

Almond Park Nursery: June 2023 Bulletin



Hello parents and carers!

Buttercup



Buttercup has been exploring all things outdoors. We visited the bus station, Lewisvale park, lagoons, local parks, shops and the library. We have been learning about the world around us and how important it is to feel connected to our community. We made lots of friends along the way, like one of our favourite shop workers Tracy in the farm shop. We have also made friends with lots of the Lothian bus drivers who wave to us on their travels. We are learning to develop our cognitive development through creating strong connections within the community. We are also learning to develop our social and spatial awareness. Well done, Buttercups. We will continue to explore this interest going forward by visiting the beach, train station and more library trips.

Daisy



Daisy has been focusing on mini beasties, especially caterpillars. We have been looking at our colours as well. Next month, we are introducing "Book of the Month" and will be sending more information about this to you. We are continuing our local walks and exploring the community.

Snowdrop



This month in Snowdrop we welcomed some new friends and helped them settle into the room. We also celebrated Father's Day by making cards and then enjoyed plenty of the summer sunshine in the garden, watching the flowers grow and playing in the water tray. We have really focused on getting out and about in the community with lots of trips to the park, which will continue into July.

As well as this, we will be celebrating Children's Art Week in July, allowing children to express themselves across a range of media. We will have lots of opportunities to discuss Summer and travel during gather time. We have also been making room improvements with our recently updated story corner. This month, we will be focusing on updating the house corner, adding more literacy and numeracy to the area.

Bluebell



In Bluebell room, we are looking at Eid al-Adha as it's on the 28th of June, explaining to the children about different cultures. We are reading the book Mr. and Little Miss Happy Eid and the Most Exciting Eid. The children also helped to make shortbread in the shape of a star and moon and decorate them as these are symbolic of Eid. The children are also decorating cut-out hands for Mehndi design and making Eid cards and decorating stars and moons for bunting.

The children are all talking about where they are going on holiday with their family. Other children are talking about going to school and who is in their class.

Important Updates

Sophie Anderson, one of our modern apprentices in Bluebell, left us on the 30th of June. We wish her the best in everything she does going forward.

We will be welcoming Nicola Leishman, our new kitchen assistant, on the 3rd of July. She comes to us with experience in a housekeeping role at a care home.

Just a quick reminder that we have uniforms available to order. Please go to the following link and order some if you're interested: www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/almond-park-nursery-musselburgh.html

Changes in policies and important dates

We hope that all term-time children have a very pleasant Summer and come back with lots of stories to tell their friends! They are scheduled to attend again on Monday the 14th of August.

On the 10th of July we are hosting another parent forum meeting. Notes will be made available as soon as possible after.

As it's now Summer, the rooms will be making the most of the beautiful weather. As such, we would like to reiterate how crucial our sun care procedure is. Children should come to nursery with sun cream already on and over the course of the day, staff will reapply it a while before going outdoors and as necessary beyond that point. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in contact. This procedure is implemented yearly from the beginning of May/when the weather brightens to the end of September/whenever the weather cools off. More info about this can be found here: <https://app.family.co/#/account/posts/6e5c1820-9517-4f5d-8128-7176b56b6c62>

What's new?

Works within the rooms and the gardens are ongoing. You can expect photos when they get done.

Our Improvement Plan

Priority 3: to further develop the provision of loose parts.

As mentioned before, one of our priority areas is developing our loose parts play. We're working on it by adding different loose parts and heuristic items that will let the children use their imagination in their play. You can help us by keeping an eye out for posts stating what items we are looking for and dropping them off at reception.

Yours faithfully,

The team at Almond Park Nursery