



Message from the Management team

We hope you all had lovely Easter break and we have enjoyed welcoming all our children back for the new term. Our redevelopment of the nursery has taken place this month, as some of you may have noticed our nursery office has now moved and we have a new improved large Daisy Room, we would like to thank you all for your understanding and patience across the two weeks of the development with drop offs and pickups changed and children being situated in different rooms to allow the building work to take place. Now our Daisy and Bluebell rooms have merged into Daisy room and the children are loving exploring their new room.

This month we have carried out a wide range of celebrations such as St Georges day. Children enjoyed a range of activities, including making crowns, flags and dragons. The summer weather is slowly approaching giving greater opportunities to learn in the outdoors. With this in mind, please ensure your child has sun cream and a sun hat in their bags. Also this month we are continuing with our recruitment process we would like to welcome on board Whitney and Joshua who are our new apprentices to the team, also we have welcomed new bank staff who are Erin and Rabia, we are looking to recruit more qualified staff for Daisy room and more Lunch time covers to help with the team.

Again we would like to thank you all for your continued support and understanding, we hope you all enjoy our extra bank holiday weekends this month and keep our fingers crossed for the sunshine.

Auckland House Management Team

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I have joined Auckland House Team in June 2022 I have BA Hons in Early years. I am enjoying getting to know the staff and children. I am based in Tulip Room.

In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family and friends.

Important messages

- May Bank holidays 1st May / 8th May/ 29th May
- Deaf awareness week wc 1st May
- No pets to be brought into the building due to health and safety reasons.
- Could all children have sun hats and sun cream ready for the warm weather.

Buttercups

This month in buttercup room we have been reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and singing our song *5 little men in a gluing saucer*. The children have engaged in a variety of painting activities for the hungry caterpillar such as creating our own caterpillar, foods and butterfly. In addition, the children took part in different messy play activities such as Mark making with vegetables and paint and finding the hidden fruit in foam.

For our song we have decorated our own planets with a variety of materials, the children enjoyed gluing and sticking to decorate their own flying saucers and creating their own galaxy sensory bags with paints and glitter.

As a room we enjoyed celebrating different events and celebrations such as Ramadan, Easter and St George's day. The children enjoyed engaging in Mark making Ramadan pictures, exploring an Easter textured tuff tray and decorating their own flags for St_George's day!

Daisy

We have had such a lovely month in Daisy room this month. Our song was *sleeping bunnies*. The children loved using a variety of different creative tools and materials to decorate their own bunnies. We sang the song and copied the actions.

Our story was *that's not my chick*, the children really enjoyed this book and love listening to it being read and feeling the different textures. The children loved making their own chicks using different textures and mark making tools. We have been exploring our new room this week and have loved playing with our new recourses.

We have enjoyed lots of trips to the park and playing in the garden. We have also enjoyed exploring our new big room with our friends and lots of trips to the park.

Daffodil

This month in snowdrop room we had celebrated eid. The children had fun looking for chocolate coins around the garden. One of our parents also brought cakes and a little gift bag for the children, which was very thoughtful and the children loved them! We have also celebrated St George day where we made some flags. As the weather is getting nicer we will be spending more time in the garden and enjoying our outdoor equipment.

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Snowdrop

This month Charlie and Emily have joined Daffodil room, our song and story this month was *"once I caught a fish alive"* and *"Harry and his bucketful of dinosaurs"*.

We have decorated our own dinosaurs, made buckets and also been involved in lots of dinosaur themed tuff trays. For our song we have done water play, painted and glued our own fish, explored lots of mark making activities and made jelly fish we have had lots of fun.

