## News Story – World Baking Day

## **Babies**

Today we celebrated World Baking Day with our wonderful babies, and what a delightful time they had getting involved in some exciting, hands-on experiences!

One of the highlights of the day was making chocolate rice crispies. The babies thoroughly enjoyed this sensory-rich activity, which provided a fantastic opportunity to support their hand-eye coordination as they stirred and mixed the melted chocolate into the rice crispies. This process also engaged their understanding the world, as they explored textures and observed changes in materials.



In addition developing physical skills, this shared activity supported the babies' Personal, Social and Emotional Development, as they worked alongside adults and friends, building confidence and enjoying a sense of achievement.

There were also lovely opportunities to promote communication and language, as practitioners introduced new words like "sticky," "melting," and "crunchy," encouraging the babies to listen, respond, and interact.

Overall, the babies had an amazing time baking chocolate rice crispies.







## **Toddlers**

Today we took some of the toddlers to the local shop to buy baking ingredients. Children were happy and excited to wear the high visibility jackets. We explained to the children we have to hold Apa's hand and be careful when crossing the road. As we left the Nursery, we reminded children we must read our dua.

As we walked down to the shop children explored the environment around them, some children said the colours of the cars they saw, looked at the trees and birds, and the clock tower when it made a noise. At the road we stopped, looked and listened, and when it was safe we crossed the road.









When we got to the shop, Apa took her clip board out with the baking ingredients we needed to buy. Children helped to look for the ingredients and each child had a turn to take an item of the shelf and put it in the shopping basket.

Children were very confident and happy to help. We then took the basket to the till and paid for our baking ingredients. We walked back to Nursery and remembered to read our dua when entering the Nursery.









Children then looked at all the ingredients we had bought, we measured the ingredients and children took turns to mix the batter for our cake. Once the cake was baking children made the icing sugar, ready to put on the cake with sprinkles.

During this wonderful experience children learnt a lot of skills. Finding and buying ingredients, measuring and looking at numbers and using their fine and gross motor skills when pouring and mixing. The toddlers shared their and everyone enjoyed.

