

Riverside Childcare Ltd

Newsletter - Bluebells

Summer 23 Learning Experiences



Health & Wellbeing

We have been....

- Responsible citizens as we learn how to care for the environment by reducing, reusing and recycling. We Spoke about the affects our waste has on the ocean by cleaning the 'dirty ocean' and identifying what items go in each bin.
- Building positive relationships with our peers and enhanced our physical skills while splashing around in the paddling pool.
- Spending time outdoors playing in the mud kitchen using items such as mud, water, leaves and sticks. Access to mud kitchens promote good mental & physical health and allows curiosity, exploration and experimentation in an open ended way.
- Learning about healthy food as we participated in a summer fruit tasting experience and discussed where each type of fruit comes from.

Numeracy and Literacy

We have been;

- Participating in a range of experiences related to our Summer focus; Transport. We explored various methods of transport we may use to go on holiday and enhanced our numeracy skills as we spoke about how many wheels, wings, windows etc each vehicle had and compared sizes.
- Developing our literacy skills while exploring what a travel brochure is and created our own passport for our travels.
- Enhancing our language skills as we learned new songs about cars, boats, trains, buses and aeroplanes.
- Using our problem solving and fine motor movements to sort and organise the coloured pom-poms into the correct posting tubes.

We are going to...

- Participate in a variety of experiences for Maths Week including '5 Little Speckled Frogs' and investigating shapes.

Creativity, Enquiry and Curiosity

We have been;

- Enhancing our imagination as we became Palaeontologists and used our fine motor movements to dig for dinosaur fossils.
- Learning about the importance of bees for the environment and created our own beehive using bamboo rings and playdough and made our own bees with rolling pin paintings.
- Designing a train using various sized boxes and paint. Participating in painting experiences fosters creative growth, strengthen memory, builds positive problem solving and motor skills, provides stress relief and nurtures emotional growth.
- Developing our imagination and roleplay skills while pretending to be dentists.

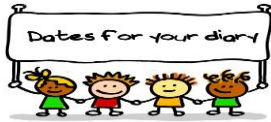
Care Inspectorate: Keeping Children Safe: Supporting Transitions in Early Learning and Childcare (ELC)

In early learning and childcare, transition is understood to mean a time of change for children. From the earliest years, children experience daily and major transitions as their environments, routines, expectations and relationships change.

For most children, transitions are a source of excitement and opportunity. However for some transitions can be a time of anxiety.

It is our role at Riverside to provide a safe, nurturing, and supportive care environment which ensures that the we respond to children's individual needs and reflect on our practice.

Nursery Information



25/10/23- 31/10/23- Snowdrops, Buttercups & Bluebells Halloween dress up week
30/10/23- 3/11/23- Poppy Seeds & Poppies Halloween Dress up week.
7/11/23- Bluebells Autumn Treasure Bags to be returned deadline.
7/11/23 & 8/11/23- Poppies Parents Evening
22/11/23- Pre-School Nativity
28/11/23- 0-3 Parents evening
6/12/23- Poppies Christmas Outing
12/12/23- Buttercups Christmas Party
14/12/23- Bluebells Christmas Party
14/12/23- Poppies Christmas Party
18/12/23- Snowdrops Christmas Party
19/12/23- Poppy Seeds Christmas Party
22/12/23- Nursery closes 6pm for Christmas and reopens Monday 8th January

Monthly Awards for going over and above

June Awards

* Cheryl
* Jolly
* Ashleigh

August Awards

* Stacey * Leah
* David * Kirsty
* Carol
* Maureen



September Awards

* Stacey
* Noah
* Sarah



Committee Information

Charities & Events –

Fathers Day

The children from all rooms enhanced their creativity skills as they designed their own cards for the people they love and discussed why we were thankful to have them in our lives.

Pre- School Graduation

We would like to wish the Pre School children the best of luck in their new adventures of starting school. It has been a privilege to have been a part of each child's learning. Our staff team from Snowdrops through to the Poppies have wonderful memories of our graduates discovering, laughing, observing, playing, being nurtured, wondering, listening, investigating, having fun, showing resilience (..... We could go on) We wish them all Good Luck and we know they will thrive in their school environments. We can't wait for them to visit and share their stories about school 😊

Fairtrade

The Snowdrops participated in a 'Frozen Fairtrade Flower' experience which explores and expands children's creative choice and promotes an engagement with nature. The Snowdrops also created their own artwork using Fairtrade cotton buds and paint.

Eco/ Garden

The Snowdrops have been working on their fine motor development and hand eye co-ordination while learning how to reduce waste by re-using egg cartons and spice jars to create posting games.

As the weather is changing, the Bluebells have been learning how to care for the environment and wildlife by creating their own bird feeders, using recycled cardboard tubes to make these.

Poppies have been learning about the importance of recycling our waste properly into the correct bins and explored stories from Peppa Pig and Whales Tail to discover more.

Nursery Information

Some requests

Outdoor play

As the weather is becoming a lot colder, wet and windy can you please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear for garden play for all weather e.g. winter hat, wellies, warmer jacket, waterproofs, gloves etc. These should be in a named bag and remain in the nursery for all days within the week.

Spare Clothes

Please can you ensure that your child has a minimum of 2 full changes of clothes in their named bag, should you believe your child may need more than 2 changes please provide these. We no longer have any 'spare' clothes which children can borrow should this be required. **If your child does not have a change of clothing we will need to contact you in order to obtain clothing.**

Children's toys/comforters

To minimise risks and the chance of losing toys, children cannot bring toys from home, however we will still accept comforters. If a child has a blanket, then we ask that the parent provides a duplicate which remains in nursery or that a named plastic container/named plastic bag which can be fully sealed, is provided for this to be stored in when not in use. Please ensure that any personal comforters etc. are washed on a regular basis.

Drop off / collections

If there is someone at your child's room door already speaking to a staff member; please ensure you leave adequate space to allow for any private conversations. Should you wish to speak in private, please speak to the staff member and they can bring you into the reception area or alternatively contact the nursery to speak to a member of the team directly.

Family Photos

If your child attends a 0-3 year old room, please remember to bring in a family photo or alternatively email a family photo to admin@riversidechildcare.org.uk

Access via gates/ doors.

Can we please remind all families that under **NO** circumstances should the gates/ doors be held open for other parents/ carers, visitors etc as it is vital that they must know the code in order to gain access or be approved to enter the building by a staff member via the buzzer system. Please ensure the door is fully closed behind you when entering/ exiting.

Should you have to carry your child and their belongings when exiting, a staff member will assist you with the gate if required.

