



## News Story – International Ice Cream Day

### Babies



Today we celebrated International Ice Cream Day. We had a special treat, an ice cream truck visited us and served delicious ice cream to the children. The babies were overjoyed by the experience.



To make the day even more exciting, we planned a variety of ice cream themed activities such as corn flour ice cream and shaving foam. We created a fun, gooey textures, and embedded sprinkles.



The children loved exploring these activities with their fingers and using scoops to explore the colourful, squishy mix. Our tuff tray was filled with vibrant, coloured shaving foam and topped with sprinkles. The babies enjoyed swirling the colours together and using scoops to transfer the foam to the cones like real ice cream.



We also added ice cream cones to our sand tray for imaginative role play. The babies enjoyed pretending to serve and enjoy their pretend ice cream treats. It was a truly magical and engaging day filled with sensory, fun and creativity.





## Toddlers

Today is a very exciting day for toddlers, Dixons Milk Ices came to our Nursery. Children enjoyed their experience of going to the van and selecting an ice cream of their choice with Apa.

We talked about the different flavours of ice cream and how we can make choices of having ice cream or ice lolly by looking at the pictures on the ice cream van.



To further enhance the learning of ice cream, we set up a messy tuff tray for making your own ice cream, where children used coloured foam as ice cream and colourful rice as sprinkles. Apa talked about different ice cream flavours, juices, sprinkles and wafers. Children enjoyed role playing and pretending to be the ice cream man.



We also had a maths tuff tray with coloured paper, lolly pop sticks and numbers for children to match the colours to the correct number. Children enjoyed this activity as they learnt their colours and numbers. Well done toddlers, enjoy your ice cream treat.







## Pre-School



The preschool also enjoyed Ice Cream Day, we planned a range of engaging activities for the children. In our maths area we had planned an activity which involved children recognising the numbers on the ice cream cone and placing the right number of

coloured pom poms on the cone. Children really enjoyed this, and they counted the pompoms one by one.



On our second activity table, we had a craft activity which involved using the pegs to hold the pom poms and stick them onto the ice cream cones. Children were engaged throughout the activity and as well as using their creativity they also developed their fine motor skills, children decorated their own ice cream cone using felt tips and crayons.



Children went outside in the garden to the ice cream van, they chose an ice cream for themselves and sat down to eat it with their friends. We talked about children's favourite ice cream flavours as well as the taste of the ice cream they were eating.

