



Happy Days
Where Children Shine

Bradley Stoke - November 2017

Newsletter

Welcome to our newsletter

Welcome to our November newsletter!

We would like to thank everyone that attended our open day on Saturday 28th October. We were joined by Carol and her delightful guide dog Wilson who told the children all about how Wilson helps her to see. The children were able to learn all about how different people (and animals) help us on a day to day basis.



We are very excited to show you some of the new resources that we are investing around the nursery. From large resources that stimulate the children's gross motor skills to small world that will build the children's communication and language. Keep an eye on our Facebook page to see pictures of the children making the most of all the new resources.

Staff News:



We would like to say a massive congratulations to Megan our Explorers Supervisor who is expecting her first baby! Megan is due early February 2018 and is very excited to be starting a little family

of her own. We hope you will join us in sending your warmest wishes to Megan!

Please also join us in sending a huge congratulations to Becky from our Adventurers 1 room who has now had her baby! Ralphy Rowan Cross joined us on 20/09/2017, both mum and baby are home and extremely well! Congratulations Becky!

Employee of the month

Well done to Katie for winning October's employee of the month. Katie always does an amazing job to ensure the smooth running and safety of the explorers room when the supervisor is away.

Also congratulations to Alice and Lynn for winning Manager's Choice Employee of the Month. Alice has become a new practitioner since moving into the explorer's room and is blossoming in her new environment. The nursery would be lost without Lynn, she is always more than happy to help out around the nursery and is an asset to the team. Well done to Katie, Alice and Lynn!

Birthdays:

We have lots of birthdays to celebrate across the nursery this this month and they are :-

In Explorers we have Skyla who will be turning 2. In Adventurers we have

Amber who will be turning 3 and Zoe, Jouheyna, Joey and Eli who are all going to be turning 4!

Please join us in wishing everybody a big Happy Birthday!

New Families:

We have had a lot of new families' join us recently. Welcome to Olivia, Lewis and Fox into Explorers and Effie and Conan into Adventures.

Dates for the Diary:

Term Dates for 2017:

Just a gentle reminder that if your child attends on a **term-time only basis**

Term 2: Monday 30 October 2017 to Monday 18 December 2017

Term 3: Tuesday 2 January 2018 to Friday 9 February 2018

Term 4: Monday 19 February 2018 to Friday 23 March 2018

Term 5: Monday 9 April 2018 to Friday 25 May 2018

Term 6: Monday 4 June 2018 to Friday 20 July 2018

Children in Need



Friday 17th November we are taking part in the Pudsey Games to raise money for Children In Need.

All the staff and children are encouraged to wear something spotty to nursery that day. We will be holding our own 'Sports Day', baking cakes and lots more to make this day as fun filled as possible.

Lights, Camera, Action!

We are thrilled to announce that we will be joined by Geri from Debutots every Friday afternoon throughout November. Debutots is a unique blend of interactive storytelling and dramatic play for 6 months to 7 years. In exploring our stories vocally and physically we facilitate children's literacy and communication development. They speak, listen, imagine, observe and do. If you would like to book your child in for a Friday afternoon so they can attend these fabulous sessions then come and speak to Emma or Jen.



Baby Massage

We have got to FREE Baby Massage courses starting this month. We have limited spaces left for both courses so if you have a baby or know anyone that has a baby who is between the age of 8 weeks and 6 months and would like to attend, then please get in touch. Courses are for 5 weeks and start Wednesday 1st November and Thursday 9th November. Both courses are 10am -11am. We look forward to seeing you!

Baby Sensory

We are very excited that following the success of our first Baby Sensory class we are now fully booked for our second course which is beginning Tuesday 28th November.



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If you would like to know more information about the course and be placed on the waiting list for the next one then please get in touch.

Green, green grass

The month of November will see the second instalment of the AstroTurf in the Adventurers garden be laid. The back part of the garden by Adventurers 2 and 3 will be temporarily blocked off to ensure the safety of the children as there will be a digger in use. Don't worry though the Adventurers children will still have access to outdoors and we will continue to extend our learning outside as always.

30 hour funding

If your child is eligible for grant funding as of January 2018 and you would like to use the 30 hours funding then please make sure that you apply before the 15th December and return your 11 digit code along with your NI number as soon as possible to guarantee your chosen session for the next term. **Don't forget this month you will need to refresh your code for the next term. To do this, visit the childcare choices website.**

Tax Free Childcare

Don't forget that you can sign up and start using Tax Free Childcare whenever you like. We ask that as soon as you have applied and have your account number that you let us know as soon as possible, along with the date that you would like to start paying your bill through your Tax Free Childcare account.

For any more information on the 30 hours and Tax Free Childcare then please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Remember, remember the 5th of November



It's that time of year again when we get together with our nearest and dearest to build bonfires, watch the fireworks and toast those delicious marshmallows. During the colorful festivities

don't forget to stay safe as this can also be a very dangerous time of year. To learn more about bonfire night safety then please visit www.bonfire-night-safety.co.uk/

Home Learning:

If you have a little one who is fascinated with colours and fireworks, this simple experiment is for you (and your child). You most likely have everything you already need in your cupboard for these fireworks in a jar: oil, water, and food coloring!

-Fill the jar $\frac{3}{4}$ full with warm water.

-In a separate bowl, mix 3-4 tablespoons of oil and several drops of different colors of food coloring and then mix together.



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-Once mixed pour the mixture into the jar and watch the fireworks take off! Food coloring dissolves in water but not in oil. Because the oil is less dense than the water, it will float at the top. The colored droplets will begin to sink because they are heavier than the oil. Once they sink into the water, they will begin dissolving into the water (which looks like a tiny explosion).

Wear it Pink

On October 20th the children and staff all wore something pink and donated money to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness. We baked cakes and decorated them with pink icing and sprinkles and showed our funky moves. The children practised their colour mixing skills by stirring together red and white to make different shades of pink. They then used these creations to do potato printing pictures.



Parents evening

We are holding our bi-annual parents evening at the beginning of November. On the 6th and 7th we are inviting Explorers parents to come in and then the 8th and 9th we are welcoming our Adventurers parents. If you would like to come along and have a catch up with your child key worker then come and book in as soon as possible.

Remembrance Sunday

This year Remembrance Sunday falls on Sunday 12th November. Join us in taking a 2 minute silence to honor our fallen heroes.



Tempest Photography

On the 2nd of November we will be joined by Tempest Photography who will be taking pictures of all the children in the nursery. They will be arriving at 9am and will begin with taking photos of the children who are booked in on that day. If you would like to have your child's picture taken and they are not booked in then bring your child between 12 and 2 where they will be able to be photographed.

Please Remember:

Colder Weather

With the weather definitely taken a colder turn we would like to remind parents to ensure that the children are coming to nursery in the appropriate clothes. Don't forget those coats and wellies to ensure that the children are staying warm and dry during outside play.

Dual provision

If your child spends time at another setting or with a childminder, we would like your permission to share information to help enable us to support their learning and development. Please speak to your child's key person if your child does or will attend another provision.

**Thank you for your continued support
Emma, Jen and the Bradley Stoke Team**