

Astwick Newsletter

January 2024



Nursery Updates:

Throughout December-

- The rooms have enjoyed all the festive countdown activities
- Bluebells and Lilies sent letters off to Santa
- The elves in Bluebells got up to some cheeky things!
- We raised money on Christmas jumper day
- All the rooms had brilliant Christmas stay and play sessions with lots of lovely feedback.

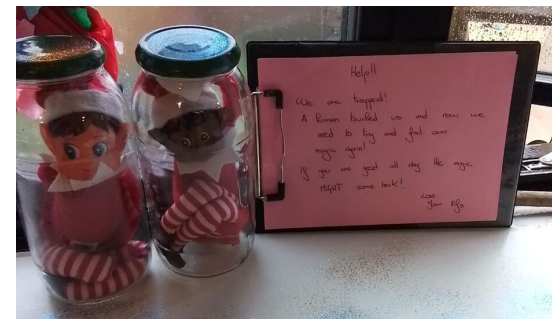
Throughout January-

- We look forward to welcoming you all back to the nursery after your Christmas break. We would love to see some photo's
- A little reminder that all birth certificates need to be in the children's folders by the end of January. Please email over a copy or bring them into nursery for us to photocopy
- We have posted our stay and play sessions for January. This will be Tulips and Lilies. Please see dates in events section of newsletter.

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 December the Bluebells have enjoyed carrying out lots of different activities related to Christmas!

We have enjoyed using the bow saw at forest school to cut out discs and use the drill to make holes, decorating them and hanging them on the Christmas tree. We have also been making wreaths and other natural resource Christmas decorations. Using lots of glitter and sparkles to decorate baubles and using our cutting skills to make hanging snowflakes.

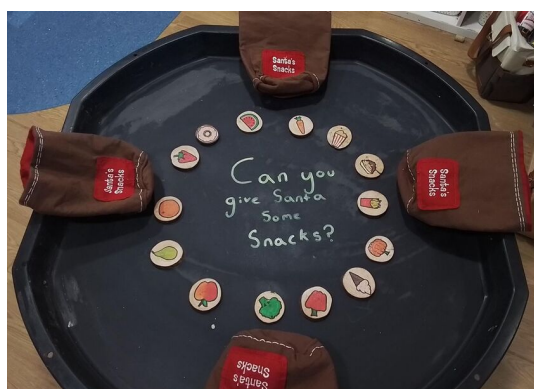
We have been exploring some scientific activities which have included watching the magic snow grow, testing what it feels like before and after. We have also been making our own snow globes, putting all the ingredients into jars and watching the glitter swirl round and round.

The children have been great with the Elves, Pickle and Floss, seeing what mischief and activities they have been getting up! They love to find them first thing in the morning and find out what they have been doing - we hope you have enjoyed seeing their photos each day!

We have also been practising singing some new Christmas songs such as When Santa Got Stuck Up The Chimney and Christmas Pudding. Along with the favourites of We Wish You A Merry Christmas.

We have been reintroducing letter of the week where a letter will be in and around different activities throughout the week. We will be speaking to the children about the sound and name of the letter during that activity. Keep an eye out in the New Year for more letter and numbers of the week.

We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!! Love the Bluebells Team!



(2-3 years)

Lilies

What a busy month of December Lilies have had. They have been enjoying all things Winter and Christmas too. Lilies have enjoyed a range of activities such as, hot chocolate making, gingerbread play dough recreations, adding tissue paper to make Christmas trees etc. Lilies have been on walks delivering their letters to Santa, as they went to visit the magical post box.

They told Santa what they wanted for Christmas and hopefully will receive a letter back. We have enjoyed making our Christmas crafts and hope you loved them too! We have sung all sort of Christmas songs and our favourites have been 'jingle bells' and 'when Santa got stuck up the chimney'. Lilies enjoyed a scavenger hunt too, in which Santa left us some gifts behind. We have had such a magical December.

During the new year of 2024 we are excited to explore reworks in which we may of seen and to talk about our special visit from Santa. Other celebrations during the month are; There is a big garden birdwatch in which on our walks Lilies can do bird watching, using binoculars to try and find them. As well as Burns night and story telling week too. We are excited to share our activities with you!

Merry Christmas and happy new year!



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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 festive activities during our Christmas countdown.

We have explored colours, textures and images related to Christmas. There has been many tuff trays like our melted snowman, which was gloop and accessories so they could remake a snowman.

We also had lots of fun with our room stay and play where the parents got to join in with making biscuits, singing and coloured playdough with Christmas cutters.

The children have also learnt about snow globes and explored the sensory side of what happens when you shake them. They then created their own snow globe pictures using handprints with Kriste.

We hope you all have a magical Christmas and we cant wait to see some pictures of all your celebrations.

In the new year we will be celebrating the following in the room:

Burns night, national story telling week and also going out on some farm walks to explore for garden bird watch week.

See you int 2024!!

(3 -15 months)

Tulips

We had a great month in Tulips 🌷, Of course it was all about Christmas 🎄

We have enjoyed lots of arts and crafts involving some great goodies and gifts to take home. We have been using different resources for mark making such as Christmas shaped sponges, Cutters and rollers.

We have also enjoyed exploring some great tuff trays. We had a candy cane shape in a tuff tray, made of oats. With this we used pots and pans for lling and emptying, practising our ne motor skills. We also had shredded paper and enjoyed looking for the hidden Christmas characters.

We have loved singing Christmas songs and we are getting really good at copying some actions. We loved using the musical instruments to create lots of sounds too. We had a really good time at our Christmas stay and play. Some of our parents joined for a play which was great fun.

Next month our celebrations will be:

Burns night

Big garden bird watch

National story week

Lots of great activities to look forward to. Can't wait to share them with you.



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.



New years day - 1st January

Happy new year everyone! We look forward to seeing you all back on the 2nd January 2024

Burns night - 25th January

A celebration of the birthday of Scotland's national poet Robert Burns, celebrated with a Burn's Night Supper which includes many traditional Scottish dishes and reading of Burns' poetry.

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.

Big garden birdwatch - 26th - 28th January

The worlds largest garden wildlife watch. Everyone around the world takes part in watching the different birds that come into their gardens and putting food out to help them through the winter time. We will be going out on walks around the farm to see what birds we can see!

Tulips stay and play - 24th January

Tulips stay and play is being held on the 24th January 2.30 until 3.30. Please make sure you have emailed the office to reserve your space if you are interested.

Lilies stay and play - 26th January

Lilies stay and play is being held on the 26th January 2.30 until 3.30. Please make sure you have emailed the office to reserve your space if you are interested.

Thank you



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