

Astwick Newsletter

February 2024



Nursery Updates:

Throughout January-

- Classes started back in the rooms with the children showing excitement for Jo jingles, signing, French and sports.
- The children got to explore frozen puddles and icy nature whilst out on a walk.
- Tulips and Lilies had great stay and play sessions! The children love being able to share some of their day at nursery with a parent and show them their room.

Throughout February-

- We will be holding a pancake decorating competition for all the children to enter. Keep your eyes peeled for the post on Family!! The winner will receive a story book for you all to read at home
- The rooms will be continuing activities for national story telling week and would love for you to send in photo's of the children reading their favourite books at home!
- Daisies stay and play will be held on the 13th February 230-330. Please email the office to book your slot before spaces run out.
- Bluebells stay and play will be held on the 15th February 230-330. Please email the office to book your slot before spaces run out.
- A little reminder that we have an inset day this month. This is on Thursday 22nd February. This means the nursery will be closed for staff training and we will open again on Friday 23rd.

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.



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 January the Bluebells have enjoyed celebrating a few different things. We spoke a lot about New Years Eve and had some lovely activities based around fireworks. The children shared some of the things they did over Christmas and New Year which included some amazing celebrations!

As it has been super cold this month the children have loved exploring ice and the effects the weather has on it. They explored some of the large puddles that had frozen over on the field and looked at the frozen water in the garden too. We extended their interest of ice into inside, setting up trays with frozen flowers inside ice that they had to crack to retrieve, along with making our own icicles and exploring "ice" colours - of course this included conversations around Elsa!

The children have really enjoyed learning about birds for the Big Bird Watch. They made their own bird feeders that they carefully placed at our new forest school area and took their binoculars that they made to see what birds they could find, checking them off in our bird book! The one we spotted the most was a little Robin Redbreast that likes to visit the garden in the mornings.

As it will be story telling week closer to the end of the month we have already started to explore and speak about our favourite books ready to have some fantastic activities available!

Aside from all of this the children have been really interested in different occupations! Please continue sending photos of yourselves or family members in either work outfits / what they wear to work as we would like to eventually create our own book!

We look forward to lots of celebrations in February to share with you!

The Bluebells Team

(2-3 years)

Lilies

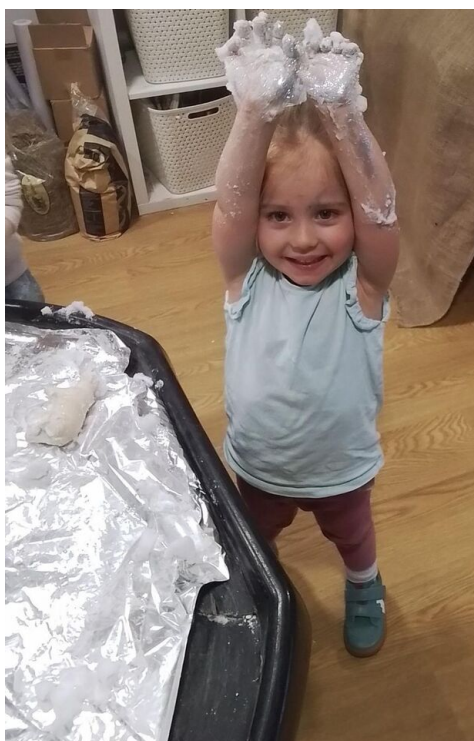
What a busy month Lilies have had during January! We welcomed the year by creating new year's fireworks painting pictures using forks.

It has been an icy start to the year and Lilies loved exploring the icy puddles over the field, listening to it crunch beneath their wellies. As well as splashing in the puddles as they melted too!

They have had so much fun on walks lately, watching all the tractors and diggers. Lilies also enjoyed learning about other celebrations as we painted the Scottish flag and made white and blue paper chains. They also enjoyed a tuff tray of the Scottish flag in paint and used cut up toilet roll tubes to create fireworks in it as we spoke about Burns night!

Lastly it has been the beginning of story telling week that continues throughout the beginning of February and Lilies have made porridge inspired by the fairy-tale of Goldilocks. We explored a tuff tray inspired by The Princess and the Pea and even tasted the fruits from The very hungry caterpillar, which of course Lilies loved.

