



January 2015: What are we learning at Blue Bell Woods?

Focussed Activities ~ Listen Carefully...



One of our small group activities this month has been a listening game. We listened to sounds and matched them to pictures.

EYFS- Communication & Language, 40-60 months: Maintains attention, concentrates and sits quietly during appropriate activity.

Mark making



We have been using different media to make our own marks and pictures. We have used paints, oats, sand, chalks, pens crayons and pencils!

EYFS- Expressive arts and design, 22-36 months: Experiments with blocks, colours and marks

Cookery Club

We looked in a recipe book and chose which cakes to make. We looked at the ingredients we needed and went to the shop to buy them. We baked and iced delicious cakes and talked about our outing!



EYFS- Understanding the World, 30-50 months: Remembers and talks about significant events in their own experience.

All About Me!

We would like to make a Family Book for each child, so we would be very grateful if you could supply us with photographs of special people in your child's life, their favourite toy/ comforter, any special cultural/ family events they have attended, any pets, a photo of their house etc.

You are welcome to email the photographs to bluebellwoodsdaynursery@gmail.com, or to bring in paper copies. Please write a brief description about each photo so we can personalise your child's Family Book.



January 2015: Staff News

We are delighted to welcome many new children to nursery this term; and our staff team has grown too! We are in the process of allocating new Key Persons as staff and children settle in; we will keep you fully informed.

Blue Bell Woods Staff Team



Nerys Evans ~ Proprietor and Nursery Manager (Main Room)
Designated Safeguarding Officer, SENCO, Behaviour Management Coordinator
Qualifications: NNEB, Level 4 In Children's Care, Learning and Development, Advanced Diploma in Birth to Three Years, Paediatric First Aid, Child Protection, Food Hygiene



Kat Stapleton ~ Office Manager (Office)
Health & Safety Officer, Training Coordinator, CAF Officer
Qualifications: NNEB, Level 4 In Children's Care, Learning and Development, First Aid at Work, Child Protection, Food Hygiene, Health & Safety



Steph McKee ~ Deputy Manager (Main Room Coordinator)
Qualifications: Level 3 Diploma in Child Care and Education, Food Hygiene, Level 2 in Team Leadership, Paediatric First Aid, Child Protection



Marie Hirons ~ Senior Nursery Nurse (Main Room)
Qualifications: NNEB, Food Hygiene, Paediatric First Aid, Child Protection, Time to Talk Champion



Elsie Peters ~ Nursery Nurse (Main Room)
Qualifications: Level 3 Diploma in Child Care and Education, Paediatric First Aid

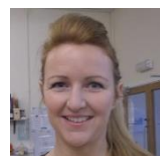
Baby Unit Staff



Cristiana Nechita ~ Primary Teacher & Nursery Nurse (Baby Unit Coordinator)
Qualifications: NVQ Level 3 Equivalent, Paediatric First Aid, Child Protection



Alice Humfress ~ Nursery Nurse (Baby Unit)
Qualifications: BA Honours Degree in Early Years Care and Education, Paediatric First Aid



Lucy Law ~ Nursery Nurse (Baby Unit)
Qualifications: BTEC National Diploma in Childhood Studies

Nursery Assistants



Monica Watts
Qualifications: : Cache Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools, Child Protection



Chloe Smith & Reanne Kelly ~ Nursery Apprentices
Qualifications: Working towards the Certificate in Children and Young People's Workforce



Fiona Mears ~ Voluntary Nursery Assistant

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Festive Sing-a-long!

We were delighted to welcome so many families to our festive sing-a-long last month. We sang traditional and fun Christmas songs and enjoyed mince pies made by the children!



Happy Birthday! The following children are celebrating birthdays in January:



Scarlett (1)



Ruby (1)



Evarose (1)



William (2)



Important Reminder

Please **label all your child's belongings**. Many children have similar shoes, bags, coats, wellies etc.

Please avoid sending your child to nursery in their best clothes as we like to join in with lots of messy activities!

Safeguarding Reminders:

- ✓ Please sign your child in and out everyday in the Entrance Hall.
- ✓ Please **DO NOT** use your mobile phone in the nursery.
- ✓ Please inform us if your child will not be attending nursery (e.g. due to illness/ holiday).
- ✓ Please talk to Nerys (our Designated Person for Safeguarding) if you have any concerns of a safeguarding nature.
- ✓ Please do not let any other Parents/ Carers/ Visitors in or out of the premises.



Staying Safe Together

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January 2015: Time to Talk

Marie Hiron is our Time to Talk Champion!

“Time to Talk” is a project supporting the development of early language and communication skills in babies and children across Warwickshire.



Marie is extremely experienced in working with children and their families to support language and communication skills, and has access to lots of useful literature and strategies. For more information visit the Time to Talk Facebook page:-

www.facebook.com/pages/Warwickshire-Time-to-Talk/185744301460454



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Forthcoming Events this Spring 2015

February Half Term (no funded sessions)
w/b 16th February

Chatter Matters week/ World Book Day
During w/b 2nd March, families are invited in to share a favourite book with a small group of children to promote communication and language skills, coinciding with World Book Day on Thursday 5th March.



Special Ladies' Tea
Friday March 13th

Easter Holiday (no funded sessions)
w/b 30th March & w/b 6th April

Family Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday 2nd April



Good Friday
Friday 3rd April (nursery closed)

Easter Monday
Monday 6th April (nursery closed)



Thank you to all the families who bought Magic Reindeer Food. We raised over £20 for our charity “Friends of Messef”, supporting the children of Messef Orphanage in Haiti.