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Auckland House Day Nursery

Monthly Newsletter

February 2023

Message from the Management team

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We have had a very busy month in February with lots of different celebrations, activities and visits into our local community. Firstly, we celebrated children's mental health week. We carried out a range of activities to spoil our little ones that little bit more. This included mini foot spa's, yoga, relaxation sessions and movie days. Our children also enjoyed celebrating Valentine's Day, as they made their own cards, exploring Valentine's tuff trays. Furthermore, we have also celebrated Chinese New Year experiencing food tasting and exploring and engaging in a range of activities and a variety of tuff trays related to this theme.

Thank you so much to parents who have increased the amount of information and observations of what your children are interested in and getting up to at home. Our children love seeing these pictures and it is supporting their speech and emotional well-being. These are also becoming more of a focus in our daily circle times.

Training continues to be a priority and we have monthly in-house training sessions. We are also continuing to recruit new apprentices to train alongside our qualified and experienced team members. Two of our middle leaders, Amy Mc and Kim have now enrolled on their level 5 Leadership and Management qualification, Lydia has enrolled on her level 3 and our newly recruited apprentices have been enrolled on their level 3 qualifications.

Looking forward to our new month that is packed with exciting events and celebrations. We have lots to enjoy and celebrate this month mother's day, St Patrick's day, St David's day and much more! We also look forward to meeting with you all in our upcoming Parents Evening.

Once again, thanks for your ongoing support.

Auckland Management Team

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My name is Naailia Peacock. I am an Early Years Apprentice in Daisy room. I have a degree in Applied Psychology and a passion for working with children. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I also enjoy reading and like to go out for meals.

Important messages

- St David's day Mon 2nd March
- World book day 2rd March
- Mother's Day activities w/c 13th/ March
- Comic Relief Fri 17th March (Dress in red, spots or green)
- St Patricks Day 17th March
- Holi festival of colour Wed 8th March
- Parents evening Tuesday 14th March – Wednesday 15th March

Buttercups

Over the last few weeks, we have been reading one love and singing Leo the lion. For one love we let the children decorate their own love hearts using tissue paper and paint, we also let the decorate their own love heart cookies and used pink and red rice to create a tuff tray. For Leo the lion we created our own lions and crows using orange and yellow paper and also created our own little jungle. We have celebrated so !at events including Valentine's day, pancake Tuesday and mental health and wellness week.

Daisy

Daisy room have had so much fun, our story was the biggest kiss. We learned about different animals through this book and decorated our own animals in a variety of different ways such as painting, gluing and sticking etc. Our song of the month was I love you, we made hearts and spoke about people we love.

We celebrated valentine's day by making cards for people we love and wewdibv red or pink. We had lots of fun on pancake day making our own pancakes and getting very messy. We also loved tasting our own pancakes. For children's mental health week we done lots of lovely activities such as baby yoga, looking in the mirror and drawing ourselves as we looked at different emotions. We also all wore our pyjamas and had a spa day, the children loved having a foot soak, hand massage etc.

Bluebell

We have had such a wonderful time in Bluebell room this month! We have enjoyed celebrating Valentine's day and Pancake Day together and created beautiful cards for our loved ones, as well as decorated our own pancake plates! We have had lots of fun exploring different textures and playing role play games in our kitchen. We have seen some new friends join our room and we are so proud of how well they are settling in. We have also been enjoying the garden more as the weather has improved and we can't wait for all the fun we will have out there in Spring!

We also said goodbye to our lovely key person Yasmin this month! We will all miss her so much but we can't wait to see where the world takes her!

Snowdrop

This month in daffodil we have had trips to the park and trip to the museum. We had so much fun. We especially liked seeing the animals in the museum. Our song of the month was baa baa wooly sheep where we created sheep using paper plates and cotton wool. We also created sheep's using a sponge. We liked using Cereal to make animal tuff spot tray. They would make animal noises. Our story of the month was Elmer. We were speaking about colours and questioning children. We made Elmer out of paint and tissue paper.

Sunflower

This month Sunflower room has had lots of fun. Our story of the month has been 'The Gruffalo' and we have explored lots of fun filled activities such as going on a gruffalo hunt in the garden, gluing and sticking our own versions of the gruffalo, painting our own Gruffalo's Cave and even getting involved in a baking activity where we used lots of skills to create our own Gruffalo Crumble! Our song of the month has been 'Leo The Lion' and we have enjoyed exploring animal tuff trays, creating our own lions and crowns and learning the words to the rhyme. We have celebrated Valentine's Day where we explored different textures and materials to create pictures and cards for our loved ones and we celebrated pancake day and had some yummy pancakes.

