

# Riverside Childcare Ltd

## Newsletter - Buttercups

### Summer 23 Learning Experiences



#### Health & Wellbeing

We have been....

- Participating in cosmic yoga developing our gross motor skills as we learned different ways we can move and stretch our body.
- Learning about healthy food as we made fruit smoothies. We spoke about the different fruit we used and where it comes from and learned about safety while cutting the fruit.
- Exploring different ways we can move our bodies as we used the animal dice to roll and then act out the animals movements.
- Following simple instructions as we made Gruffalo cakes.
- Learning how to care for living things while we nurtured the growth of our Sunflower.

We are going to...

- Learn about the changes happening around us as we explore Autumn.

#### Numeracy and Literacy

We have been;

- Enhancing our colour recognition with the baby shark pom-pom matching game.
- Learning new descriptive words such as; tall, fierce, grumpy, big, and scary while exploring our focus book 'Dear Zoo'. "There can be few things as powerful as regularly reading to a young child. It has astonishing benefits for children: comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness and fun" (National Literacy Trust, online)
- Developing our mark making skills while writing letters to the 'Zoo'.
- Learning about the sequence of events from the story of the 'Gruffalo' using the story spoons.
- Developing our awareness of numbers 1-5 as we participated in the ladybird number trail.

We are going to...

- Participate in maths week and nursery rhyme week with a range of experiences including 'Going on a bear hunt interactive story board.

#### Creativity, Enquiry and Curiosity

We have been;

- Curious learners as we explored the sea shells in the jelly and ice cream cones in the crazy soap.
- Developing our creativity as we used our imagination to create the different types of houses from the Gruffalo story.
- Using a variety of items to paint such as sand, ice and cars. Participating in painting experiences fosters creative growth, strengthen memory, builds positive problem solving and motor skills, provides stress relief and nurtures emotional growth.

We are going to...

- Use a range of autumn items such as pinecones, leaves, twigs etc to create our own artwork.

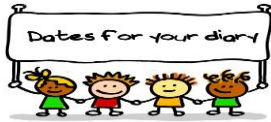
#### Care Inspectorate: Keeping Children Safe: Supporting Transitions in Early Learning and Childcare (ELC)

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

