

Happy New Year!

Nerys and the staff at Blue Bell Woods welcome you back to nursery. We hope you all had a restful Christmas break.

A huge thanks for all the cards and gifts we received, your lovely messages really touched us all.

Covid-19

We continue to follow current government guidelines about coronavirus and will keep you informed of any changes to our nursery procedures.

Please click [here](#) to visit the government website.

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Our Commitment to Safeguarding

Under the Education Act 2002, we must make arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. The Children Act 1989 requires all staff to pass on information which gives rise to a concern about a child's welfare.

Staff will, in general, discuss any concerns with you, and the need to make a referral to Children's Social Care if considered necessary. This will only be done where such discussion will not place the child at increased risk of significant harm or cause undue delay. We will seek advice from Children's Social Care when we have reasonable cause to suspect a child may be suffering or likely to suffer significant harm.

Occasionally, concerns are passed on which are later found to be unfounded. Please appreciate that our Designated Safeguarding Leads carry out their responsibilities in accordance with the law and act in the best interests of all children.



Nerys Evans
DSL



Julie Alsop
Deputy DSL

If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of any child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads, Nerys or Julie, in confidence.

Happy Birthday to children celebrating in January...



Arlo (1)



Ekam (1)



Sahara (1)



Grace (2)



Penelope (3)



Shiloh (3)



Abigail (4)



Lilly (4)

Festive parties!

During the last week of term we enjoyed a week of Christmas parties! We took part in games such as pass the parcel, musical statues and 'pin the nose on Rudolf!' The party food was a big hit!



Festive celebrations!

Last term, we were excited to take part in a range of Christmas activities. We learnt about the Christmas story, shared books, songs and music, and had fun with art, crafts and LOTS of glitter!



Christmas Jumpers!

Here we are looking fabulous in our Christmas outfits! Thank you to everyone who was able to make a contribution to the charity, 'Save the Children'.



Winter is here!

Please ensure your child has a NAMED warm coat, hat, gloves and wellies as we use the garden in all weathers.

Winter themed activities...

Please find some activities you may wish to try at home. You can share your experiences with us using the Evidence Me system... we love looking at your photos together at nursery!

'Snow Play'

What you'll need:

- Tray
- Cornflour
- Hair conditioner

Your child can sprinkle the cornflour into the tray, mix in the hair conditioner and then explore the 'snow' and create snowballs.



You can add winter themed animals such as penguins and polar bears, natural items like twigs and pine cones, white resources such as cotton wool, or invite your child to think of things to add.

Your child will use their senses and develop fine motor skills while manipulating the cornflour. Talk about the textures and what's hiding in the winter wonderland!

Winter dressing up

What you'll need:

- A selection of your family's clothes, like jumpers, kaftans, gloves, scarves, dupattas, shawls, kufi hats, berets, bobble hats, socks etc.

Let your child explore and try on the different items.

Your child will have fun dressing up, while developing independence in the skill of dressing and undressing.

You can introduce mathematical concepts as they play:

- Are mum's gloves too big or too small?
- How many jumpers can they fit on in one go?
- Can they find all the pairs of socks?
- Which scarf is the longest?
- Who wears the biggest hat?

