

Offwell School recently supported an event organised by Honiton Children's Centre. The Centre took over Offwell Village Hall and turned it into a Gruffalo themed activity afternoon.



All our children from Ash and Willow Classes (age 3 to 7) joined some of their parents in the Hall and did a number of exciting things all based around 'The Gruffalo' a character created by renowned author Julia Donaldson. The children:

- played skittles with pictures of key characters from the story
- made footsteps by stepping into paint trays with wellingtons on (really good fun) and then stomping along some paper to make footprints.
- created a textured snake from a paper plate
- 'cooked' in the Gruffalo café
- collaborated to make a big collage of the Gruffalo



There was also a fantastic session with music; playing instruments and singing and acting out part of the story. All the activities provided links to learning whether it was Understanding of the World or Early Literacy Skills. They also encouraged children to take turns and work cooperatively.

Offwell is delighted to support organisations such as the Children's Centre. Sure Start children's centres are places for all families with children under 5 years old. Whether you are a mum, dad, grandparent, carer or childminder you are welcome to come to the centre and join the groups and activities or find support and advice. This excellent support and additional learning opportunities for children and their families is helpful to schools who take a holistic approach to education. Honiton Children's Centre, Honiton Bottom Road, Honiton EX14 2EP. Tel: 01404 540820.

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Mrs Hunt and Miss Kirkland, class teachers, said, "It was a wonderful opportunity to further develop our links with Honiton Children's Centre and to support families in our local community".