

Christmas at Chrysalis



Winter Wonderland - that's just what it was at Chrysalis.

All through November the children were very busy painting and creating wonderful artwork for the displays and entrance halls.

On December 3rd the staff stayed behind after work to transform the nursery into Winter Wonderland. Christmas trees were decorated, garlands were festooned everywhere, fairy lights shimmered, and wonderful displays were put up all within 3 hours. The staff even had time to enjoy a selection of pizzas plus a Christmas celebration drink! ☺

To see the children's and parents faces was sheer delight! It was worth all the hard work just to see and hear the comments.

Christmas parties started early on in December with Caterpillars holding 4, Cocoons had 2 parties as well as Little Butterflies and Big Butterflies had one large party for everyone. Lots of fun and great enjoyment was had by all. The Caterpillars even brought their Mummies and some Daddies along to play. They enjoyed hunting through the tinsel in search of gold and silver coins as well as being wrapped in toilet to roll to look like little snowmen.

The Cocoons really know how to party, they danced and played with bubbles and balloons, played party games, searched for coins and played our 'Chrysalis Snowball game' to which the children just shrieked with delight.

All the Caterpillar and Cocoon parties finished with a visit from Santa's Little Helpers (the Big Butterfly children). Our little helpers were dressed as Santa, Mrs Claus, Rudolph and an Elf. What would we do without them?!!

The Nativity Play! Whoops-A-Daisy Angel - what can we say but fantastic. The Big Butterfly children put on a wonderful performance for their Mums, Dads, Grandmas and Grandads and there wasn't a dry eye in the house! We had wonderful shepherds, superb woolly sheep, delicate snowflakes, adorable angels, remarkable kings and their pages, the inn keeper and his lovely wife, stunning stars and Mary and Joseph so tenderly walking to Bethlehem with the very well behaved donkey! The children were so confident and enjoyed rehearsing and performing for their families. Emma, who played the part of Mary was just a little gem, unfortunately her mummy could not make the performance as she gave birth herself the following day to a bouncing baby boy called Jamie.

The Little Butterflies parties went off without a hitch. They passed the crackers, hunted for gold coins in the tinsel and had lots of fun wrapping themselves in toilet roll. The highlight of the party was a visit from Santa, the children sang lots of their favourite songs to welcome him to Chrysalis. Santa even had time to chatter to the children about what they wanted before leaving them with a special gift. Last but by no means least was the Big Butterflies party, who had a ball! The children took part in Sweetie on the Head, Musical Bumps and Musical Chairs which was such a hit with the children. Then it was time for that magical visit from Santa, the children sang lots of songs and all spoke to him before he had to leave. Before he went, the children were all given a lovely present to take home. What a very busy week!

On Friday 18th December Neil the magician entertained the children with his magic show and the children were enthralled. Bryn, Madison and Paddy were his helpers and he had everyone in hysterics.

While this was going on Carol, Helen and Jackie were busy preparing a wonderful Christmas dinner - turkey and all the trimmings for the whole nursery including staff. Christmas week was finally upon us and we all got together for our traditional Christmas Karaoke where the children and staff sang their favourite songs. On Thursday 22nd Big and Little Butterflies went Carol singing dressed up as Santa's elves, reindeers, snowmen and nativity characters to entertain some of the offices on Gadbrook Park. Vale Royal always look forward to our singing and are so kind to the children, they always have lots of chocolate and fruit to give to the children. We always have a fantastic time but this year it excelled!!

