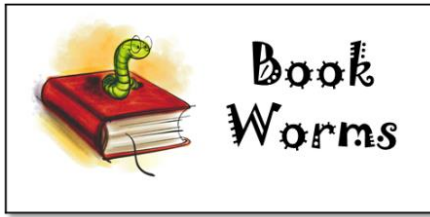


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What are we learning at Blue Bell Woods?

We have been following some of the children's interest in the book 'The Gruffalo'. We made the Gruffalo's cave, created artwork based on the characters in the story, and shared the book over and over again using our story sack and puppets.



Sharing books and reading stories from a very early age is crucial in the development of children. It helps with their ability to understand words, use their imagination and develop their speech, as well as being something they really enjoy!

Young children need to be able to experience books; they need to be able to understand and enjoy stories, books, rhymes and songs and listen and respond to them with curiosity and enjoyment. This promotes the value and pleasure of reading and encourages an interest in reading throughout school and in later life.

Blue Bell Woods Library!

Children are never too young to enjoy books and stories. Young children learn through touching and feeling different textures and there are some great books with pop up pages, lift-the-flap pages, noisy pages and different textured pictures to really get babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers engaged with books.

Our library basket is located in the Main Entrance Hall at the children's level; there are books for all ages. Please feel free to borrow a book to take home and share together.

We would love to know about any books your child particularly enjoys so we can plan activities and experiences around current interests.



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Making a Positive Contribution

Thank you to the families who have donated to our harvest festival collection.

The children have decorated a harvest box which is situated in the lobby.

Please feel free to add non-perishable items that we can donate to our local community.



Binley Woods Community Event

There will be a Village Fun day taking place next year on Saturday 24th June.

We would be grateful for any contributions to help make this day a success- please hand in any donations to the office where we have a collection bucket.

The Binley Woods Women's Institute would be grateful for donations of old sheets which they can use them to make bunting to decorate the whole village!

Forthcoming Family Event

Forest Garden Celebration Event :
Monday 31st October 2016 3pm ~ 4pm.*

Families are invited to join us for hot chocolate and woodland cookies in our Forest Garden!

The children are coming to the end of a six week programme with Sue Fitton, an experienced Forest School practitioner. Sue will be available to meet families between 3pm and 4pm to explain the value of outside play and exploration. Make sure you bring your wellies!

**Please note the change of date and time.*



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Happy Birthday!

The following children are celebrating birthdays in October...



Henry (1)



Cameron (2)



Florence (2)



Jacob (2)



Oscar (2)



Teddy (2)



Alfie (3)



Sienna (3)



Rayyaan (3)



Tarliah (3)



Eva (4)

Staff News



Welcome to Gemma!

We are delighted to welcome Gemma Jones to the nursery as Assistant Manager.

Gemma is an extremely experienced and well qualified Nursery Practitioner who brings with her a wealth of knowledge to further enhance the nursery.

Our growing Over 2s Room!

We have eleven children turning two this term and moving up from our Baby Unit! To support the transition, Caroline will be moving across to the Over 2s Room. Becca will be taking on the role of Baby Unit Coordinator while Caroline is coordinating the Over 2s. We will keep you up to date with any changes to your child's Key Person.

Farewell to Natalie

Natalie is starting her maternity leave this month. We wish her all the very best and look forward to her return next year. Anita Love will be acting as Third in Charge in Natalie's absence.

Welcome back Elsie

We look forward to welcoming Elsie Peters back to the nursery, following some health issues. Elsie joined the nursery two years ago and it will be wonderful to have her back as part of the team.

Congratulations to Lisa

Lisa Harrison is getting married this month, her new name will be Lisa Morris.