We celebrated Easter by making our own chicks and decorating our own egg pictures. Also this month we explored Earth day and we had lots of fun painting our own earth developing our knowledge of colours

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Sunflower

This month in sunflower room we have been reading "the very hungry caterpillar" . The children have enjoyed listening to the story at circle time. The children have engaged in a variety of different activities with different resources. The children have had lots of fun doing a caterpillar tuff tray with objects from the story, caterpillar puzzle, gluing and sticking caterpillar food, leafs, painting caterpillars, butterflies and making our own cocoon!. We have also enjoyed lots of trips to the park with our friends, we loved playing on the slide and swings and had so much fun. We also enjoyed spotting the ducks and enjoyed counting and watching them play.

Tulip

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- , plus a little for the dish
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- half quantity of our tomato sauce (see the recipe), or 800g passata
- 200ml hot beef stock
- a little grated nutmeg
- 300g pack fresh lasagne sheets
- half quantity of our white sauce (see the recipe), or 520g ready-made sauce
- 125g ball mozzarella, torn into thin strips

Recipe of the month – Homemade Lasagne

Method

10. To make the meat sauce, heat 2 tbsp olive oil in a frying pan and cook 750g lean beef mince in two batches for about 10 mins until browned all over.
11. Finely chop 4 slices of prosciutto from a 90g pack, then stir through the meat mixture.
12. Pour over 800g passata or half our basic tomato sauce recipe and 200ml hot beef stock. Add a little grated nutmeg, then season.
13. Bring up to the boil, then simmer for 30 mins until the sauce looks rich.
14. Heat oven to 180C/fan/160C/gas 4 and lightly oil an ovenproof dish (about 30 x 20cm).
15. Spoon one third of the meat sauce into the dish, then cover with some fresh lasagne sheets from a 300g pack. Drizzle over roughly 130g ready-made or homemade white sauce.
16. Repeat until you have 3 layers of pasta. Cover with the remaining 390g white sauce, making sure you can't see any pasta poking through.
17. Scatter 125g torn mozzarella over the top.
18. Arrange the rest of the prosciutto on top. Bake for 45 mins until the top is bubbling and lightly browned.

Sun care Policy

At Auckland House Day Nursery we are committed to ensuring that all children are fully protected from the dangers of too much sun/UV rays. Severe sunburn in childhood can lead to the development of malignant melanoma (the most dangerous type of skin cancer) in later life. We follow guidance from the weather and UV level reports and use the following procedures to keep children safe and healthy in the sun:

- Key persons will work with the parents of their key children to decide and agree on suitable precautions to protect children from burning, including those with more sensitive skin types and those that may be more tolerant to the sunshine, e.g. black and/or Asian.
- Children must have a clearly labelled sun hat which will be worn at all times whilst outside in sunny weather. This hat will be of legionnaires design (i.e. with an extended back and side to shield children's neck and ears from the sun) to provide additional protection
- Children must have their own labelled high factor sun cream with prior written consent for staff to apply. This enables children to have sun cream suitable for their own individual needs. Nursery provides branded sensitive sun cream factor 50+ for children who do not provide their own. Staff must be aware of the expiry date and discard sunscreen after this date.
- Parents are requested to supply light-weight cotton clothing for their children suitable for the sun, with long sleeves and long legs
- Children's safety and welfare in hot weather is the nursery's prime objective so staff will work closely with parents to ensure all appropriate cream and clothing is provided.
- Staff will make day-to-day decisions about the length of time spent outside depending on the strength of the sun and the hotter parts of the day.
- Children will always have sun cream applied before going outside in the hot weather and at frequent intervals during the day.
- Children are encouraged to drink cooled water more frequently throughout sunny or warm days, and this will be accessible both indoors and out
- Children are made aware of the need for sun hats, sun cream and the need to drink more fluids during their time in the sun
- Shade will be provided to ensure children are able to still go out in hot weather, cool down or escape the sun should they wish or need to.
- Records of the sun cream application will be recorded.
- Sun cream will be re-applied regularly throughout the day.
- If there are plans for children to be out for longer periods of time sun cream will be applied twice. 30 min before children go out and reapplied just before children go out.



Cooked by our
Chef Claire

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