



# Kiddies' Cabin Day Nursery



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## Newsletter – October 2023

### Welcome

Dear parents,

It has been a busy time since the last newsletter! We have had an exciting six weeks of the summer holidays, each playroom has had different activities to help support the children's development and linking to the weekly theme. The routines were adapted, and activities have been based inside and outside the nursery, so we could make the most of the beautiful weather!

In July we held our Graduation ceremony to celebrate the children's journey at Kiddies' Cabin. In July and August, we said a sad goodbye to children and family members that we have known over the years.

We look forward to what the next terms brings for each playroom and the exciting experiences they all have.

As always please see me if you have any queries,

Leigh Kelly,

Nursery Manager

### Poppy & Daisy Room News

Well, what a fun 6 weeks we have had at nursery over the summer break, each week we have had different themes to help support the children's development alongside their interests. Our themes and the activities we had had were:

- Foods from around the world – trying new foods everyday: Chinese food, fish and chips, Mexican chilli, Spaghetti Bolognese, and other delicious foods.
- Holidays – we have been making transport vehicles such as boats, cars, playing with the cars and trains explaining how we travel on holiday. We went camping one day with our tent and camping equipment in the garden, role play going to nanny and grandads house and playing outside in the sunshine in the sand and water.
- Under the sea - water...water... Water!! This week was fun exploring different coloured water play with different textures, playing with under the sea animals, creating collages with materials of under the sea creatures.
- Summer sports and games- we have been super active this week taking part in running games, balls games, obstacle courses and throwing and catching games in the garden.
- Friendships - this week the children have been playing nicely alongside their friends, taking turns, sharing the toys with one another.
- Childrens interests - the children have been showing more of their likes and dislikes and are continuing to play with the toys of interest.

We hope you have enjoyed looking at your children's photocards from the recent weeks, if you have not seen them yet they are in your children's files outside the Daisy room.

We have also had tree surgeons in the under 2's garden cutting down our trees. The children enjoyed watching the men cut them down.

We have sadly seen some of our children move up the buttercup room to start their new adventures and a warm welcome to the new children who have settled into Poppy Room over the recent weeks. We look forward to meeting more new friends in the next few weeks.

Just a little reminder for parents to pack spare clothes in your children's bags as the weather is changing and the temperature changes during the day. Also, a reminder if you have received a verbal or written reminder for nappies and wipes, to please bring them in as we now have limited spares onsite.

We look forward to seeing what the next terms brings and watch your children grow even more.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Chloe. L, Michelle & Chloe. A 😊

### **Buttercup Room News**

Over the last few months Buttercups have explored and celebrated so much. We said goodbye to some of our children graduating into the Bluebell Room and we welcomed new children from Daisy Room who have settled in brilliantly.

During the summer holidays the children enjoyed being creative through role play, we had a Buttercups Restaurant where the children dressed up as chefs and prepared food, they tasted foods from all around the world and decorated flags for the room.

We create a Buttercups camp where the children got to release their inner explorer by going on bug and bear hunts. The children enjoyed communicating with their friends sharing their holiday adventures and we spent time discussing different modes of transport and creating them using our imaginations.

Through the last few months, we've been supporting physical development in a variety of ways, we had a Buttercups Olympics where the children took part in fun active games, we've introduced new dance songs that the children can dance to however they please and we've been making stretching and exercise fun!

We began September learning about our friends and their interests, we worked on building friendships and supporting each other through play. We began looking at the environment and how to help keep the planet healthy, we taught the children about the importance of throwing our rubbish away in the bin! Overall, the children are learning new things and being imaginative every day!

When the weather begins to start cooling down, please can I remind you to start bringing in warmer clothes for your children which are labelled with their name.

Many Thanks

Alice, Charity, Inaiya and Laura 😊

The Bluebell room children, assisted by the Buttercup room children grew some beautiful onions. These were sliced, diced, and chopped and contributed towards a healthy and wholesome meal for the children to enjoy – well done!



### **Bluebell Room News**

We have thoroughly enjoyed the 6 week summer holidays and the activities based on the themes we planned. Starting off the first week of summer holidays we enjoyed trying a variety of food from around the world.

We made huge octopus as a class and hung it on our door for week two. We then made passports, plane tickets, made messy play ice cream and flip flops for week three's holiday theme.

For week 4 we enjoyed lots of physical play for sports week. During that week we held sports day, pyjama and teddy bears picnic fundraising days. We would like to say a massive thank you for all your kind donations. We managed to raise enough for a new camera!

On week 5 the theme was friendships. We made a class friendship tree, we made paper dolls and spoke about the importance of being kind and how to be a good friend. Our final week in August was based on the children's interests. Animals became a big interest which involved many animal themed black tray activities.

