

# Almond Park Nursery: January 2023 Bulletin



Hello parents and carers, happy new year!

## Buttercup



Buttercup have been exploring Chinese New Year and Burns' Night. We have been looking at these traditions and how these are celebrated. This has been helping us to learn about the wider world around us. We enjoyed a lovely Burns' supper which helped us explore our senses and new tastes. We had lots of funny faces when trying our haggis and veggie haggis! We have also been working on our gross motor development through lots of visits to the garden and local walks to the park!

## Daisy



Daisy room has been having lots of fun this month meeting our new children and new staff and settling them into the room. We have also enjoyed telling all our stories from over the Christmas break!

We have been exploring the weather in the garden and seeing how cold the ice we found was.

Next month we will be continuing our mark making skills with various activities and working on developing speech through songs, stories and chatting to our friends and teachers!

## Snowdrop



The Snowdrop room have been celebrating lots of different events in the room as well as taking part in fun activities. We celebrated Chinese New Year by having discussions about this and we had also done lots of arts and crafts. We made lanterns for the window in Snowdrop corridor.

We also celebrated Burns' Night in the Snowdrop room by doing lots of different activities. We made tartan pictures, listened to poems and had some haggis, neeps and tatties for our snack one afternoon.

For February, Snowdrop are going to focus on colours and numbers. We are also going to look at our feelings and chat about these through discussions and games. We will also be celebrating pancake day at nursery by having some pancakes and different activities. Snowdrop will also be celebrating Valentine's Day through activities.

## Bluebell



In Bluebell room, we have been learning some Scottish songs for Burns' night and tasting haggis, talking about Chinese New Year, learning the animals in the Chinese zodiac and tasting some Chinese food. We have been encouraging children to talk about personal news during group time. We've also been building with 3D shapes and creating lots of models with them. They have also joined in on preparing snack for their friends.

In February, we will be discussing Valentine's Day and showing our love to everyone. We will also be celebrating Shrove Tuesday.

## **Important updates**

Some of our gates are going to be replaced within the next fortnight.

Kirsty, a practitioner in Snowdrop, left us to take up an opportunity to expand her knowledge in a local authority setting. She stated that she enjoyed her time here and loved being involved in the lives of the key children she has had. We are wishing her nothing but the best going forward.

Joy, our kitchen assistant, left us on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January to pursue a career in another sector.

Aaliyah Morris joined us on the 30th of January in the Daisy room as a modern apprentice.

Emma Neil will be joining us as a modern apprentice in on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February.

Welcome to the team!

## **Changes in policies and important dates**

Gentle reminder of the upcoming February break for term-time children on the week commencing the 13<sup>th</sup> of February.

Yours faithfully,

The team at Almond Park Nursery