

# Astwick Newsletter

## December 2023



### Nursery Updates:

#### Throughout November-

- Navreet welcomed baby Kyran into the world. Both Navreet and Baby are doing really well and we cant wait to meet him.
- We enjoyed seeing all your fireworks pictures and the children's faces as they watched them in the sky.
- Bluebells have been enjoying their new sports sessions! The children have shown great concentration skills and excitement when participating.
- We managed to raise £122 for Children in need :)

#### Throughout December -

- The nursery will be holding a Christmas dinner day with a party in each room on the 20th December. The children are welcome to wear party wear or Christmas Jumpers on this date.
- Each room is holding a Christmas themed stay and play session. Dates are in the events section of the newsletter. Parents will have received a post asking you to email in your interest to join us, as the sessions are first come first serve due to room capacity.
- We will be participating in Christmas jumper day on the 7th of December. The children are invited to join in with the fun and wear a festive jumper. We are kindly asking for a £1 donation towards charity.
- With the countdown to Christmas, the rooms will be focusing on festive fun and creating lots of activities for the children to participate in.

#### Fees

As we have so many new parents at the nursery, this is just a polite reminder that fees are due on 1st of each month.

We are aware that tax free childcare payments can take a couple of days to get to us, we ask that you try and transfer these before the 1st to ensure they are in our bank on time but will give leeway by a couple of days due to this for these payments. Any payments not received by the 7th of each month will receive a reminder and may then incur a late payment charge.



Baby Kyran



## Christmas JUMPER DAY



We continue to strive to give your child the best experience at nursery. If you have any questions or suggestions, please send us an email/give us a call!

If you and your children are having a positive nursery experience please support us by leaving a review on Facebook, Google or DayNurseries.co.uk. These are really valued by us and give us feedback on what we are doing well.

# Take a look at what the rooms have been up to:



## Over Two's

Please send over any interests your child has at home, along with some beautiful pictures and we can plan some special activities for them throughout the month!

### (3-5years)

#### Bluebells

In the month of November the Bluebells have really been enjoying all the celebrations and the lead up to Christmas!

The had a great time exploring some activities based around different nursery rhymes. Including making their own pictures for "rain rain go away", using the tea set for "Polly put the kettle on" and exploring body parts for "head shoulder knees and toes".

The children have been speaking a lot about kindness, with this being one of the golden rules too (we are kind to our friends). They did lots of lovely activities on world kindness day including making a donut which they sprinkled with kindness. Lots of lovely messages to one another about how they can be kind.

They have been working hard on filling up the star jar too. They all helped take a vote on what their prize was going to be this time to which they all voted for a sweet treat - next time it will be a choice of a sweet cooking activity or a dress up day! We have really been emphasising the star jar and would appreciate parents to do this at home also ☺

The children learnt a lot about road safety during our road safety week. We get them to check the road when we are crossing it to head to the field for a walk every day anyway but have been doing more within the room and role playing in the garden. We taught the children how to play the traffic light game which they used a made traffic light and took it in turns to be the instructor They have enjoyed exploring the different colours of traffic lights and understanding that green means go, red means stop and yellow means slow. They have also been looking at the different signs that they may see when in their cars or near roads.

We are very much looking forward to celebrating Christmas where our two cheeky elves will pay a visit from Friday 1st December. Keep an eye out for the different adventures they get up to each day as we will post it on Family!

Please continue to share with us if your children have any new interests that we can incorporate into our every day planning or different activities that we provide.

Just a little reminder about winter items : please ensure all items are labelled. We have a hat drawer where the children are encouraged to put their hats and gloves after being in the garden or on a walk so please bare with us in finding them at the end of the day if you need them for at home.

The Bluebells Team Xx



### (2-3 years)

#### Lilies

What a busy month the Lilies have had during this wet and windy November.

Lilies have really enjoyed our walks in which we have thoroughly taken advantage of the wind and took the kite out to fly it. Lilies really enjoyed running around the field trying to get the kite to fly up into the air.

We started off the month with Bonfire night, we enjoyed painting using toilet rolls and forks to make fire work paintings and we did this also for Diwali too! Lilies really enjoyed learning about new cultures and experiences.

We also explored Remembrance day and created poppy fields and poppies painting with our hands. Next was children in need, Lilies came in wearing their pyjamas and explored activities relating to Pudsey bear. This included a rice tuff tray, a Pudsey painting under clingfilm where Lilies had to spread the colours to make him.

We then spoke about Anti-bullying week through being kind and spreading kindness in which Lilies created a heart full of kindness and asked parents to leave kind comments to make our heart full! Some lovely comments were left!

Lilies have been enjoying many different activities and celebrations this month. We're excited to go into December ready for our Christmas countdown, celebrations and our soon visit from Santa! We will be taking part in winter activities as well as all the Christmas fun too. Other celebrations during December include, Hanukkah, Human rights day and International monkey day. We look forward to exploring these celebrations and discovering and learning about them through our activities.



# Take a look at what the rooms have been up to:



## Under Two's

Please send over any interests your child has at home, along with some beautiful pictures and we can plan some special activities for them throughout the month!

