

Almond Park Nursery: October Update



Hello parents and carers!

Your children have enjoyed a fun-filled spooky month and we would like to share it all with you!

Buttercup



This month, Buttercup have been exploring lots of Autumn and natural sensory play. We have been going out on nature walks to collect our own autumn resources to create some artwork. We have especially enjoyed the story books in Buttercup, expanding our literacy and language development.

In November, We have got lots of fun planned. We are going to learn about firework night and make our own firework artwork!

Daisy



Over the past few weeks in Daisy room, we have been focusing on Autumn, going on local walks and picking up items to explore at a later date, this has brought us into discussing colours, naming and matching them. We have also continued to have dinosaurs to explore in the room.

Recently we have been working with our older children to prepare them for their move to Snowdrop, gaining independence with little jobs around the room. We also look forward to meeting and settling in new children over the coming weeks.

Over the next few weeks, we will focus on Halloween, discussing textures and how they feel, and will be looking at bonfire night and discussing the darker nights and the weather getting colder, along with what clothes we need to wear.

Some of our favourite songs just now are: Wheels on the bus, A slippery fish and Sleeping bunnies.

Snowbell



We in the Snowbell room have had a month packed with fun activities and lots of learning. We've been working on Autumn-themed crafts, learning about animals associated with Autumn, leaf printing, printing trees using cotton buds, pumpkin gluing, building a secret garden den in our shed and some spooky craft activities. The areas in the room have had Autumnal decorations incorporated into them, for example adding leaves, acorns and conkers into the playdough area for different textures.

Our Snowbell children have also been enjoying Halloween through decorating our room, themed messy play, coloured spaghetti and spider web problem solving. Face painting and dressing up have also been on offer. While learning about Halloween, we have been looking at festivals other cultures celebrate, with a focus on Diwali, the festival of light.

In November, we plan to talk about different festivals and events, their celebration, fireworks and firework safety, colours and shapes, as well as taking part in some Wintery activities. As the clocks are changing and the weather with it, we will also be talking about how to stay warm by layering up with hats, gloves, scarves and jackets. We would like you all to take this on board too and send your child into nursery in weather-appropriate clothes (with preference for waterproof clothing.)

Important updates

As you all should hopefully know, Snowbell will be splitting back up on the 31st of this month and alongside this there will be a shuffle in staff placement within the nursery. You will have been contacted about this if your child is affected. Please message us if you still have questions about it all.

Recently, Mya from our Daisy room completed her qualification and has become a practitioner. Congratulations!

Due to personal reasons, our modern apprentice Paige will be ending her employment here on the 7th November. We wish her well in her future.

Louise McLean, one of our Snowbell practitioners, has taken up a post with another nursery in search of new challenges and will be ending her employment with us on the 16th of November. We wish her luck in her new position!

Our Bluebell room has enjoyed the thought of a new garden for the children to explore in. The dead trees that covered a huge deal of the space just in front of the car park at the side of the nursery have been cut down and removed, making the space almost unrecognisable. We can't wait to see how the space looks when it's able to be used!

We are happy to be welcoming Jaime McDonald to our team in the Daisy room as a support worker. She joins us with prior experience in an after-school club and a great enthusiasm for nursery childcare.

Changes in policies and important dates

As you are all aware, we have created a withdrawal procedure in line with our parent charter. This was implemented on the 12th of October and will be enforced indefinitely.

Yours faithfully,

The team at Almond Park Nursery