



Dear Parents & Carers,

### Teaching and Learning for this month



#### **Our book of the month for October was the following:**

Class 2 (babies and toddlers) and Class 3 (preschool) - **'Handa's Surprise'** by Eileen Browne. This book is about a young girl, Handa, who wants to surprise her friend, Akeyo, with seven delicious fruits. The village she lives in is based in East Africa, Kenya. We felt that this book was perfect for this time of year as we have been celebrating different cultures and traditions such as Black History Month and Halloween. Reading this book to our children gave them an opportunity to widen their knowledge and experiences of diversity and inclusion.

Through this book we have enjoyed learning about different people in our community and the world around us. Children really enjoyed speaking about the different environment that Handa lives in, in comparison to theirs. We have looked at homes, foods and lifestyle. Children have explored sensory play with the different fruits from the story, touching, smelling, tasting and seeing them. The book also gave us a chance to explore traditional clothing and we have looked at prints on fabric. Staff set out some creative activities for the children to take part in this month i.e. designing african necklaces, making fruit salads and sensory food smelling. Our book of the month has allowed us to produce some beautiful work, which we always display around the nursery, captured in our observations and in our large class learning journey book. To help bring our culture alive we have also looked at the language Yoruba



### **Handa's Surprise** **By Eileen Browne**

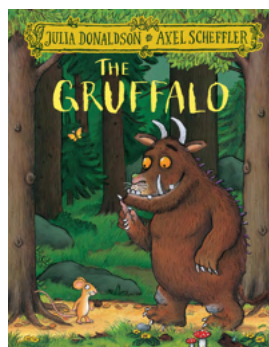
The story can be watched on YouTube if you do not have access to a physical book :

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XyIV\\_xYi0as](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XyIV_xYi0as)

## November Events

### **Book of the Month**

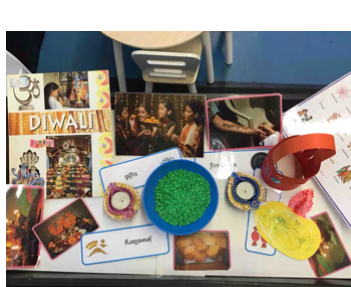
For the month of November our book of the month for baby room is 'The Gruffalo' baby edition. For both the toddler room and the preschool room (class 3) they will be focusing on 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson. This fits in perfectly with our focus on Nature and the forest environment as The Gruffalo is based in a forest.



### **Events we celebrated this month**

As part of being a diverse and multicultural setting please see some of the festivals and cultures that we have celebrated:

#### **Diwali & Halloween**



#### **Next month:**

### **Guy Fawkes - Wednesday 5th November**

We will be hosting a special festival celebration of colours, dance and lights as we celebrate the homecoming of Prince Rama and Princess Sita from the story of Diwali with yummy food, dancing and lots of rangoli designing. We will also be celebrating the lights of fireworks night with lots of colourful paintings.



### **Remembrance day**

### **Remembering our brave soldiers - Tuesday 11th November**

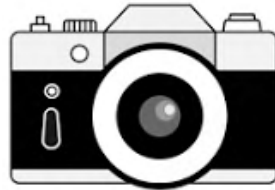
On the 11th of November marks the time when we remember our war heroes. As a mark of respect we shall be holding a 2 minute silence for the brave men and women who fought for our country. We brighten our day with poppy making and wreath laying in our playground under our tree of remembrance in the school playground.



## Children in Need

### **Bake Sale & Dress Up in Spots or Pyjamas (£1 donation) - Friday 14th November**

Dress up in colourful spots!!! The more spots the better. We love spots. You can wear a subtle t-shirt, your favourite pair of spotty socks or a wacky spotty tie. OR wear your favourite pyjamas! Whatever you decide, be sure to pick up one of the cakes the children will be baking to raise money for the Children in Need charity.



### **Winter themed Professional photographs - 28th November 9:30am - 11.30am**

**ALL AFTERNOON PUPILS MUST COME BETWEEN 10.30am and 11.30am to the training rooms in the building.**

Very soon, we have our professional photos that will take place (Winter themed). Please remember to dress your child in their best attire or speak to a member of staff about changing them just before their photo is taken. Family pictures are encouraged to be taken as they provide lasting memories for you and your child!

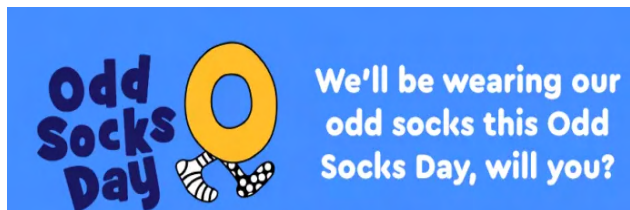
## Parents Evening

### **Monday 24th November to Friday 28th November**

Little Ellies will be holding parents' evening (face to face). Appointments will be available in the coming weeks so we invite you to book an appointment with your child's key person to discuss how your child has settled and is developing within the nursery. Furthermore, it is a meeting on how we will work alongside you to help your child meet their developmental goals. You will be able to share any concerns or ask questions that you may have.

## Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying week happens from **10th -14th November**. This week we really look into what it means to drive **power for good** this year. We look at our Anti-Bullying charter and look at how we can be the best version of ourselves.



**Wear your odd socks on Wednesday 12th November** to help raise awareness that it doesn't matter if we are different, we are all capable of being a great friend and being respectful.

## Parent involvement - Home Learning Project

### Get Involved

Design and make an Autumnal bug or picture using leaves



**Dead line: Friday 28th November**

## Applying for School Reception

If your child will turn 4 before 31st August 2026 then you will need to apply for a school place for them by 11.59pm on 15th January 2026. You can submit your child's application at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

For more information please refer to Newham Council's website

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/schools-education/primary-school-admissions/1>

A powerpoint has been sent to parents of pre school room.

## Staff Allocations & Rooms

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of our staff allocation for the new academic year.

**Baby Room:** Fiza Din and Maariyah Patel (Childcare Officers)

**Toddler Room (Class 2):** Flutera Hasani (Deputy Manager)

Sarah Wynter & Ferdowse Liza (Childcare Officers)

**Preschool Room (Class 3):** Shahnaj Sultana (Room Leader)

Elisabeta Likmeta, Tamzin Fish & Sharon Greaves Mann (Childcare Officers)

All children have been allocated to a key person. This information should be available outside each classroom. If you would like any information, please speak to one of the Little Ellies Room leaders or email us at [childcare@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk](mailto:childcare@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk)

If you have any questions, please note that you can call the setting on **0207 511 1276** and an appointment will be arranged for you to discuss any questions or concerns with the Room leaders or a member of the Management team. Thank you for taking the time to read over our newsletter. Please have a look at our upcoming events for the month of November and save the dates. Thank you for choosing us as your daycare provider!

Kind Regards,  
Sheleena Laskar  
(Manager)