



October- November 2014: What have we been learning at Blue Bell Woods?

Cookery Club

We had fun making rice crispy cakes. We also made Diwali sweets; we used our senses to feel, smell and taste the ingredients! We learnt about Diwali Festival of Light.



EYFS- Understanding the world, 22-36 months: Learns that they have similarities and differences that connect them to, and distinguish them from, others.

Firework Fun!

We got messy with glue and glitter to create our own beautiful firework pictures. We were really proud of our results!



EYFS- Personal, Social and Emotional Development, 30-50 months: Welcomes and values praise for what they have done.

Gaining Independence

We have been enjoying our social snack times and practising the skill of spreading our own butter with knives.



EYFS- Physical Development, 30-50 months: Understands that equipment and tools have to be used safely.

Autumn Printing!

We have been thinking about seasonal changes and we created our own hedgehog pictures and leaf prints.



EYFS- Expressive Arts and Design, 40-60 months: Understands that different media can be combined to create new effects.

All About Me! – Family Books

Thank you to the families who have already supplied photos for Family Books; the children love looking at their own and each others' books! *EYFS: Understanding the world, 16-26 months Enjoys pictures and stories about themselves, their families and other people.*

We would be very grateful (if you have not yet done so) 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.

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A visit from our local Police Officers

We would like to say a BIG thank you to PCSO Katie Winfield and PC Michael Stamp who came for a planned visit to the nursery on Monday 20th October. They talked to the children about their role in keeping our community safe and how they are here to help us.



We tried on the police jacket- it was heavy! We sat in the police car and looked at the flashing lights. We heard the very loud siren and a police officer talking on the radio. We are all looking forward to our next visit from our community Police Officers!



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Outside Adventures all year round...

Please can you provide your child with a pair of wellies and waterproof clothing in a pump bag to keep on their peg at nursery. We have purchased waterproof over trousers to keep little ones dry as they explore outside; we venture out to the garden, park and woods in all weathers!

Bonfire Tea

Thank you to the families who attended our Bonfire Tea. It was lovely to welcome so many people and to spend time with parents and carers.



Welcome to the team!



Marie

We are delighted to welcome Marie Hiron and Elsie Peters to Blue Bell Woods. Both are qualified and highly experienced practitioners who have joined Sophie and Nerys to work with the children aged two years and over.



Elsie

Ofsted News

We are delighted to be able to share our first Ofsted report.

Here are some of the Inspector's comments:-

“Staff have a secure knowledge of how babies and children develop and learn. Consequently, they plan exciting activities and provide a varied range of learning experiences for children.”

“Staff are friendly and approachable which helps children to feel secure in their care. Parents' comments demonstrate that they feel the nursery provides a safe and happy environment for their children.”

“Staff make exceptionally good use of spontaneous child-led and adult-led play to promote individual learning goals”

“The environment is stimulating and welcoming for all.”

“Children's behaviour is consistently well managed. The staff positively reinforce good behaviour during activities using lots of encouragement and praise.”

“Safeguarding arrangements are highly robust and the staff place a strong emphasis on ensuring children in their care are well protected.”

The full report can be viewed on the homepage of our website or please ask if you would like a paper copy. www.bluebellwoodsdaynursery



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October- November 2014 ~ Forthcoming Events

Blue Bell Woods Sponsored Walk!

Saturday 8th November

Meet at nursery at 10.30am
and join us for a woodland walk!

Refreshments at nursery afterwards.



Raising funds for the
children of
Messef Orphanage in Haiti.

Making a Positive Contribution ~ Fundraising for Friends of Messef

At Blue Bell Woods, we support the charity Friends of Messef, who aim to ensure the children of Messef orphanage in Haiti receive the basic necessities of life, plus as many extra blessings as possible. Please visit www.friendsofmessef.webs.com

We hope you can join us for our Sponsored Walk on Saturday 8th November!

December 2014

Tues 16th &
Thurs 18th

Christmas Party (by invitation) 10.30am- 12.15pm

22nd Dec-
2nd Jan

School Holiday (no funded sessions)

Mon 22nd

Festive Family Sing-a-long 3.45pm- 4.30pm (all welcome)

Wed 24th

Christmas Eve (Nursery closes at 4.30pm)

25th- 31st

Christmas Holiday (Nursery closed all week- no charge)

January 2015

Thurs 1st

New Year's Day (Nursery closed)

Fri 2nd

Nursery re-opens at 7.45am

Happy Birthday!

Connor is celebrating his 2nd
birthday in November...



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