Daffodil

This month in daffodil room we have celebrated lots of our friend's birthdays and have participated in lots of dancing, singing and partying. Also, we have celebrated holidays such as valentine's day which encourage us to be creative and spread love around by hugging our friends and making cards for the family we love at home. In addition, we also celebrated pancake Tuesday where we decorated our own pancakes. We have enjoyed lots of different activities at nursery this month including: messy tuff trays, painting with dinosaurs, making cakes and lots of visits to Sefton Park. Our song and story of the month has been 'topsy and Tim go to the zoo' and 'once I caught a fish alive' which we have engaged in a range of materials and resources to create craft pieces for our displays whilst having many activities to learn our animals and numbers. We have really enjoyed learning about our shapes this month and can identify so many of them.

Tulip

We have focused our story on shaggy doggy and the terrible itch the children have enjoyed making the dog by gluing and sticking different shades of brown string onto paper and adding the googly eyes our song was sleeping bunnies the children would act it out and made their own bunnies using different art materials we have celebrated Valentine's day where the children made cards for parents also we have celebrated burns night and we did some things for mental health week we were asking how everyone was feeling we drew some pictures. The children have enjoyed being outside in the garden. now the weather is changing We have enjoyed trips to the park we have been trying lots of different recipes we made fruit kebabs, gruffalo crumble, rice crisps treats, dough balls



Cooked by our
Chef Claire

Recipe of the month – Homemade Vegetable

Soup Method

Ingredients

- calorie controlled cooking oil spray
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 2 celery sticks, trimmed and thinly sliced
- 2 medium carrots or 2 yellow peppers, cut into 2cm/1in chunks
- 400g/14oz tin chopped tomatoes
- 1 vegetable stock

1. Spray a large non-stick saucepan with oil and cook the onion, garlic, celery and carrots or peppers gently for 10 minutes, stirring regularly until softened.
2. Add 750ml/26fl oz water and the chopped tomatoes. Crumble over the stock cube and stir in the dried herbs. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat to a simmer and cook for 20 minutes.
3. Season the soup with salt and pepper and add the spring greens and butterbeans. Return to a gentle simmer and cook for a further 3-4 minutes or until the greens are softened. Season to taste and serve in deep bowls.

Babysitting policy

We do not provide a babysitting service outside our normal operating hours. However, we understand that parents sometimes ask nursery staff to babysit for their children and this policy has been implemented to clarify some points regarding private arrangements between staff and parents. Please also refer to our Safeguarding Children Statement.

- The nursery is not responsible for any private arrangements or agreements that are made: such agreements are between the staff member and family. However, we do expect staff members to inform us if they are babysitting or caring for a child that attends the nursery outside of the setting.
- We require the staff member and parent to sign a copy of this policy, which we will keep on file for the child and staff member.
- We have rigorous recruitment and suitability processes in place to ensure that we employ competent and professional members of staff and uphold our duty to safeguard children whilst on our premises and in the care of our staff. This procedure includes interviews, references, full employment history and DBS checks as well as several other processes. Whilst in our employment all staff are subject to ongoing supervision, observation and assessment to ensure that standards of work and behaviour are maintained in accordance with our policies. We have no such control over the conduct of staff outside of their position of employment. Parents should make their own checks as to the suitability of a member of staff for babysitting.
- We will not take responsibility for any health and safety issues, conduct, grievances or any other claims arising out of the staff member's private arrangements outside of nursery hours. The member of staff will not be covered by the nursery's insurance whilst babysitting as a private arrangement.
- Out-of-hours work arrangements MUST NOT interfere with the staff member's employment at the nursery.
- All staff are bound by contract of the Confidentiality Policy and Data Protection Act that they are unable to discuss any issues regarding the nursery, other staff members, parents or other children.
- The nursery has a duty of care to safeguard all children attending the setting, so if a staff member has some concerns for a child following a private babysitting type arrangement they need to pass these concerns on to the Safeguarding lead within the setting.
- It will be the staff member's responsibility to ensure they have the appropriate insurance, MOT and child restraints or child safety seats if they are transporting them in a car.



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