

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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## Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of our Monthly Wraparound Newsletter!

We've reviewed how we communicate with families and are pleased to share that we'll now be sending a monthly newsletter instead of a termly one. We hope these shorter updates will be easier to read and help you stay connected with everything happening in our club. Each month, a different member of our Senior Leadership Team will be writing, so over the year you'll hear from myself, Rachel, Rebekah, and Alice.

This month, the children have enjoyed a variety of activities, including Road Safety Week, Anti-Bullying Awareness, Remembrance, and Children in Need. They've also shared their views through our new digital Children's Survey.

Behind the scenes, the team has been working hard to keep Smiles up to date with new legislation and the Ofsted framework. Rachel and Rebekah are progressing well with their Playwork course, and Alice has completed her Leadership and Management course and renewed her DSL qualification. Several more team members will also be completing DSL training next week. As part of our focus on behaviour management, I am leading a quality improvement project to strengthen consistency across the club, support children to make positive choices, and celebrate their achievements.

If you have any feedback on this newsletter or anything else, please speak to us or email [info@smilesquorn.co.uk](mailto:info@smilesquorn.co.uk). We always value your input.

All the best,

Harvey.



## Facebook

Please make sure to follow us, and like our posts on our [Facebook page](#) (Smiles of Quorn Childcare) for lots of photos and updates on what we have been getting up whilst at Smiles.



## Reviews

We'd really appreciate it if you could spare a minute to leave us a review. Simply click [here](#). We love hearing your feedback and we would love for prospective parents/carers to be able to take into account your views too.

REVIEW US!

## Guy Fawkes Night

We celebrated Bonfire Night with lots of fun activities, including paint and chalk firework art, firework fruit kebabs, and traditional hot dogs for snack time. The children especially loved going outside with our mini "sparkler" glowsticks!



## Remembrance Day

For Remembrance Day, we talked about the meaning behind poppies and spent a moment thinking about those who served. The children created split-pin poppies and apple-printed poppies, and a few of them proudly read a short Remembrance poem.



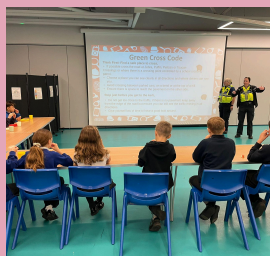
## Children in Need

For Children in Need, we decorated gingerbread men to look like Pudsey and made our own Pudsey masks. The children had lots of fun while helping to raise awareness for such an important cause.



## Road Safety

For Road Safety Week, we decorated biscuits to look like traffic lights and made our own DIY road signs. The highlight of the week was a visit from Charnwood Police, who delivered a road safety talk and showed the very excited children around their car — and the officers were full of praise for how polite our children were.



## Anti-Bullying Week

This year's theme, Anti-Bullying Week 2025, is "Power for Good". During the week, the children designed and made flags, anti-bullying crowns and garlands, and created hand-print pledges. Through these activities we encouraged conversations about kindness, respect, and the power each of us has to stand up to bullying.



## Parent Reminders

**Attendance** – Please remember to let us know directly if your child will not be attending the club, even if you have already informed the school. The school does not automatically pass this information on to us. You can notify us via text, phone, or email, and this helps us ensure all children are safe and accounted for.

We cannot leave the playground until we know whether a child was in school, which can delay collection, so keeping us updated is a huge help. Regular school attendance is also important for children's wellbeing, confidence, and long-term outcomes.

**Wet Weather Plan** – Please check your emails for the full rainy-day procedure. In brief: if the tennis courts are flooded, families should use the 3G pitch route instead, with the pedestrian gates opened for safe access as outlined in the email. These gates open 7:30–8:15am for drop-off and reopen around 3:30pm after school. Full details, including alternative pick-up arrangements, were sent in our recent message.



## Topics Next Month

Next month, our adult-led activities will be themed around...



Advent



Hanukkah



Christmas  
Cards



Christmas  
Decorations



Christmas  
Parties

## Children's Voice

Over the past couple of weeks, we've been giving our children the chance to share their thoughts through our annual Children's Survey. This year, we trialled something new – a digital survey on the iPads! The children absolutely loved using the tablets, and the excitement of tapping through the questions made the process fun, engaging, and far more interactive. It really encouraged more children to take part and confidently share their views.

We were blown away by their feedback. Here are some of our favourite quotes:

- "I think the adults and staff that work here are kind and always listen to my ideas. If we have a problem, they always help us solve it."
- "The games we have are really fun and varied. The staff are super nice and everyone at Smiles is very friendly."
- "There's almost no limits to what we can do!"
- "What I love is we are always busy and happy."
- "It's really good that Rachel has done this club."



And the numbers speak for themselves: 100% say they feel safe at the club, 100% say staff are kind and fair, 97% ALWAYS enjoy coming, and 100% agree that our activities are fun.

We are incredibly proud of this feedback, and as always, we remain committed to listening to children's voices and making improvements based on what they tell us.