

Newsletter 28 October 2016

Dear Parents,

With half term for the school, it has been quieter around Portland Place, though we have often seen the Holiday Club children and they have obviously been enjoying their activities from the smiles.

Last week, the children enjoyed celebrating Hallowe'en on Friday. Everyone looked a little different to normal with some lovely costumes being worn. We had some more Hallowe'en activities and games in Little EIFA. For instance, our skittle game featured skittles with pumpkins and bats to aim at. The children asked for the story Room on the Broom *again!*

This week we have encouraged the children to be proactive in making their own choices on resources (play items) to have out. We are happy to see choices being made as this supports growing confidence and shows a sense of security in the class and setting which is all part of Personal and Social Development (PSED). Of course we sometimes have to consider that we have to wait for others to finish their turns and honour others' choices. The children are learning and appreciating that they are part of a group. They have also demonstrated that they enjoy seeking others for sharing (play) experiences.

We have only one photograph to share with you this week as we do not have our camera facility.



The story of the Bear Hunt was prepared with an interactive tray for the story to be retold with the aid of props. The children were able to participate in the recounting of this much-loved tale. The story is requested daily, so the props offered a different approach for active involvement.

We're Going on a Bear Hunt/La chasse à l'ours
Michael Rosen & Helen Oxenbury



Reminder: Little EIFA is running over the school holiday period next week, beginning Monday 31 October.