



Message from the Management team

Welcome to this month's newsletter. Our children have carried out some lovely activities this month both indoors and outdoors. Our children have enjoyed some trips out in the close community and gained a greater understanding of the world in which they live.

This month we have celebrated lots of different events and festivals such as pride, children explore different colourful activities and began to recognise that we are all different and special in our own way. Father's day, children enjoyed creating their own Father's day cards for their dads/ guardians and anyone that is special to them. We also explored lots of royal themed activities to celebrate the king's birthday. The children explored a variety of different activities throughout the month and have spent a lot of time in the garden enjoying the lovely sunshine. They have enjoyed developing their fine motor skills through various mark making activities and also exploring different textures. There has been lots of dance and movement, children showing us their lovely dance moves and joining in with actions to songs.

As the weather is now reaching the hottest part of the year please ensure your child has their own suncream and hat with them to nursery. Also be mindful of clothes the children are wearing due to the heat.

We have been busy recruiting this month and have welcomed new bank staff to our staff team. We look forward to working alongside them and supporting them help children learn and develop.

Finally, we are looking forward to our summer fair Saturday 22nd July 2023, we hope you can all join us and am sure we will have lots of fun.

Thanks again for all your continued support we hope you have a lovely summer.
Auckland Management Team

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Hi my name is Laurie Dooley-Keating, I am an early years apprentice, I started Auckland house in October 2022 and I am based in Tulip Room.

In my spare time I like to spend time with my friends.

Important messages

- American independence day 4th July
- Eid-Al-Adha – W/C 24th July
- 20th July Family sports day afternoon for Sunflower and Tulip 2.30-3.30pm
- 10th July-14th July Children's art work week
- Summer Fair Saturday 22nd July 2023

Please remember to bring nappies and wipes daily and also to ensure your child has a sun hat and sun cream.

Buttercups

It has been a joyful June in Buttercup!

This month our activities have been inspired by the story 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We have had a tea party, enjoyed lots of pretend cooking tuff trays and even got creative with paint, mark making with toy tigers.

Our song of the month has been 'Tiny Tim Turtle', we have explored lots of textures and colours through ocean themed tuff trays and ventured into the garden for lots of water play fun!

We have celebrated both Father's day - making cards for all our daddy's and pride month - playing in rainbow coloured tuff trays.

Daisy

We have had so much fun in Daisy room this month, we chose Mr tiger as our book. The children loved using a variety of different creative tools to make their own animals and we also done an animal hunt in the garden.

The song was 5 little men, the children used recycled materials to make their own rockets and flying saucers.

We have loved playing out in the nice weather with lots of water play and visits to the 'beach'. We have also explored lots of exciting sensory activities for Father's Day and enjoyed lots of trips to the park.

Also this month we celebrated Eid and have enjoyed exploring lots of creative and messy play activities.

Daffodil

This month in daffodil room, we have been focusing on numbers so we chose the song 5 little ducks to help the children with their numbers. We have done a range of different activities to support our song of the month, we have done water play with the ducks which the children loved to take part in, we made our own ducks using different yellow resources, we made some hills for the ducks and coloured in our numbers 1-5.

For our story we chose were going on a bear hunt, we done a bear hunt tuff tray using different textures and using the small world too, we also made bear bookmarks and made our own cave too.

We have been celebrating Father's day this month were we made cards for our daddies using our hand prints and have been celebrating pride where we made pride flags and done colour tuff trays.

Snowdrop

This month in snowdrop room our song was I am a little turtle. We have created a 3D turtles which was so much fun using recycled materials. We also made ocean for them to live in using glitter and blue tissue paper, it got very sticky. We have made water sensory bag using glitter and paint inside them. It been a very hot month so we also had lots of water play which linked in nicely to our song. We washed our ducks in water and also counted the ducks in water.

Our story of the month was the runaway pea. This is a good book to read and we all listen so nicely. We tried different types of peas. We really liked mixing them all together and mushing them. We also tried different vegetables to see which ones we like. We also painted out own peas we talked about how peas are circles.

