



August Update!

Buttercup

Buttercup have developed a keen interest in outdoor play. Through this we have explored the mud kitchen, sand area and water play outdoors. We have recently shown an enjoyment in water painting and how things feel e.g. mud, sand, water, grass etc. The children have shown some super transporting of these items using a variety of containers such as spades, cups, spoons and buckets. This has really helped the children develop their use of schemas, senses, gross and fine motor skills, hand eye coordination and spatial awareness. We will continue to promote these interests by visiting a variety of areas within the community to encourage the children to explore further ♥

Daisy

The ~~daisy~~ Daisy room have shown a great interest in colour week and also our food tasting activities. We have been ~~updated~~ updating and changing around our areas in the room to make it more cosy and inviting, using lots of natural colours and hessian. If you have any loose parts lying around the house you think we may be able to use, we would be more than happy for you to bring these in!

Snowdrop

The Snowdrop room have been showing an increasing interest in role play and caring for babies, we have been enjoying changing the babies clothes and have been learning about basic hygiene such as bathing and nappy changing. We are going to be learning about feeding babies and different types of milk and the weaning process.

Bluebell

The children in ~~bluebell~~ Bluebell have shown an interest in mini beasts and have been discussing different types of insects ~~and~~ they are coming across, we have also just had a cow statue put into the garden which has sparked conversations on what cows like to eat and how we look after different animals.

Bluebell have also been harvesting our own vegetables we have grown and really enjoyed with our snacks.

Staffing Update

We would like to congratulate Courtney on her successful appointment as room Senior for the Snowdrop Room. Courtney will be returning from maternity leave in August and will be working a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Sadly Lisa Gillan has made the tough decision to not return to her post as Deputy Nursery Manager here at the Almond Park Nursery, following her recent sabbatical. She has decided to take a career break and spend some time with her family.

Danielle and Karyn have been made permanent Deputy M~~an~~agers.

We would also like to welcome the following staff members to our nursery team:

Amy, Niamh, Kimberley, Louise, Kirstin, Leanne G, and Lucy.

Andi and Olivia have also joined the nursery to provide summer support.

COVID 19

To help us deliver a successful programme for our nursery community we would ask that all parents and carers continue to follow the COVID 19 regulations and follow those requirements to the letter.

It is essential that people do not attend a setting if symptomatic. Everyone who develops symptoms of COVID-19 must self-isolate straight away, stay at home and arrange a test via the appropriate method and follow all Test & Protect procedures.

You can end self-isolation as long as you:

- *are fully vaccinated – this means you've received 2 doses from the NHS and have had your second dose more than 14 days ago*
- *have received a negative PCR test result*
- *do not have, or develop, symptoms*

Following this process will help ensure the whole Almond Park extended family is kept as safe as possible whilst COVID 19 remains within our wider community.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September weekend: 17th term time children off

Children return Monday 20th September

August 2021

October Break: 18th October – 25th October term time children off

Children return 26th October

We hope you find this interesting and please do speak with a member of staff if you would like further details or if you would like to comment or make suggestions for future topics.