

Almond Park Nursery: March 2023 Bulletin



Hello parents and carers!

Buttercup



Buttercup have been exploring all things spring through planting our lovely sunflowers, baking, Spring Fayre preparations. Buttercup have shown lots of great use of their schemas, gross & Fine motor skills and cognitive development. Well done, Buttercups!

We will go onto explore spring through a variety of local walks exploring wildlife, plants and animals. We will also continue to plan, make and create for our Spring Fayre

Daisy



In March, Daisy has been practicing our road safety skills on local walks and small trips to the library. We intend to continue our visits to the library in April. We have started to introduce Easter and Spring through different activities which will also be taken into April, with us looking for signs of Spring on our walks and discussing baby animals.

Babies have been a big focus for us, so we have been developing this area of the room with new resources to aid in our role play development. We are looking for parents to provide labelled indoor shoes. These can stay in the nursery and allow the children to be comfy and access soft play safely.

Snowdrop



We have been starting to look out for the signs of spring by going on local walks, looking for Spring animals and all the flowers blossoming. On our walks we have been focusing on road safety, looking out for danger and following the teachers' instructions. The children have loved doing spring arts and crafts, making flowers and different things related to spring using lots of different spring pastel colours to do so.

We have also been busy making cards and biscuits to show how much we appreciate our Mummy's and Parents.

Next month we will start introducing easter and have conversations about what easter is and why we celebrate easter. We will also be focusing on learning how to identify and learn our names through pictures or writing.

Bluebell



This month in Bluebell we have been doing lots over the past few weeks. We have been taking small groups of children to Edinburgh on a local bus. This trip is ongoing for some children that are still waiting to go. We took them to the Chamber Street Museum. At the museum, we saw lots of different things and interacted with some of the exhibits, such as the land and sea animal areas. We then went to see the area with planes, cars and bikes. The children were so happy to get out and explore the different areas of the museum.

We have also been speaking to the children about emotions, how to deal with our own emotions and recognise them in others. We have created a visual emotions board where children drew faces showing different emotions.

In the coming weeks and months, we hope to make regular visits to our local library. The children really enjoy story time at nursery, so this gives us access to a larger variety of stories while also letting us connect with our local community.

We have recently welcomed all parents back into the playroom and have had lots of positive feedback from parents, carers and staff.

Important Updates

Amy MacDonald, a practitioner in our Daisy room, has taken a job offer elsewhere and will be leaving us on the 28th of April. We wish her luck in her new position!

Julie Knight, a support worker in Daisy, will be ending her employment with us on the 11th of April.

Changes in policies and important dates

A quick reminder that from the 3rd of April to the 16th of April, all term time children will be off, and the nursery is non-operational for all children and staff on Friday the 7th of April and Monday the 10th of April.

The Spring Fayre has been scheduled for Saturday the 29th of April, and we have worked in tandem with the parent forum to provide a few things to do on the day. The Fayre will run from 10:30 am to 12 noon, and it is open to anyone who wants to come. 25% of the proceeds will be going towards the First Steps Community Project, which you can learn more about by visiting their website www.firststepmusselburgh.co.uk/home. The rest of the proceeds will be going towards the enhancements of our own gardens.

Activities and services on offer during the Spring Fayre include:

- Stalls which will host local businesses who will be advertising their wares.
- A bouncy castle
- Jenna, our dance class teacher, who will be hosting a session from 11:15 to 11:45
- Tables for Easter arts and crafts
- A tombola hosted by the parent forum
- Picture frames that the children will decorate.
- An Easter egg hunt
- J+J ices, who will park outside the nursery and sell ice cream.
- Tea and coffee, which will be sold alongside cakes.
- Sensory trays, which will be available throughout the nursery.
- Face painting.
- A drop-off space for a local food bank.

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

What's new?

As you will have been aware, we have been undergoing some refurbishment of the nursery, and we can happily say that both Buttercup and Daisy have been painted. They look a lot brighter than they were before. The next area to be painted will be the corridors.

We have also opened our new Bluebell Garden. The children have explored the area and have given their seal of approval. We look forward to seeing how this area develops for the children in Bluebell!

Yours faithfully,

The team at Almond Park Nursery

P.S.: We strive to achieve the best for your child, and one of the ways we can achieve this is through listening to and actioning feedback, both positive and negative, where we can. If there are any issues, we would rather we in management knew as soon as possible so that we can enhance our service.