

This year has been a wonderful year for Checkendon Pre-school. We have seen new changes of management, and we would like to welcome a new member of staff Claire Cole who joined the team in April 2018.

There have been many exciting things happen this year. We fundraised for our amazing new raised bed which has been planted with vegetables. This has been a real improvement to our outdoor area. Having our raised bed has allowed our children the opportunities to be able to plant, grow and dig up what they have grown, such as Carrots, Peas, Broad beans, Potatoes and Strawberries and making them into delicious foods in Little Chefs.

The Little Chefs have been working hard on their culinary skills this year, making different traditional recipes from over Europe, making traditional Polish kolaches, German oatmeal cookies and many more. Providing the children, the opportunity to learn about and understand other cultures and traditions.

We had a brilliant morning with all our daddies on Father's Day when we went on a bug hunt, exploring the surrounding woodlands and finding many different types of mini beasts. Finishing the morning off with our daddies joining in with one of our favourite games 'Duck, duck goose'.

We also enjoyed a delightful morning having a tea party, eating cakes and playing games to celebrate this years royal wedding.

This years Sports day was a great success and fun was had by all, joining in with all the different races, such as hurdles, welly wanging and our world cup penalty shoot out. Everyone of the children taking part did their absolute best. The smiles on every child's face just showed how much they enjoyed the lovely day. We would like to thank Mr Wickens for painting our sports day lines and use of the pavillion, it is very much appreciated.

The end of term is an exciting time for some of our children who will sadly be leaving us to go on to their Primary Schools. We have been celebrating their last term with us with lots of exciting leavers celebrations such as a special leavers lunch and a medal ceremony. We know the children will do wonderful things in their future endeavours and wish them lots of luck in their new school.

We were very lucky as an end of year treat to have a visit from Zoo lab. We met a variety of interesting mini beasts, which the children were able to hold. They met Charlie the Snake and Groot the stick insect and many more. The children had a fantastic time and were all very brave.

Thankyou to all who support us. The pre-School is very lucky to have a very supportive community surrounding us and your support is valued and very much appreciated. On behalf of Checkendon Pre-School we would like to say thank you so much for your continued support.

To find out more about Checkendon Pre-School do visit our website www.checkendonpreschool.co.uk, call us on 01491 682589, e-mail preschoolcheckendon@gmail.com or just pop in – we always look forward to welcoming you to Checkendon Pre-School.

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