

Blue Bell Woods Newsletter

November 2018

What are we learning at Blue Bell Woods?

We have been busy learning about Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and Autumn. We created firework pictures with glitter glue, made clay diva lamps, experimented with Mehndi designs on our hands and made our own poppy creations.



Links to the EYFS: Listening and attention: 8-20 months: Has a strong exploratory impulse.
People and communities: 30-50 months: Recognises and describes special times or events for family or friends.
Exploring and using different media and materials: 30-50 months: Beginning to be interested in and describe the texture of things
Writing: 40-60 months: Gives meaning to marks they make as they draw, write and paint.

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Cookery Club!

This month in Cookery Club we made Diwali sweets; we used our senses to feel, smell and taste the ingredients as we learnt about the Festival of Light. In keeping with a Bonfire Night tradition, we made 'toffee apples'; we made our own designs using melted chocolate and a range of decorations. You are able to see the recipes on the [Cookery Club page of our website](#), if you want to have a go at home!



Notices:

Please keep us up-to-date with contact numbers, addresses, children's medical conditions, allergies and dietary requirements. We would be very grateful if you could put this information in **writing via email** to ensure the accuracy of your child's records.

Likewise, we would be grateful if you would put any requests for extra sessions and holiday dates in writing via email. Thank you.

Spare Clothes: Please ensure your child brings a bag to nursery with spare clothes in (including pants and socks), particularly if they are toilet training! We suggest that children do not wear their best clothes to nursery as we have lots of fun with messy activities, water play and art. Any donations of spare clothes would be gratefully received. Thank you.

Autumn Stay and Play!

Thank you to the families that joined us for our recent Stay and Play session. We made autumnal collages, experimented with leaf printing, created hedgehog pictures and decorated autumn wreaths.



Dates for your Diary:

- Friday 21st December 2018- Last funded session of the Autumn Term.
- Monday 24th December 2018- nursery closes at 4.30pm for the Christmas break.
- Wednesday 2nd January 2019- nursery reopens at 7.45am.
- Monday 7th January 2019- Spring Term Funded sessions begin

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Promoting Positive Behaviour at Blue Bell Woods

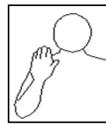
Within a nursery setting, children will often exhibit a range of behaviour as part of their regular development. We believe that children flourish best when their personal, social and emotional needs are met and where there are clear and developmentally appropriate expectations for their behaviour.

It is important that we respond consistently, fairly and positively and employ effective strategies in partnership with families based on positive methods when managing behaviour.

Please find below our 'Behaviour Script' which is used consistently by our staff if children display inappropriate behaviour. Please feel free to talk to Nerys or a member of the team at any time regarding promoting positive behaviour.

Behaviour Script

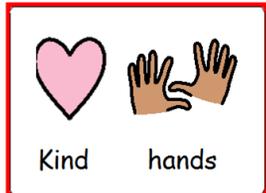
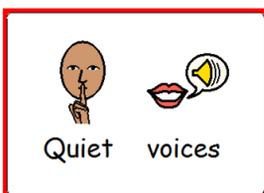
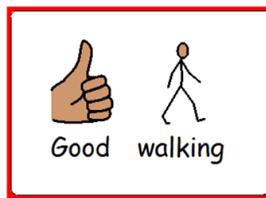
Say the child's name.
Say, "Stop." with hand gesture.
Say the Golden Rule/ Expectation



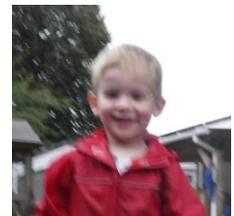
Golden Rules



Expectations



Happy Birthday!
The following children celebrate birthdays in November...



Leo (3)



Olivia (3)



Ollie (3)

Blue Bell Woods Festive Events 2018

Festive Family Sing-a-longs!

Tuesday 11th December ~ 4.30pm
Wednesday 12th December ~ 4.30pm
Thursday 13th December ~ 4.30pm

Families are warmly invited to our informal family sing-a-long.
You are welcome to sit with your child and join in the fun!
Refreshments will be provided.

Children and families are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or outfit at the Sing-a-Long and to make a voluntary contribution to our nursery charity, [Friends of Messef](#).

Please email the nursery to tell us on which day you would like to attend. For safety reasons, places are limited, so please let us know as soon as possible which day you would like to attend to avoid disappointment.

Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 18th December

We will be providing a Christmas dinner for children attending on the day.
All dietary needs will be catered for as usual.

Children's Christmas Party

Wednesday 19th December ~ 11am-1pm
Thursday 20th December ~ 11am-1pm
Friday 21st December ~ 11am-1pm

Children will be celebrating Christmas with party games and a festive party lunch. Due to space, we request that families DO NOT attend the party.

Christmas Eve (Nursery closes at 4.30pm)

Monday 24th December

The children and staff will be enjoying a day full of festive activities, hot chocolate and Christmas music to get into the Christmas spirit. If your child will be on holiday on Christmas Eve, please let us know so that we can adjust our catering arrangements. Thank you.