



## February Update!

### Buttercup

Over the February month we have been learning and exploring different cultures and food tasting during Chinese New Year. The children got to taste some different dishes such as chicken fried rice, noodles, curry sauce spring rolls and lots more yummy food. We have also just explored Valentine's Day where the children have done some arts, crafts and creating. We have also made valentines cards, explored some sensory play which involved valentines play-dough, water tray and much more. We are moving onto exploring languages. We are learning to say hello in a variety of languages to help with this we have placed cards all around the playroom so the children can see all the different ways you can say hello.

### Daisy

This month Daisy have been focusing on colours and we're looking at this in more detail next week, with Colour Week. The children really engaged with valentines activities and the food tasting for Chinese new year in the past few weeks.

Next month we will be continuing to explore the local parks, practising our gross motor skills. We will also be exploring Mother's Day and will be making some nice surprises!

We are really enjoying the songs 1 little finger, head shoulders knees and toes and 5 little ducks! Singing and doing the actions.

### Snowdrop

The snowdrop room have taken part in some Chinese new year celebrations and been learning about valentines day and doing lots of different valentines craft. The children in snowdrop have started to show a keen interest and talk about baby animals. We are going to learn about Spring time and Easter. We will be talking about how people celebrate Easter and learn about the animals and their babies. We will also be looking at Spring flowers and how flowers grow and bloom.

### Bluebell

Bluebell room have been looking at all the different events that have happened throughout the year so far such as Burn's Night, Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day. While looking at these we dived into the history and looked at why we celebrate these days and also done some food tasting! We also explored thoughts and emotions when looking at Valentine's day and then carried this on to explore what makes us feel the way we do.

We have now started looking at the weather as the children have been very interested in how the sky is going from light to dark and we have been discussing the storms that the UK has been facing and how this makes the children feel. As a gentle reminder could we please ensure the children are coming in wearing appropriate clothes which are labelled as Bluebell like to spend a lot of time in the garden.

### Staffing Update

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Nicole from our Daisy Room and Daniel and Alannah from our Bluebell Room in March. Daniel, Alannah and Nicole are moving on to pastures new at different local authority settings and we would like to wish them all the very best.

We will be welcoming Hollie, Laura and Paige to the nursery team in March.

Leanne G will be moving to our Daisy room in March and Louise M will be moving to the Bluebell room.

### COVID 19

Almond Park Nursery requires all close contacts this includes children and staff to take daily LFT test for 7 days. These must be taken before attending the nursery day and confirmation of the result sent to the nursery and registered on the SCOTGOV website. This will help to protect the service provision other service users, staff and extended families. This only applies to children who have been identified as a close contact or where there is a positive Covid case in the household.

Please continue to adhere to our preventative measures in place at the nursery. Please use the hand sanitiser available, wear a face covering at drop off and pick up and keep a 2 metre distance.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term time children off 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2022

February 2022

**Nursery closed to all children Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and Easter Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

*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.*