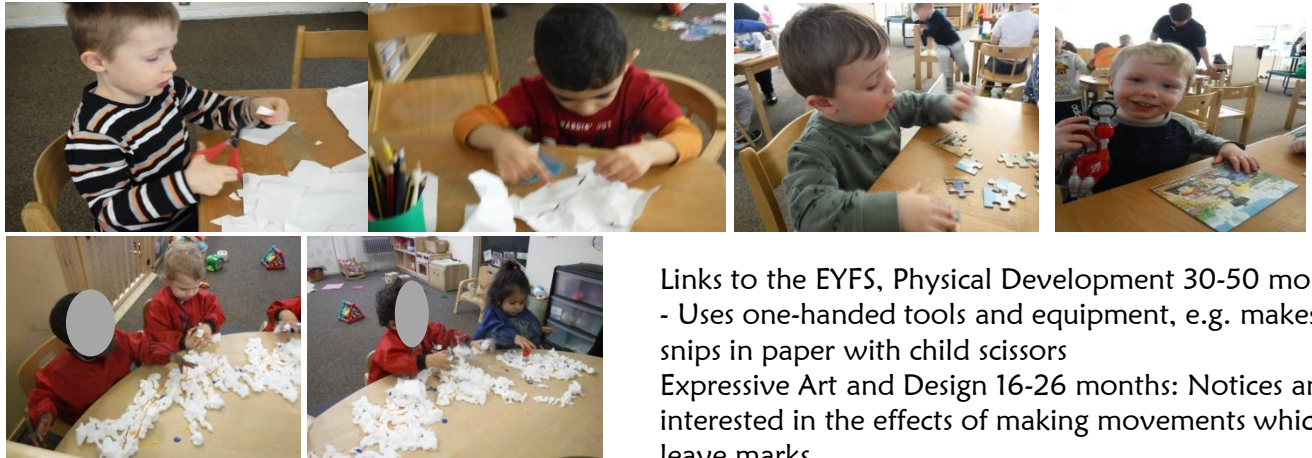


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What are we learning at Blue Bell Woods?

In Pre-school we have been learning how to use scissors safely and have been practicing using them to cut lines and shapes. We made some collage pictures using the pieces we had cut. In the 2-3 year old groups we have been learning how to complete puzzles with lots of pieces. In the Baby Unit we have been doing lots of sensory activities to enhance our hand-eye co-ordination and fine motor skills.



Links to the EYFS, Physical Development 30-50 months - Uses one-handed tools and equipment, e.g. makes snips in paper with child scissors
Expressive Art and Design 16-26 months: Notices and is interested in the effects of making movements which leave marks.

Family Events:

We demonstrated our appreciation for the Special Ladies in our lives at our Mother's Day event. We provided time for all the Special Ladies to chat and have tea with us.



Links to the EYFS, Personal, Social and Emotional development 22-36 months - Shows affection and concern for people who are special to them. Understanding the World – People and Communities – 22-36 months - Has a sense of own immediate family and relations.

Family Partnership

Many thanks to those that joined us for our Special Ladies Tea on Friday 9th March. The children had a lovely afternoon and we hope you did too.

As indicated on last month's newsletter we will be holding a Parents Evening on Thursday 19th April for all families. The booking form for time slots will go up on the main door on Tuesday 3rd April. Please book a time slot to avoid disappointment.

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World Book Day: We had a dress up day as part of our World Book day, we had lots of different characters join us including Nemo, Paddington Bear, Uncle Bulgaria, Alice in Wonderland, The Hulk and even a Tiger came to Tea! We had a fun day reading our favourite stories and even making up our own book characters and stories.



Links to the EYFS: Personal, Social and emotional Development 22-36 months - Expresses own preferences and interests.
Literacy – Reading - 16-26 months - Interested in books and rhymes and may have favourites.

Happy Birthday! The following children are celebrating birthdays in March...



Myah (2)



Amelia (3)



Anna (3)



Parker (3)



Annabelle(4)

Exciting new projects:

The outdoor area will be having a make over in the next few weeks, we are replacing the grass which has suffered over the Winter months with new astro-truf. This will hopefully make a big difference to the children and their play. We are also having some work done under the canopy to make it more of an enclosed space which will be used for more structured/ table top activities, as well as for children's focused group activities which are separated into age/ key groups. We are also going to be getting our planting area started in the next couple of weeks so if we have any green fingered families we would welcome any ideas/ suggestions you may have.



Little
Green
Fingers



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Safeguarding at Blue Bell Woods:

As a setting we take safeguarding and children's welfare very seriously and keeping children safe is our top priority. As such we have procedures in place to ensure that everyone is kept as safe from harm as possible. If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of any child, please speak to our Designated Safeguarding Leads (Gemma and Julie) in confidence, alternatively please complete a 'Reporting a Concern' form (green form) located on the Safeguarding displays in the lobby or main room, and pass it on to our Designated Safeguarding Leads. Information on nursery Safeguarding procedures can be found on the Safeguarding displays, in our policy documents in the lobby, or on our website.

Policy reminder:

If your child is unwell and has medication prior to coming to nursery, please let a member of staff know so we are aware in case they become more unwell during the day. Also, if your child is prescribed medication such as antibiotics, we require you to give them the first dose at home in case of any adverse effects. Thank you.

Nursery DSL's



Gemma Jones



Julie Alsop

Numicon:

We have been using our new maths system, NUMICON. The system develops an understanding of many mathematical concepts including shape, colour, number, weight and measure. There are many fun activities we develop using the tiles and insert boards and we look forward to learning more about maths!



Links to the EYFS: Mathematics 22-36 months - Knows that a group of things changes in quantity when something is added or taken away. Mathematics 30-50 months - Shows curiosity about numbers by offering comments or asking questions.

Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 29th March – Easter Egg Hunt 10.15am – 11 am
- Friday 30th March – Bank Holiday – Nursery Closed
- Monday 2nd March – Bank Holiday – Nursery Closed
- Weeks commencing 2nd April and 9th April – Easter Holidays(no funded sessions)
- Parents Evening – Thursday 19th April



**Family Easter
Egg Hunt!**

**Thursday 29th March
10.15am -11.00am**

**Please let us know if
you can attend.**