We had a special trip out this month to the museum. The children were amazing and done us all proud whilst being out. They had good listening ears and was able to explore out the pram being by Amy or lacey.

Sunflower

This month in sunflower room we have had lots of fun. We have celebrated Fathers day making pictures and cards for our daddy's. Also, as the weather has been getting warmer we have enjoyed lots of outing trips such as to the park, otterspool and the museum. This month our song of the month was "old McDonald" . We sang "old McDonald" regularly at circle time. We done a variety of activities such as making farms, sheep, cows, chickens, ducks and pigs. Also we had lots of animal tuff trays with lots of different resources and materials.

Tulip

This month we have had another fun filled month in Tulip! Our story of the month has been 'Peppa Pig's Camper Van' and we have enjoyed exploring a range of activities to support this. We have explored different materials to glue and stick, paint and draw our own Peppa Pig's and her family, make muddy puddles and create a camper van. We have enjoyed trips to the park to see if we could find muddy puddles along the way, we have made smores and roasted marshmallows to re-enact the 'camping' theme. Our song of the half term has been 'Five Little Men In A Flying Saucer' and we have enjoyed exploring materials to create our own flying saucers, aliens, spaceships and space pictures. Some of us even enjoyed a trip to the museum over half term to explore the space floor! We have focused on the theme of 'Summer' this month and created some different things to link in such as sunshine and beach pictures! We have also introduced a new friend into our room 'George Pig' who will be going home with a child for the weekend every week and getting up to lots of adventures!



Infection control policy

At Auckland House Day Nursery, we promote the good health of all children attending through maintaining high hygiene standards and reducing the chances of infection being spread

We follow the guidance below to prevent a virus or infection from moving around the nursery. Our staff:

- Encourage all children to use tissues when coughing and sneezing to catch germs
- Ensure all tissues are disposed of in a hygienic way and all children and staff wash their hands once the tissue is disposed of
- Develop children's understanding of the above and the need for good hygiene procedures in helping them to stay healthy
- Wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when changing nappies, toileting children and dealing with any other bodily fluids. Staff are requested to dispose of these in the appropriate manner and wash hands immediately
- Clean and sterilise all potties and changing mats before and after each use
- Clean toilets at least daily and check them throughout the day
- Remind children to wash their hands before eating, after visiting the toilet, playing outside or being in contact with any animal and explain the reasons for this
- Clean all toys, equipment and resources on a regular basis by following a comprehensive cleaning rota and using antibacterial cleanser or through washing in the washing machine
- Wash or clean all equipment used by babies and toddlers as and when needed including when the children have placed it in their mouth
- Store dummies in individual hygienic dummy boxes labelled with the child's name to prevent cross-contamination with other children
- Store toothbrushes (where applicable) hygienically to prevent cross-contamination
- Immediately clean and sterilise (where necessary) any dummy or bottle that falls on the floor or is picked up by another child
- Provide labelled individual bedding for children that is not used by any other child and wash this at least once a week
- Ask parents and visitors to remove all outdoor footwear or use shoe covers when entering rooms where children may be crawling or sitting on the floor
- Where applicable wear specific indoor shoes or slippers whilst inside the rooms and make sure that children wear them as well
- Follow the sickness and illness policy when children are ill to prevent the spread of any infection in the nursery. Staff are also requested to stay at home if they are contagious.

Recipe of the month – Homemade Lasagne

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- , plus a little for the dish
- 750g lean beef mince
- 90g pack prosciutto
- 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

Method

1. 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.
2. Finely chop 4 slices of prosciutto from a 90g pack, then stir through the meat mixture.
3. Pour over 800g passata or half our basic tomato sauce recipe and 200ml hot beef stock. Add a little grated nutmeg, then season.
4. Bring up to the boil, then simmer for 30 mins until the sauce looks rich.
5. Heat oven to 180C/fan/160C/gas 4 and lightly oil an ovenproof dish (about 30 x 20cm).
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Scatter 125g torn mozzarella over the top.
9. Arrange the rest of the prosciutto on top. Bake for 45 mins until the top is bubbling and lightly browned.



Cooked by our
Chef Claire