During this term we purchased some new class pets. We have welcomed 3 African Land snails into Bluebell room. The children helped name them and decided on Bob, Garry and Shelly. We can't wait to watch them grow and look after them!

We are looking forward to the new term and have welcomed children who have just moved up from the Buttercup room.

Some of the Themes for September have been animals, shapes, numbers, and colours. The children have enjoyed looking at different animals and exploring different activities which include washing animals in water, animal footprints and learnt how to sign some different animals in Makaton.

The children from the Bluebell room have also enjoyed having dance sessions starting again with Shelene on Wednesday mornings. Each week there is a different theme, the children look forward to finding out what it is!

If your child has moved up into the Bluebell room please can I ask that you bring in a labelled lunch box to keep at the nursery.

Thank you for your continued support.

Chloe, Lucie, Kae and Sarwo



## Current Staffing Information

### **Poppy and Daisy rooms**

Michelle – team leader  
Chloe L – team leader  
Chloe A

### **Buttercup room**

Alice – team leader  
Laura  
Charity  
Inaiya

### **Bluebell room**

Chloe – team leader  
Kae  
Lucie  
Sarwo

We welcome Jaycie and Chloe W who have recently joined the Kiddies' Cabin team!

Farhat and Lek are our bank members of staff who work in each room, as required.

## General Reminders

Please can you pack a coat and spare clothes in your children's bags as the weather is changing during the day.

Day Nurseries Review - we would love to hear your feedback about your family's experience with our setting! If you could spare just 2 minutes of your time to write us a review on the [daynurseries.co.uk website](http://daynurseries.co.uk), it really would mean the world to us, thank you. And a big thank you to all the lovely parents who have already reviewed us.

**A note from Katie regarding the new 2 year old funding starting in April 2024.** I have received a few enquiries regarding this funding and at present, I am only able to advise parents that the funding will be for ELIGIBLE WORKING PARENTS ONLY. I have not received any further information from Early Years on exactly how the funding will operate. As soon as I have more information, I will contact all relevant parents by email.

If you have any queries regarding fees, the 15 and 30 hours funding or Tax Free Childcare please contact Katie Baker who is the Nursery Business Administrator for our three nurseries and is always happy to help parents.

[katie.baker@berkshire.nhs.uk](mailto:katie.baker@berkshire.nhs.uk) 07789 374217.

## Dates for your Diary

**Week beginning 30th October**- Parents meetings over teams or telephone. Parents have the opportunity to look at children's profiles on request. Dates and times to be confirmed nearer the time.

**Week beginning- 30th October** - Halloween- dress up. Either Halloween or dressing up clothes & donate a prize for the tombola/silent auction at the Christmas Fair (if your child doesn't attend this day, they can do this any other day that week).

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – Photographer visit. You will receive proofs and you can then order if you wish. If your child doesn't attend this day or you would like a photo with siblings, please contact Leigh or Lorna in the office.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November** – Christmas Fayre 4:30pm-6:15pm. Please come and join in with the fun, all profits will go towards buying new resources. This event may change due to Covid restrictions.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Children In Need. Celebrating with some fundraising activities to support the charity.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas party for the whole nursery! 2.30pm-3.45pm.

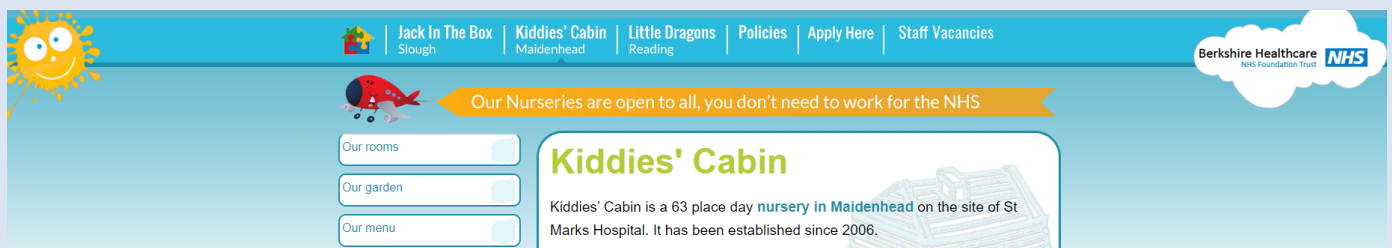
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas jumper day, donate £1 to Save The Children charity.

## **Our Partners**

We are engaging with multi agencies which will enable us to support our families. This includes Health Visitors, Early Years and the Local Authority and we will share information accordingly.

## **Website Information**

Please be reminded that the nursery website provides information regarding policies, procedures, fees, diary dates and messages on the message board.



The website address is [www.nurseries.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk](http://www.nurseries.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk).

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**Thank you for your continued support for Kiddies' Cabin**  
**Leigh Kelly**