesday has been the highlight of the week. The children were completely immersed in the mood of the festival and each activity created. We started the day harvesting in Emerson garden and the children took great delight in pulling tomatoes and beetroot, jumping over pumpkins, picking Dalihas and listening to Trudi, the gardener and her love for the plants. We then of course feasted on some of our produce and created together a Dragon Loaf to share with one another. The older children that had worked so hard on their swords were taken into ceremony with such pride and they each recited their Michaelic verse while the others looked on in awe knowing that their day will come. We ended the day with mother earth who received a bulb from each child, planting with care and then offering an apple. This was held in reverence, you could have heard a pin drop, the children were all so silent and in wonder!

With love,

Hannah Roberts