

Blue Bell Woods Day Nursery Newsletter



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Autumn Fun!

We went out to the woods to look for signs of Autumn. We collected objects of interest and talked about what we could see, hear, touch and smell. We used our Autumn objects and experiences to inspire lots of creative artwork!



Links to the EYFS:-

Knowledge of the World: 22-36 months: Notices detailed features of objects in their environment.

Knowledge of the World: 30-50 months: Comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world. Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time.

Knowledge of the World: 40-60 months: Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change.

Expressive Arts and Design: 30-50 months: Explores colour and how colours can be changed. Explores what happens when they mix colours. Beginning to be interested in and describe the texture of things.

Cookery Club!

We made "hedgehog bread!"



Hide and Seek!

We searched for objects hidden in the leaves!

Harvest Festival Stay and Play Session

Thank you to the families who attended our recent event. We enjoyed icing biscuits, making fruit salad, leaf rubbings, free play and sharing books. Thank you also for your kind donations to our Harvest Festival collection. The items will be shared in the community.





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Very Messy Play in the Baby Unit!

We have been exploring a range of different textures in the Baby Unit. We enjoyed pushing vehicles to make tracks in wet and dry sand, and we were delighted by the amazing amount of mess we could make with gloop and foam! We used lots of familiar and new words to describe what we could feel; wet, cold, soft, gloopy, sticky...



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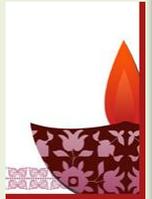
Expressive Arts and Design, 8-20 months: Explores and experiments with a range of media through sensory exploration, and using whole body. Notices and is interested in the effects of making movements which leave marks.

Communication and Language, 8-20 months: Uses sounds in play, e.g. 'brrrm' for toy car. Uses single words. Frequently imitates words and sounds.

Family Partnership

Diwali Tea- Wednesday 11th November at 4.30pm

Families are very welcome to join us for refreshments to celebrate the Festival of Light. Please email the nursery or let a member of staff know if you can attend.



Open Evening ~ Tuesday 24th November, 6pm- 7.30pm

We will be holding an informal Open Evening on Tuesday 24th November at 6pm where parents/ carers are welcome to talk to staff members and their child's Key Person about their child's learning and development. There will be information available about how we work within the Early Years Foundation Stage to promote the prime and specific areas of development. Please drop in at any time between 6pm and 7.30pm for refreshments and to socialise with other families. We ask that children do not attend this event.

Online Learning Journeys

We are in the process of emailing each family a link to allow you to receive an electronic copy of your child's Learning Journey. 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.



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October 2015

Happy Birthday!

The following children are celebrating birthdays in October...



Jacob (1)



Teddy (1)



Tarliah (2)



Charlie (3)



Eva (3)



Harry (3)



Isabel (3)



Dylan (4)

Key Term Dates:

Half Term: w/b 26th
October (no funded
sessions)

Last Day of Term (funded
sessions): Friday 18th
December

Nursery Closes: Thursday
24th December at 4.30pm
(we are then closed over the
Christmas period)

Nursery Re-Opens: Monday
4th January 2016 at 7.45am

Staff News:



Caroline Todd ~ 3rd In Charge and Baby Unit Coordinator

Qualifications: Level 3 Registered Sick Children's Nurse, Level 4 Certificate in Early Years, Paediatric First Aid, Child Protection, Food Safety

We are delighted to welcome Caroline as our new Baby Unit Leader. Caroline is an extremely experienced and qualified practitioner who worked as a Sick Children's Nurse for twenty years, and was Deputy Manager of a Day Nursery for nine years.

Elsie Peters

We would like to inform families that following an operation in the summer, Elsie now requires further treatment. Elsie will be away from nursery for the next few months, and we look forward to her return when she is fully recovered.

Amber-Rose Tidman

Amber-Rose has now come to the end of her contracted apprenticeship at the nursery. We would like to thank Amber-Rose for her hard work in our Baby Unit and we wish her every success with her future plans.

Jade Randle

We welcome Jade to the nursery, she is an Early Years student on a part time placement with us until Easter.