

Blue Bell Woods Newsletter

September 2016

What are we learning at Blue Bell Woods?

Letters and Sounds:

Letters and Sounds is a phonics resource which aims to build children's speaking and listening skills in their own right as well as to prepare them for learning to read by developing their phonic knowledge and skills. Babies and children throughout the nursery are developing listening and language skills through activities which are imbedded in our day to day routine - singing, nursery rhymes, stories, action songs, musical instruments, poems, finger rhymes...

When children turn three years of age, they join a Letters and Sounds group which involves a more structured approach to working through the Letters and Sounds phonics resource.

Examples of activities are:- counting claps and stamps, using musical instruments slowly, quickly, loudly, quietly, listening walks, word games and sound lotto. Click [here](#) to view the Letters and Sounds phonics resource, or find more information on our [website](#).



Cooking is not only a fun, engaging activity for children, but it also promotes development and learning in a variety of ways. This month in Cookery Club, the children have experimented with a range of recipes, including apple turnovers, jam tarts, fairy cakes, cheese and pepper swirls and fruit muffins. The children were proud to take their creations home to share!

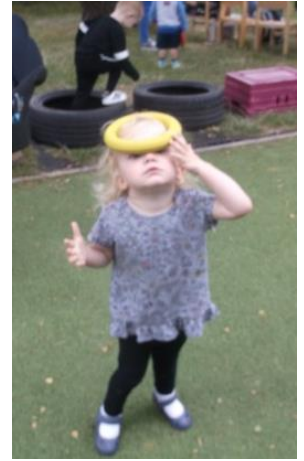


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Family Partnership at Blue Bell Woods

Sports Day: Thank you to all the families who joined us for our Mini Olympics! The children took part in balancing skills, throwing, catching and egg and spoon races. They had run carrying their Olympic torches and were rewarded with medals!



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Happy Birthday!

The following children are celebrating birthdays in September...



William (1)



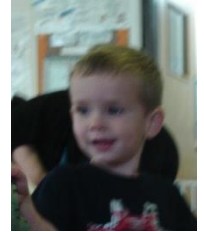
Anya (2)



Ella (2)



Emily (2)



Olly (2)



Skye (3)



Angus (4)



Bobby (4)



Bodhi (4)



Thierry (4)

Blue Bell Woods Harvest Festival Collection

Please donate any non-perishable goods for our charity collection.

Thank you.

Forest Garden Activities

This Half Term we have welcomed Sue Fitton to the nursery on Monday afternoons. Sue has been supporting the older children to explore our Forest Garden and offering a range of exciting experiences. The last session, a Celebration Event, will take place on Monday 24th October 2016, (details to follow).

Dates for your Diary

Mon 3rd October 2016: Harvest Festival collection starts

w/b 24th October 2016: **Half Term** (no 2HELP or NEF sessions.)

Mon 24th October 2016 at 1pm: Forest Garden Celebration Event (details to follow).

Friday 16th December 2016: Last day of Autumn Term

