

Almond Park Nursery: November Update



Hello parents and carers!

It's coming up to the end of the year, and we would like to share the experiences we've had in November with you all!

Buttercup



Buttercup have been exploring a variety of special occasions such as birthdays, Halloween, firework night and much more. The children are learning to be creative and express themselves and their thoughts on these occasions through the use of marks using a variety of media. Buttercup have also shown a keen interest in outdoor play and exploring supporting us in developing our gross motor skills. We have also been exploring our wider world outdoors especially in and about our local community. Well done, Buttercups!

Over the December month we will continue to explore special occasions and how people choose to celebrate going into the new year. We will also be out in the local community observing all the lovely lights for Christmas!

Daisy



Over the month of November, Daisy have been starting to look at the weather, talking about what we need to wear outside. We have had lots of conversations about fireworks and been doing artwork to reflect this. We have been on a few Autumn walks, collecting different materials to explore too.

Over December we are going to start discussing Winter, and what we might start to see outside. We have lots of Christmas activities planned and will have lots of festive songs playing very soon!

Snowdrop



We have loved learning about fireworks, colours and shapes throughout November!

In December, we are going to be busy decorating our room, working on our letters and name recognition by adding a post box to our writing table with envelopes and stamps, and letters to Santa. We will have a huge variety of crafts including painting, drawing, gluing and messy play, all of which will be Christmas related, and we will have our parties planned with lots of games. We will also be working on our independence, putting on our socks and shoes by ourselves, as well as working on numbers and turn taking.

Bluebell



Through November, the children were busy learning about road safety while going out on walks, learning to cross the road safely and identifying and discussing all the signs we had seen. We have also been learning Scottish songs for St. Andrew's Day, and will be visiting some local monuments and statues to learn about Scottish history.

Next month, we will be busy doing lots of Christmas activities and getting into the Christmas spirit!

Important updates

Katy Gilfillan started her employment with us on the 21st of November. She joins us as someone with prior experience in childcare and enthusiasm for it.

Megan Wood started her employment with us on the 28th of November as a modern apprentice. She joins us as someone with great communication skills and a drive to learn how the nursery rooms operate.

Welcome to the team!

Louise, a practitioner in Bluebell, left the nursery on the 16th of November to take employment elsewhere. We hope that she enjoys her new position!

Mya, a practitioner in Daisy, left us on the 25th of November to gain more knowledge and experience in different settings since qualifying.

Paige, a modern apprentice in Snowdrop, left us on the 7th of November for health reasons.

Jaime, a support worker in Daisy, finished her employment with us unexpectedly due to personal medical issues. We wish her well!

Changes in policies and important dates

Term-time children will start their Christmas break on Wednesday the 21st of December, with their last day of attendance being Tuesday the 20th of December, and the nursery will be closed for all children on Friday the 23rd of December, with their last day of attendance being Thursday the 22nd of December. We are looking forward to finding out what the children did over the holidays and sharing stories!

On Monday the 5th at 6pm, a Parent Forum meeting is going to be held, so if there is anything you would like discussed in it, please contact your parent forum representative. These are:

- Liz Wright (Bluebell)
- Brigid Wilson (Snowdrop)
- Cassie Hislop (Daisy)
- Lynda Hunter (Buttercup)

Our staff will be having a Christmas party on the week beginning the 12th of December. There will be parties held throughout this week for the children with lots of games and activities. Each child will also receive a gift from Santa.

We would like to give a little reminder that as the days get colder, children should be coming into nursery in weather-appropriate clothes.

Yours faithfully,

The team at Almond Park Nursery