

Blue Bell Woods Day Nursery Newsletter



April 2016: What are we learning at Blue Bell Woods?

Spring, Growth and Mini-Beasts!

We have been following some of the children's interest in the change of Season and taking part in lots of activities including growing vegetables and salad, Spring collages, hunting for minibeasts, junk modelling insects, and we are also waiting for our caterpillars turn into butterflies!



We made our own 'snail bread' in Cookery Club! We felt the texture of the dough and carefully rolled it into snail shapes before cooking it. It was delicious!





April 2016: Family Partnership?

Family Books

We like to make a Family Book for each child, so we would be very grateful if you could supply us with photographs of special people in your child's life, their favourite toy/ comforter, any special cultural/ family events they have attended, any pets, a photo of their house etc.

You are welcome to email the photographs to bluebellwoodsdaynursery@gmail.com, or to bring in printed copies. Please write a brief description about each photo so we can personalise your child's Family Book.

If you have already sent in photographs, please disregard this message.



The children's photographer recently visited and proof sheets will be handed out at nursery towards the end of this week. If you would like to purchase the photographs, please bring your proof card and payment to the nursery office by Friday 6th May.

Nursery Commission- we will receive commission on the children's photographs purchased, which Nerys will donate to our charity, Friends of Messef:-

Fundraising for Messef! At Blue Bell Woods, we support the charity **Friends of Messef**, who aim to ensure the children of MESSEF orphanage in Haiti receive the basic necessities of life, plus as many extra blessings as possible. [Please visit www.friendsofmessef.webs.com](http://www.friendsofmessef.webs.com)



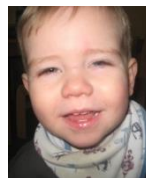
Easyfundraising.org.uk is a great way to raise money for Friends of Messef just by shopping online. You don't pay anything extra when you buy goods online, yet a percentage of the purchase price goes directly to our charity. So far, over £340 has been raised for Messef just by supporters simply clicking on www.easyfundraising.org before visiting their usual online retailer. Happy shopping!

Online Learning Journeys

Each family has been sent a link to allow you to receive an electronic copy of your child's Learning Journey. New families- please look out for the email from "2Build a Profile" and simply click on the link to confirm you would like to receive emails about your child's learning and development. Observations are sent out electronically Half Termly; if you have any issues viewing the observations, please do let Kat know. Paper Learning Journeys are also available in the Entrance Hall to view at any time. Families are extremely welcome to add to Learning Journeys; you can reply to the observations sent via 2Build a Profile, write down your home observations, email in comments/ photographs or verbally give your child's Key Person information which we can add to their Learning Journey. We really value your input and partnership working.

Photo Gallery- Please take a look at our EYFS display board in the Main Room to see pictures of recent activities. There is also a Photo Album hanging in the Entrance Hall for families to view.

Happy Birthday! The following children are celebrating birthdays in April.



Hughey (2)



Olivia (2)



Sydney-Piper (3)



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St George's Day Family Stay and Play Session:

On Friday 22nd April, the children took part in a range of St George's Day activities. Thank you to the families that joined the fun!



Dates for Your Diary

Bank Holidays
(Nursery Closed)
Mon 2nd May & Mon 30th
May

Half Term
(no funded sessions)
w/b 30th May

FUDGE Tea
Fri 17th June (details soon)

Reminders:

- Please provide your child with spare clothes.
- Please clearly name all your child's belongings.
- Please name baby bottles brought in from home.
- Please check your child's art folder in the Entrance Hall and take home their art work.
- Main Room- Please sign your child in and out in the Entrance Hall.
- Baby Room- Please sign your child in and out in the Baby Room.
- Please keep us up to date with any changes in telephone numbers, parental responsibility, addresses, dietary requirements, allergies etc.

Forte Charity Handmade Sale

Saturday April 30 from 2pm - 4pm

At Binley Woods Village Hall, Rugby Road, CV3 2AX

Entry fee: Free

Please bring cash to buy lovely, unique items and donate to Forte's charitable educational projects in Africa.

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See you there!

