



Tuesday 1st February

- Chinese New Year
(Year of the Tiger)

Monday 14th Feb

- Valentines Day

Mon 21st Feb

- Fri 25th Feb

- Spring Half Term Holidays

Thursday 3rd March

- World Book Day

Thursday 17th March

- St Patrick's Day

Friday 18th March

- Red Nose Day

Sunday 27th March

- Mother's Day

Saturday 2nd April

- Autism Awareness

Monday 11th April

- Friday 22nd April

- Easter Holidays

Nursery Closed

(Friday 15th April

- Good Friday)

Nursery Closed

(Monday 18th April

- Easter Monday)



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Spring Newsletter 2022

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What a busy start to the new year lots of new children from babies all the way up to the pre-school room. We would like to give a warm welcome to everyone and thank you all for choosing our nursery. We hope you're all enjoying your time at First Class and are settling in well.

Sickness

It's also been a busy start to the new year with the new variant omicron going around it has affected many so rapidly, therefore please could we ensure you are following the correct procedures, testing your children if they are feeling unwell and not sending them into nursery if they have a high temperature or a persistent cough or any other symptoms. This is to ensure you are keeping everyone safe. Masks are now not mandatory to wear therefore it is your choice to wear them when dropping or picking your child up at the door. If your child is unwell for any other reason or any other bugs please ensure you are still following the usual sickness policy letting us know if they are not coming in etc.

Thankyou for your on-going support in the current circumstances.

New Staff

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new members of staff that have joined us in the new year.

We have Sara and Sajda both working in our Pre-school Butterflies room downstairs part time. Both are experienced qualified Early Years Practitioners. Sajda working Tuesdays & Wednesday and Sara working Monday, Thursday and Friday.

We also have a third new staff member join us from one of our sister nursery Fixbees. Sadaf has worked at Fixbees for 12 years as Senior of baby room, 2 year old Room, and then also became Joint Deputy Manager. Sadaf had taken long term leave due to family commitments, she has now returned, but due to the flexibility of the hours she can work, she has had to make a decision for the betterment of herself and move to First Class as this works for her and her current circumstances. Sadaf is based upstairs in the Bluebells/Sunflower Room and will be working in the morning sessions.

Chinese New Year

We celebrated Chinese New Year in Nursery we had a lovely dinner, dressed up in traditional clothing. Children made and decorated Chinese lanterns. Some children decorated money envelopes as part of the Chinese tradition. Babies got messy in the sensory tray playing with rice and noodles and exploring the different textures. They painted pictures using red and gold to represent Chinese new year. Pre-school had fun role-playing in their Chinese restaurant and exploring the Chinese curiosity and fascination table.



HOME LEARNING

As part of our ongoing 'Wow' Moments we are still asking parents to share with us any 'Wow' Moments that your child does at home by putting them on the parent zone portal where we are able to see these and share with your child in nursery through the learning journals.

Our new Home Learning this term is linked to our ongoing topic we are discussing in nursery. As part of being Healthy and having good oral Health we are discussing good and bad food ... Foods that are healthy and unhealthy for our bodies and especially for our teeth.

Therefore could we kindly ask for your child to bring in an item that is healthy and unhealthy, this will encourage your child to engage with us at group time discussing their items and if they are good or bad for us and why.

If your child is going to school in September you will be able to find out what school your child has been given on Thursday 19th April 2022 via email or by logging onto the Kirklees Parent Portal. Please inform us of the school given to your child.



30 Hours Funding

Have you registered on the 'childcare choices' website ?

DEADLINE TO CLAIM FOR THE NEXT 30 HOURS FUNDING WILL BE 31ST MARCH 2022

Please ensure you get us your voucher code if your child turns 3 prior to the above date.

For more information ... **WWW.CHILDCARECHOICES.GOV.UK**

Find us on ...



Fixbees Childcare
Huddersfield Quality Day
Nursery & Preschool

@Fixbeesday



@Birkbees_FB



Take a look at our Website ...

WWW.BIRKBEES.CO.UK

For parents information such as fees, EYFS, Learning at home and also download various documents.

Throughout nursery we have been promoting 'Active learning' ... by giving children space and time to explore materials by themselves, with their peers and with their practitioners. Children then explore materials using their senses and experiment by mixing things together. Children have been engaging as active learners talking about their experiences and giving us opportunities to join in their conversation and extend their language and interest.

Children learn through having sensory motor experiences and through being active learners ... sensory motor experiences such as feeling, smelling, hearing, looking and listening to objects.

Babies have been exploring with their eyes, hands, feet and mouths they have been experiencing direct tactile contact.

Bluebells and Sunflowers upstairs have been busy as bakers cooks and chefs every week making something savory or sweet what ever tickles their taste buds to take home and enjoy.

As our on going topic we continuously ensure the children know the importance of a good Oral Health therefore there has been lots of brushing teeth going on in nursery.

Also in nursery we have had a 'People who help us' theme where we look at all the services around our area that help us in some way. This could be for example a dentist, nurse, firefighter and many more.

We have used resources such as jigsaw puzzles, books, and transformed our home corners so children could role play as some of these people who help us and discuss their job roles.



Parent Zone

We are now asking parents to share your child's 'WoW' moments on Parents zone so we are able to see them and we can then print them out and put them into your child's learning journey book. This would mean your child can have a look for themselves and engage with us about what they have been up to at home. It's also helping us work together at home and at nursery and keeping a record of their learning journey.

REMINDER ... Parent zone allows you to log into a secure webpage to see a select quantity of your child's information including:

- Your child's learning journeys
- You can even contribute to your child's learning journey.
- You can see your weekly & monthly bookings
- Account statement showing bills and payments and also daily reports.



ParentZone

Download the parent zone app with the blue hand ... Log on to see your child's learning journey.

ASK A MEMBER OF STAFF IF YOU HAVEN'T YET RECEIVED AN EMAIL, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

Safety Reminder

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL CHILDREN AND STAFF

Please can you make sure the front door is closed before and after you enter the building. Please do not allow anyone to walk into the setting behind you even if you think you know who they are.



Unexplained Absences

If your child is not going to be in nursery for the day, **PLEASE** could you let a member of staff know or phone nursery first thing in the morning. If you wish to book holidays at half fees a holiday request form needs to be completed and submitted to the office at least four weeks in advance. If you do not inform anyone about your holiday then unfortunately you will still have to pay full fees. Holiday request forms are available in the entrance and office.

Emergency Contact

Please can we remind all our parents/carers if you change your phone number, address or e-mail to let the staff know so we can update our records in the office. It is so important we have current contact details in case we urgently need to contact you.



Update your contact info!