

Riverside Childcare Ltd

Riverside Newsletter - Poppy Seeds

Childcare Summer 23 Learning Experiences

Health & Wellbeing

We have been....

- Showing an interest in roleplay, especially working in a kitchen and salon. We worked as a team to prepare and serve foods in the 'restaurant/ cafe' and had discussions about our favourite meals. We also revisited the hair washing experience helping to wash and dry Maureen's hair and learned about the importance of caring for our bodies.
- Learning about the importance of caring for living things by continuing to take care of our pet hamster Bruno. Each day we make sure Bruno has his vitamin, fresh water and food. We show compassion whilst including him in our play and develop our social skills whilst waiting our turn to hold/ pet Bruno.
- Developing the smaller garden and have explored what different weeds, flowers and berries have been growing.

Numeracy and Literacy

We have been;

- Exploring numeracy outdoors by using the chalk to write numbers on the fence and identify them with support.
- Developing our mark making skills while 'writing' letters to a fairy.
- Exploring the letters within our name and using alphabet cards to practice copying our initial/ name on the whiteboards.
- Following instructions and developing our gross motor skills while learning to play hop scotch both indoors and out. We enhanced our numeracy skills as we practised shouting out the numbers we hopped/ jumped onto.
- Creating a tuff tray relating to under the sea. We used tongs to catch the fish and were able to match the fish and count how many we caught.
- Developing our colour recognition as we used the compare bears to match each colour and discussed the various sizes putting in order from tallest to smallest.

Creativity, Enquiry and Curiosity

We have been;

- Developing our fine motor skills and learning how to stay safe whilst using scissors to follow the lines on the paper.
- Using our hands to explore the Gelli Baff and showed good problem solving skills when manipulating the insects out using spoons, spatulas etc.
- Exploring our awareness of our senses (sight, touch, smell, sound, taste) as we explored citrus water and fruit tasting. We showed curiosity whilst participating in these experiences and discussed the different tastes/ textures of the fruits. This activity resulted in lots of questions and some funny facial expressions from trying lemon.

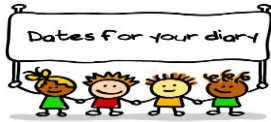
Care Inspectorate: Keeping Children Safe: Supporting Transitions in Early Learning and Childcare (ELC)

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.

