

Bright Kids Gazette



Ensuring the future is brighter & healthier for our kids



Garden Developments



Our garden is a hive of activity now since the new developments. It has thoroughly enriched the children's learning & development & this will only continue as we make further enhancements to our outdoor provision. We are looking forward to planting & growing vegetables in our allotment & are very grateful to those who have offered their expertise. Our Sensory Garden is coming on nicely & the children have loved watering the herbs & exploring their sense of smell. The Sand & Water Hut will soon be in action as it receives a new roof & some plumbing work. The Grand-prix area has been a real hit & has added a new dimension to the children's play. We have received so many positive comments from parents, visitors, staff & children, the impact has been amazing.

SPONSORED WALK



On 13th July we held a sponsored walk around Arrow Valley Lake. The response was wonderful. It was so lovely for the whole setting to go out together. We have put together a book of photos to show you just how much the children enjoyed themselves, this is available to view in our Parent Zone. Together we raised a total of £336.00 with 10% going to our local Children's Centre to help towards training or resources for local children & their families. We are currently reviewing parents ideas contributed at our summer parents evening on how to spend the

money. Mason's family raised the most funds on the day of £94.00, well done!

OFSTED & SEF



We are due our Ofsted inspection at anytime now. The team continue to work extremely hard and have regular opportunities to reflect on practice & raise standards. The Ofsted inspector may wish to talk to you to seek your views & experiences of our setting. We would like to remind you that we have an open door policy & you are always welcome to share your thoughts or concerns with us at anytime. We have our Self Evaluation Form completed & ready for the inspection process. You are invited to read this & offer your valuable input. If you have time to do this please see Joe or Katie in the office, thank you.

PARENTS SURVEYS



Many thanks to those that completed their survey, the response was brilliant. Olivia and Connor's parents had their survey pulled out of the box & received a bottle of wine & chocolates. The team have now had the opportunity to go through each survey. We have shared the wonderful comments & discussed ways to meet your suggestions for further improvement. Feedback will be given at the next Parent Forum.



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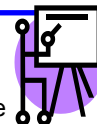


2011 DIARY DATES



- Rosh Hashanah - Wednesday 28th September
- Grandparents Day - Sunday 2nd October
- Parent Forum (6-7pm) - Thursday 13th October
- Jeans for Genes Day - Friday 7th October
- Half Term (Holiday Club) - 24th-28th October
- Diwali - Wednesday 26th October
- Children in Need - Friday 18th November
- Christmas Bazaar - Saturday 26th November-
- Christmas Closures - Monday 26th December-
Monday 2nd January 2012
- Nursery Re-opens - Tuesday 3rd January 2012

STAFF NEWS BULLETIN



The staff team have recently been involved in some valuable in-house training. They have received 1:1 time with our Well-being Coaching & Development Executive looking at their individual roles & expectations. This has been very successful & has raised standards & improved overall staff performance. Each staff member has worked extremely hard & many have said how the training has motivated them & given them more confidence in fulfilling their role & responsibilities.

Performance Reviews are under way & training is currently being identified.

Food hygiene is planned for the team on Monday 3rd October.

Joe & Katie are booked on a Management Safeguarding course.





Nursery News

The Baby Suite



Amy & Julie would like to welcome Annie & her family to the nursery. She has settled in lovely & loves to feed our fish when she arrives. Please can you provide individual photographs of your child & their different family members as Amy & Julie are creating 'special boxes' for each child. The boxes will also hold other items that are of importance, such as a special toy, a craft creation, pictures of things/people they are interested in. Please feel welcome to add to your child's box. The children have shown an interest in animal noises in particular the noise a duck makes. Amy & Julie will be planning a trip to the lake to feed the ducks very soon.



Another keen interest has been ladybirds & you are invited to come & see the lovely display & picture books found in the 'cosy area'. Thank you for supporting our No Shoe Policy, remember you are still welcome to come into the playrooms to see all the lovely things your child has been experiencing.

Bright n' Actives



Josie, Katie & Claire would like to welcome Jay & his family to the nursery. He loves our outdoor area especially zooming around on our 'Grand Prix'. Both Aiden & Maddie have settled well with their move from Babies to Toddlers & are enjoying their new space & challenges. Thank you for providing photographs of your child & their family members & pets. Please keep them coming if you have not yet brought them in. The team would like to ask for contributions of empty perfume bottles to help enhance their heuristic boxes & exploring the sense of smell. Josie will be enhancing the groups experience of exploring the new outdoor zones. Any plant pots, bulbs/seeds ready to plant for this time of year would be gratefully accepted.



Pre-school

Suzanne & Fay would like to welcome Kieran & his family to the nursery. He is forming lovely friendships & enjoys being the doctor in our roleplay area. Both Callum & Sam have settled with their move from Toddlers & are becoming confident in their new routines & environment. Following on from the groups interest in playing doctors & nurses, Suzanne & Fay have set up a doctors roleplay. If you have any resources to add to this it would be gratefully received.



Suzanne & Fay would like to start taking the children for walks in the local woods, hopefully with the support from Evie our Group Management Executive who has been training as a Forest School Leader. Please can you provide the following on a daily basis: a warm coat, gloves, hats, wellington boots & waterproof clothing. Please note these items can be left at nursery, but please label everything. These items are also important to allow your child to access our outdoor area throughout the day in all weathers.

Out of School Club



Emma, Emma & Glynis would like to welcome Riley, Honey Mai, Connor & Brody to the Out of School Club.

Outdoor play is a keen interest for many of the children. We are concerned that uniform may get spoiled during these activities, so spare clothing is advised.

Please can you make sure that all items of clothing are labeled to help prevent the wrong items from being taken home.

DON'T MISS OUT...BOOK NOW!!!

October Half Term BOOKINGS now being taken. We have lots of spooky fun planned along with a visit from **Animal Mania**, introducing various insects & reptiles. We are filling up fast, contact Emma now in order to secure your child a place.



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OTHER NOTICES....

BREAKFAST SITTING



Breakfast is served from 7:30am-8:30am. These times are allocated so as areas can be organized ready for the children to separate & move to their base room. Please note that a morning snack is always made available to the children if they arrive later than 8:30am.



MOBILE PHONES

All staff, students & visitors to the nursery are requested to store their mobile phones in a lockable cabinet located in the office. These are signed in on arrival & out on departure. We MUST ask all parents/guardians to ensure their mobile phones are not being used during drop off & collection of their children, thank you.

TESCO VOUCHERS



Thank you to all those that helped collect Tesco vouchers. We have received our order of sand & water toys, a set of balls & a bamboo water channelling set with stands. The children are really enjoying these new resources & it is available to all our age groups.

PARENT REFERRAL FORM



Recommend us to a friend & make valuable savings on your own childcare costs. Just complete a form obtained from the office & we will do the rest!