### (15 months - 2years)

#### Daisies

This month the Daisies room have had lots of fun exploring fireworks night, road safety week, thanks giving and many more celebrations...

We have been focusing on small group games, interacting alongside each other and sharing our toys. This has helped support the children's emotions and boost confidence in group play for those who shy away.

The children have really enjoyed road safety week, exploring the colours and what traffic lights do. As vehicles is a big favourite, we have had races in the garden with our skuttle bugs and used the traffic lights to teach them green for go and red for stop.

For children in need day, the children had lots of fun coming in wearing pyjamas and getting involved in the activities we had set out. They all really enjoyed creating the rooms big Pudsey bear! using glue, dabbers and paint. Alongside using the different materials to stick down.

This month we will be having lots of Christmas fun! Creating activities to teach the children about Christmas and get them excited for the big day. We will also be having our room Christmas party!

We would love to see any photos of the children visiting Father Christmas over the next few weeks so we can share the photos with their peers and talk about it during circle time.

Don't forget to register your interest for our December stay and play on the 6th December if you are able to join us for some festive fun !



### (3 -15 months)

#### Tulips

We have been very busy in Tulips throughout November.

For bonfire (guy fawkes night), we created a bonfire out of paint and tissue paper for our display. We also created our own fireworks display using our hands and paint to make splats and shapes.

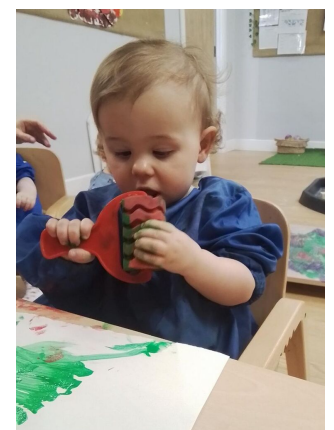
For remembrance day we did lots of lovely paintings to decorate our nursery and to take home. The children also got to interact in some great tuff trays, exploring different textures e.g a poppy shape made out of oats.

This month has been lots of messy sensory play which has helped the children with confidence and interaction alongside each other. For Diwali we got very messy with colourful paintings, for children in need day we painted Pudsey's and for road safety week we had fun with traffic light colours.

We all loved children in need day! We got to dress up and enjoyed some great activities such as a Pudsey shape tuff tray made of cereal. We enjoyed filling and emptying containers with the cereal and transporting it from one area to another.

With the weather showing us some last minute sun, we made a few trips to the park and enjoyed the swings.

For road safety week we talked a lot about different transport vehicles. We sang lots of vehicle related songs and explored lots of tuff trays. We created different marks using cars and paint. And of course we have been busy with our Christmas surprises



# Friendly reminders and upcoming events



Parent Observations Parent/home observations are a great tool for us to be able to see your child's interests at home. It is also lovely to see the things that they are achieving whilst with you!

To add an observation for the key worker to see it :

- Go to journey - Go to new - New observation

It should then pop up as a parent observation on the screen and you can add your observation along with photos and videos by clicking the camera icon. It would also be great if you could share your input into our home activities by uploading photos of your child completing these at home.

## New starters:

Please can all new families make sure you have returned your registration forms to us along with a copy of your child's birth certificate and bring their red book with you to their first settle. If you have any questions about your child's room, the way we plan, assessments and more please do not hesitate to contact us by giving us a call!

## Autumn/Winter:

As we slowly approach the colder weather, we ask that you start to plan ahead for your child's day at nursery. We will start to need wellies for our walks (if they are not already at nursery) and a thicker coat. Please make sure there are enough changes of clothes in your child's bag so we can change them when needed.

## Clothing:

Please can you make sure all clothing items are labelled with your child's name or initials so we can make sure they are returned to the correct family at the end of each session.



## Daisies stay and play - 6th December

Daisies Christmas stay and play is being held on the 6th December 230 until 3.30. Please make sure you have emailed the office to reserve your space if you are interested.

## Christmas Jumper day - 7th December

The children are all invited to wear a Christmas jumper and will have lots of fun Christmas activities to get involved with.

## Bluebells stay and play - 11th December

Bluebells Christmas stay and play is being held on the 6th December 230 until 3.30. Please make sure you have emailed the office to reserve your space if you are interested.

## Tulips stay and play - 14th December

Tulips Christmas stay and play is being held on the 6th December 230 until 3.30. Please make sure you have emailed the office to reserve your space if you are interested.

## Lilies stay and play - 19th December

Lilies Christmas stay and play is being held on the 6th December 230 until 3.30. Please make sure you have emailed the office to reserve your space if you are interested.

## Christmas dinner - 20th December

The children will be having Christmas dinner and a little party on the 20th of December. The children are welcome to come dressed in party wear or a Christmas jumper

## 23rd December 2023 - 1st January 2024

The nursery's last day open for 2023 will be Friday the 22nd December. We will then be closed over the Christmas period from the 23rd December until the 1st of January. The nursery will reopen as normal on the 2nd January 2024.

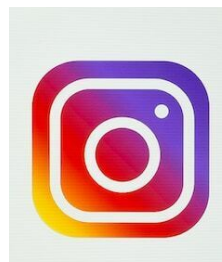
# Thank you



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