

Bluebird Kindergarten NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

A very Happy New Year and a big WELCOME to new parents to Bluebird, we hope your little one is settling in and is enjoying all of the new experiences that pre-school brings. This is our termly newsletter, please keep it safe and mark all events onto your calendar.

We are looking forward to a Spring term full of fun learning activities ahead!

Daily activities in class...

The children have returned to nursery full of excitement and thrilled to see their friends and teachers again. We are busy revisiting our usual circle time learning activities every day, including days of the week, wake & shake, Makaton signing, the weather song and in the afternoons, conversational French, yoga and drama sessions. The children have started crafting, painting, making play dough and learning to recognise their names.

Please remember to label your child's bag and water bottle clearly so that they can build on their letter recognition. Children will continue to learn how to take care of their classrooms this term by helping to brush the floor, wash tables, fold/roll mats and water plants.



Chinese New Year

We are celebrating the year of the Rabbit during the week of Jan 16th with crafts, music, stories and a traditional Dragon Dance! We will be having fun practising our rhyming skills with **Robert Wyndham's book Chinese Mother Goose Rhymes.**

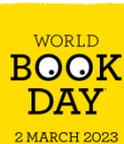
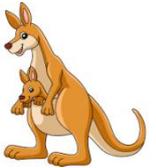


"Gee lee, gu lu, turn the cake.
Add some oil, the better to bake.
Gee lee, gu lu, now it's done.
Give a piece to everyone."



Australia Day

During the week of January 23rd we will have some fun celebrating Australia Day! There will be stories about native Australian animals, didgeridoo practice and aboriginal music to enjoy. Children are welcome to dress up and bring in any show and tell they have relating to Australia.



Thursday 2nd March is WORLD BOOK DAY!!

Everyone is welcome to come to Bluebird dressed as their favourite storybook character! We will be making and using our own bookmarks during the week and sharing lots of favourite books in class. Look out for our own 'made-up' stories on display.

Good News Display

Thank you for your fabulous 'Amazing Star' news last term. The good news tree is awaiting some more proud moments this term in the shape of 'Good Eggs'. Sheets will be given out soon.

Valentine's Day Celebrations & RAK week

All children will be learning how to do lots of simple acts of kindness (slips to record your achievements are available), singing friendship songs and sharing the lovely new book 'ABCs of Kindness' by Samantha Berger.



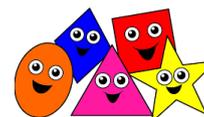
Pancake Day – Tuesday 21st Feb

We always enjoy acknowledging this special day with lots of (play dough) pancake tossing races and rolling practice! Our fave stories are Pancake, Pancake by Eric Carle, The Runaway Pancake and Mr Wolf's Pancakes.



Storytime

We have some wonderful new books to explore this term. Along with classic tales of the 3 Billy goats gruff and the 3 little pigs, we will be sharing the fab story about basic shapes called 'The Perfect Fit' by Naomi Jones along with the old favourite 'Goodnight Moon' by Margaret Wise Brown.



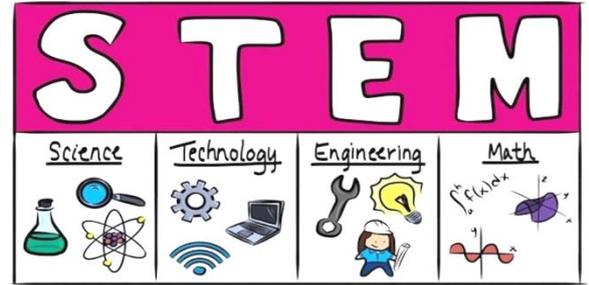


Spring Planting

This term we will be trying to germinate some chive seeds! Hopefully children will be able to share some tasty chives with their family by Easter (green fingers crossed).

STEM activities in class!

During the week of 10th March we are joining the nation in celebrating Everything STEM related. There will be fun challenges involving problem solving, experimenting, predicting and designing.



Marvellous Mothers Day 19th March

Following on from world women's day on March 8th we will further explore the roll of mothers at home, around the world and in nature. Our focus books in class are 'On Mother's Lap' by Ann Herbert Scott and 'The Runaway Bunny' by Margaret Wise Brown.

WORLD Oral Health Day – Tuesday 20th March

We will be exploring dental hygiene in class with songs, demonstrations, stickers and crafts. Our Montessori dental tray has a nifty hinged model of the mouth with a toothbrush and information cards for children to practice their skills!



Brush brush brush your teeth
Brush them twice a day
Once in the morning and once at night
To keep the plaque away!



Spring Parade – Thursday 30th March

All children and staff are welcome to make an Easter hat at home to wear in our Spring Parade!

Last Day of Term – Our last day of term will be Friday 31st March. We will close for one week and reopen on Tuesday 11th April.



IMPORTANT MESSAGES

1. **Long hair must be tied up securely and long fringes pinned back.**
2. It is always best to send your child into nursery in clothes that encourage independence and that are easy for them to manage when going to the toilet. **Loose fitting, stretchy trousers are ideal for nursery, please avoid lots of tight layers with tricky fasteners.**
3. **If your child is still toilet training please send spare pull-ups, wipes and nappy sacks.**
4. **We close at 4pm. Please be on the premises 10 minutes before we close in order to collect belongings, chat to staff, use the toilet etc.**

SAFETY REMINDERS

Snacks/Lunch

1. We are dedicated to supporting children in making healthy choices during mealtimes. **Please avoid sending low nutrient foods like crisps, sweets, biscuits or sugary drinks into nursery.**
2. Please avoid sending **nuts or peanut butter** in your child's snack/lunch. We have children who are **very** allergic.
3. **Remember to cut grapes in half or quarters LENGTH ways and cut all cherry tomatoes into quarters.**
4. **DON'T FORGET A FREEZER PACK TO KEEP EVERYTHING FRESH!** Thanks in advance.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Easter and a daffodil filled SPRING!

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