



## September 2015: What are we learning at Blue Bell Woods?

### Transport and Road Safety

We have been learning about transport; we have designed and made our own car models, made free drawings of different vehicles, selected and used transport stencils, made tracks in paint with toy cars, and selected resources to make junk modelling binoculars to look for aeroplanes! This interest has led onto learning about keeping safe by the road, following a parent's request to teach the children about road safety.

*Links to the EYFS- EYFS Physical Development ~ 30-50 months: Uses one-handed tools and equipment, e.g. makes snips in paper with child scissors.*

*Expressive arts and design ~ 30-50 months: Uses various construction materials. 40-60 months: Manipulates materials to achieve a planned effect.*



*Links to the EYFS- Physical Development 22-36 months: Beginning to use three fingers (tripod grip) to hold writing tools. Literacy 40-60 months: Gives meaning to marks they make as they draw, write and paint*

### Imaginative Role Play!

In the Baby Unit, we have enjoyed caring for the dolls! We have been learning about treating others kindly and gently. Through play, we have learnt about our own and others' care needs; we have changed the dolls' nappies, fed them, rocked them to sleep, took them for walks in the buggies, sang songs to them and identified parts of the body!



*Links to the EYFS- Personal, Social and Emotional Development 16-26 months: Gradually able to engage in pretend play with toys (supports child to understand their own thinking may be different from others). Physical Development 16-26 months: Shows a desire to help with dressing/undressing and hygiene routines. Expressive Arts and Design 16-26 months: Pretends that one object represents another, especially when objects have characteristics in common.*

# Blue Bell Woods Day Nursery Newsletter

September 2015: Family Partnership



It is the start of the new term at Blue Bell Woods, and we have lots of family events coming up...

## Harvest Festival Stay and Play Session ~ Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 10am- 11.30am

Families are welcome to join us for fun harvest themed activities.

We are starting a collection of non-perishable foods to donate to people in the Binley Woods community, we would be extremely grateful for any donations!

## Diwali Tea- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 4.30pm

Families are very welcome to join us for refreshments to celebrate the Festival of Light.

## Open Evening ~ Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 6pm- 7.30pm

We are extremely excited to be introducing a new format for presenting each child's Learning Journey. At present, each child has a paper Learning Journey which staff use to record their observations of children's learning and development, their next steps and links to the EYFS. This term, staff will be using tablets to take photographs and record observations "on the go". These will be collated on a secure website and emailed across to families; you will also have the opportunity to add to your child's Learning Journey on line. We hope this new method will involve families more in their own children's assessment cycle and will make children's Learning Journey's even more accessible for busy parents.

We will be holding an informal Open Evening on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 come along for refreshments and to socialise with other families. We ask that children do not attend this event.

## Christmas Events

We will be organising festive events such as a Christmas Party and Family Sing-a-long nearer the time. We will keep you posted!

## Key Term Dates:

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

Last Day of Term (funded sessions): Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

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

Nursery Re-Opens: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.45am

## Local Event

### Binley Woods Health Event



Meet your local health, fitness and wellbeing professionals

HEALTH ADVICE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY  
TALKS | TASTER SESSIONS | KIDS QUIZ  
*have lunch here*

10:30 - 13:30  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
@ The Village Hall, Rugby Road  
FREE admission Everyone welcome!





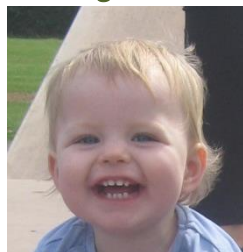
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## Happy Birthday!

The following children are celebrating birthdays in September...



Anya (1)



Emily (1)



Sawyer (2)



Bobby (3)



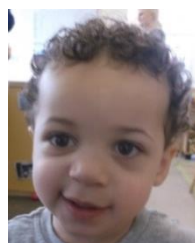
Charli (3)



Dillon (3)



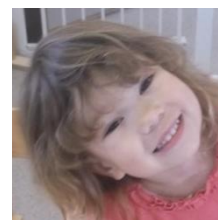
Harvey (3)



Thierry (3)



Cleo (4)



Sophie (4)

## Staff News:

We are delighted to welcome some new members of staff to our growing team:-



**Karen Blackwell~ Nursery Nurse (Pre-School Group)**

**Qualifications:** Level 3 Diploma in the Children & Young People's Workforce, Level 3 & 4 Teaching Assistant, Level 4 in Child Psychology, Paediatric First Aid, First Aid at Work



**Nina Begum~ Nursery Nurse (Over 2s Group)**

**Qualifications:** Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching & Learning



**Emma Metcalfe~ Nursery Nurse (Baby Unit)**

**Qualifications:** Level 2 Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools, Paediatric First Aid, Child Protection

**Teddy Bear's Picnic Tea!:** Thank you to the families who attended our Teddy Bears' Picnic Tea last month. Fun was had by all!