



News Story – Giving Tuesday

Babies

Today we celebrated 'Giving Tuesday,' a range of activities were organised for the babies. The focus was on the theme of giving, sharing, and kindness that were both enjoyable and meaningful for the children.

One of the main activities set up for the babies was a picnic. This provided an opportunity for the children to come together and enjoy social interaction, creating sense of community and togetherness. The picnic was designed to encourage interaction amongst the babies and introduce them to the idea of sharing food and space in a relaxed, playful environment.



During story time, puppets were shared amongst the children. This activity was carefully planned to encourage the children to take turns in playing with the puppets and to participate in role playing. By sharing the puppets and waiting for their turn, the babies practised important social skills such as patience and sharing.



Another highlight of the day was the opportunity for each child to colour and decorate their own sadaqah box. Children enjoyed mark making, sticking, and gluing.



Toddlers



Toddlers engaged in a special lesson focused on the concept of giving, known as sadaqah. This session 'Giving Tuesday', provided an excellent opportunity to explore the importance of generosity and kindness with the children.

As part of the day's activities, the children created their own sadaqah boxes. They decorated their boxes using paint and glitter, allowing them to express their creativity and take pride in their creations. Apa was on hand to assist the children in making their boxes, ensuring everyone was able to participate and complete their project.

During the session, we had a discussion about the importance of giving to others, sharing, and being kind. The children learned about helping those who are less fortunate and why it is important to show gratitude for what we have. We also talked about the responsibility of taking care of our belongings, reinforcing positive values and behaviours.



At the mathematical table, Apa provided jigsaws to encourage shared play. This activity encouraged the children to practise sharing and taking turns. As they worked together to complete the jigsaws, children demonstrated excellent interaction and cooperation with their peers.



Pre-School

In the Pre-School room, we marked "Tuesday Giving" with an activity centred around the concept of sadaqah. For this purpose, five sadaqah jars were crafted from black card and arranged in the tuff tray, each jar clearly labelled with numbers from one to five. This setup encouraged the children to engage with the activity in a hands-on manner.

To further enhance the children's learning experience, coloured tweezers were provided. Using these tweezers, the children practised their hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills by picking up coloured cubes and placing them onto the corresponding numbered jar. Throughout the session, the children were introduced to the meaning of sadaqah, emphasising that it involves helping friends, families, and neighbours both locally and globally. By participating in this activity, the children began to understand that giving and kindness can bring blessings into their lives, laying a foundation for positive values from an early age.



In the home corner, another engaging activity was organised to reinforce the themes of giving and sharing. The children were encouraged to share the food they were using in their role play scenarios, fostering a spirit of generosity, as part of the activity, the children took turns cooking for one another, which provided them with the opportunity to practise turn-taking and patience. This helped the children to understand that giving and sharing with others are good deeds.