

DAISY CHAIN DAY NURSERY

Newsletter February 2020 – Toddler Room

What have we been up to?

Last month the Toddler Room children were very busy doing lots of activities around their core story 'Elmer'. They collaged a large Elmer, made colourful playdough and Elmer mats, made some animal masks and did some Leopard finger painting.

What's next?

This month the children in the Toddler room will be focussing on lots of activities relating to the story: 'Dinosaurs loves underpants'. They will be involved in lots of activities such as; making dinosaur masks, dinosaur footprint painting, making salt dough fossils, making dinosaurs out of playdough and pasta and reading lots of dinosaur books!

Toddler room will also be making pancakes together on Shrove Tuesday!

What can you do at home?

- Make dinosaur masks at home together.
- Go to your local library and see if they have any dinosaur books you can borrow to read together at home.
- Make pancakes at home together 😊



Please don't forget to:

- Check tapestry regularly
- Post observations on tapestry from home
- Bring in coats, hats, wellies, and all in one suit if possible.

Happy Birthday to: Hifza & Dawn



**We hope you all have a lovely
birthday!**

We would like to welcome:

Jake

To the Pre-school Room

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 25th Feb, 10th & 24th March – Jo Jingles Sessions

Babies and Toddlers sessions: 9.15-9.45am

Pre-school sessions: 9.45-10.15am

Tuesday 11th February – Vivacity Library Bus to Visit Daisy Chain

World Book Day: Thursday 5th March

To support this event we are inviting all children to dress up as a book character for the day. We would also like all children to bring in their favourite story during the week commencing 2nd March when we will be holding regular story sessions where children can 'show and tell' their favourite story.

Sport Relief: Wednesday 11th March

For this event, everyone is invited to wear their favourite sports kit or come as their sporting hero or heroine for a £2 donation to Sport Relief. Through-out the day children will also take part in lots of sporty activities such as; egg and spoon races, making obstacle courses, playing musical statues, and much more!

Mothers Tea Party:

Sunday 22nd March is Mother's Day and we would like to invite all mothers and grandmothers to tea party on Wednesday 18th March at 4pm. Tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes will be provided and guests are welcome to stay and play after tea. Please let us know if you are able to join us. Also, if any one has any allergies or intolerances please let a member of staff know so we can ensure these are catered for on the day. If your child isn't in nursery this day you are both more than welcome to still join us!

Foods Around the World

In February we will be making and trying food from:

Italy



If you have any *Italian* recipes that you would like to share with us please see a member of staff.

Staffing News

We would like to Welcome Rebecca Archer to the Daisy Chain Team. Rebecca is due to start with us on Monday 17th February and will be working in the Pre-school Room alongside Becca and Chloe. Rebecca comes from a local nursery, and has had lots of experience in working in a variety of nurseries.

Christmas Opening Hours 2020

As mentioned in the last newsletter during the Christmas period we had very few children attending the nursery as most children have stayed off with their families during the Christmas period. I spoke to the owner of the nursery and we were looking to get parents opinions on whether parents would rather we closed during the 3 days between Christmas and New Year, and therefore parents wouldn't be paying for those days and the nursery would be open for 51 weeks of the year rather than 52. We have had a few parents reply to this, but would love to have a little bit more feedback from a few more parents before we can make a decision. Therefore, if you haven't spoke to me about it could you please either see myself (Sam) or Cristie, or email the nursery by Friday 21st February with your feedback on this please? Thank you.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th February is 'Safer Internet Day'. We have decided that as our children do lots of different session's we will be doing a 'Safer Internet Week' from the week of the 10th February 2020. We will be reading stories to the children about internet safety, and doing a few activities about staying safe online. If you would like more information on keeping your child safe online here are a few internet sites for more information and activities:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/article-internet-use-and-safety?>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer>



Safer Internet Day
2020 | Tuesday
11 February
Together for a better internet

Parking Reminder

Can we please remind parents to be courteous when parking outside the nursery, and making sure when parking please don't leave a space in front of you by ensuring that you park up to the nursery building when you can, thank you.

Policy Document Reminder

Each month we re-issue copies of policies from our policy and procedure document for parent's reference. This enables parents to review any changes or updates which may have been made. Please find attached a copy of our Equal Opportunities policy for your information.

Useful Information

Nursery Email: daisynursery@aol.com

Sam's Email: samdaisynursery@hotmail.co.uk

Facebook Page (Closed Group – Parents only):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/daisychaindaynursery/>

Facebook Page (Open Group):

<https://www.facebook.com/daisychaindaynursery12>

Website Page: <http://daisychain-daynursery.co.uk/>

Equal Opportunities Policy

At Daisy Chain Day Nursery we ensure that we remain unbiased and anti-discriminatory in our practice to ensure that every child is included and that *“all children irrespective of ethnicity, culture or religion, home language, family background, learning difficulties or disabilities, gender or ability should have the opportunity to experience a challenging and enjoyable programme of learning and development”* (The Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework 2008).

We promote equal opportunities by:

- Ensuring staff have full awareness of our policies in regards to equal opportunities through induction and training. On-going training re-enforces this.
- Ensuring anti discriminatory practice is dealt with immediately and effectively.
- Training staff to value and promote diversity and to be positive role models.
- Ensuring that in everyday practice all children are catered for equally and that each child has a genuine opportunity to participate.
- Actively recruiting staff from both sexes and with different cultural and lingual backgrounds.
- Ensuring a diverse provision of activities and celebrating events from all cultures.
- Promoting and valuing diversity and differences through resources such as posters, jigsaws, books, role play and small world toys. In addition providing activities which are non-stereotypical and ensuring that all children are encouraged and given the opportunity to participate regardless of gender, race, ability or culture.
- Encouraging children to value and respect others and diversity, creating an environment of mutual respect.

[We strive to continually monitor, review and evaluate the effectiveness of our practice to ensure the provision of inclusive care and education at all times.](#)