During February there are a few celebrations coming up which we are excited to explore with our Lilies. These include, world ukulele day, national hedgehog day, children's mental health week, Lunar (Chinese) new year, pancake day, valentines day, national nest box week, world hippo day, random acts of kindness day, international polar bear day. There is so much over the next month that Lilies will be partaking in activities around these days and celebrations! We are so excited to show you what we get up to throughout February.



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 enjoyed getting back into their Jo jingles and signing classes. As soon as they spotted Karen and Jo entering the room, Daisies ran over and helped lay out the red mats to sit on!

We have been out on some walks around the farm, wrapped up in blankets and exploring all the different things we can see this time of year. The children were curious as we found an icy leaf to explore the texture of.

The Daisies love story's and National story telling week has been lost of fun! We have explored story tuff trays, story themed walks out on the farm and story time with Jo Jingles.

This month we have tried many different sensory experiences to explore colours. We had a crazy foam and paint clingfilm table, exploring how mixing it together with movement would change its colouring. We have rolled cars down a ramp with paints and watched the colours mix together to make a different colour and even explored rainbow playdough.

Next month we are looking forward to continuing national story telling week activities to start February off. We will then look at our emotions and who is special to us for a valentines activity. There will be some fun Chinese new year activities and many more based around this months celebrations.

We also look forward to our stay and play session which will be held on Tuesday 13th February. This will be based around pancake day and valentines day



(3 -15 months)

Tulips

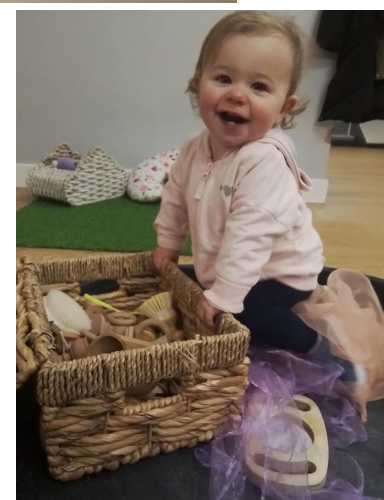
We have been very excited in Tulips to be back with our friends after the Christmas break, and what a great month we had.

We have enjoyed lots of arts and crafts as we love getting messy. We prefer using our hands for mark making but are getting very good at using resources such as sponges and rollers. We have been exploring different textures such as playdough and gloop which is always good fun too. We have been very excited for Jo Jingles and sat very patiently during the session. We love joining in with dancing and popping the bubbles.

We have enjoyed getting back outside in the garden, now with the weather becoming a little warmer. We love climbing on the soft play and building towers with the duplo blocks. We have also been for walks, wrapped up warm, visiting the park.

For national Story week we have been busy reading stories and using puppets was really funny too. We will be continuing this throughout February.

Next month we will be busy celebrating Chinese new year. We will be busy with Valentine arts and crafts and Pancake day is also around the corner.



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!



National storytelling week - 27th January until 4th February

A week for the promotion of the oral tradition of storytelling, the very first way of communicating life experiences and the creative imagination.

Children's mental health week - 5th- 11th Feb

A week to understand the importance of children and young peoples mental health. This is a week to help raise awareness and share access to mental health support.

This week we will be focusing on emotions within the rooms and expressing how we feel.

Chinese new year - 10th February

Chinese new year starts and we welcome the year of the Dragon. The children will be learning all about this celebration and creating some of their own Chinese Dragons.

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.

Pancake Day - 13th February

Pancake day/shrove Tuesday is the day before lent begins. Its a day where people use up all their fat and eggs by making pancakes.

The rooms will be creating pancake themed activities and eating some of their own yummy pancakes.

Valentines day - 14th February

The annual celebration of love and a day to tell others around you how much they mean to you. The children will be creating some cards and pictures to share with those they love.

Random act of kindness Day - 17th February

The annual celebration of love and a day to tell others around you how much they mean to you. The children will be creating some cards and pictures to share with those they love.

Thank you



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