



Kiddies' Cabin Day Nursery



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Newsletter – April 2024

Welcome

Dear parents,

We have had a busy three months already! We have had fun, we have celebrated different festivals, we have introduced and explored different themes in each of the playrooms!

We have developed the nursery environment: the Buttercup room decking area and roof have been extended and replaced, the area looks so much bigger, and it's been utilised well with the new layout. We have had Daisy room and Bluebell rooms decking area and roof replaced as well. The climbing frame has been replaced in the older playground, the children enjoyed watching the progress of it being built and are looking forward to playing on it!

Since the last newsletter each room has been busy carrying out different activities, please read below as to what they have been up to!

If you would like to submit a review please use this link:

<https://www.daynurseries.co.uk/daynursery.cfm/searchazref/50001023KIDB#reviews>

We would love to see our score get to a 10 if we can! 😊

As always please phone me to discuss any queries you have on 01189 044637.

Kind regards,

Leigh

Poppy & Daisy Room News

Over the last couple of months in the under 2's room we have been busy welcoming new friends and taking part in lots of fun activities. Celebrating pancake day, Mother's Day, World Book Day, Red Nose Day and St Patricks Day. We have been exploring textures with baking and getting messy, being creative with paint and exploring the big garden and making our own mud pies in the mud kitchen.

We are very proud of how the new children have settled into the nursery, forming bonds and new friendships within the room. We have also celebrated lots of birthdays, wow moments and stars of the week. A massive well done to all the children, keep up the good work 😊

Please can we remind you to check/empty your child's art folder weekly to make room for new artwork as we are very busy here in Poppy and Daisy's. Please ensure you continue to provide appropriate spare clothing and keeping up to date with nappies and wipes.

Thank you for all continued support and contributions to the nursery.

Poppy & Daisy team.

Buttercup Room News

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a good start to the year! During the first few months of 2024 we have had lots of fun and celebrated many things.

Some of the events that Buttercups got involved in so far have been, Chinese New Year, Valentines Day, Mothers Day, World Religion, Pancake Day, World Book Day and Red Nose Day. Each week we've had different themes and new learning experiences, the children in Buttercups have explored so much already this year.

As you are aware we have had our decking replaced, this is now finished and the children have been so happy playing on their new and bigger decking, the children love the element of free flow as it allows them to make their own decisions as to where they want to play and what they want to play with.



This year we have been very creative so far, the children have been spending lots of time drawing, painting, cutting, glueing and sticking and exploring a variety of materials. We have begun including quiet sensory time during the week, during this time we get out a variety of sensory toys, turn down the lights and put on some relaxing music and sensory lights, we have learnt this allows the children time to relax and reflect after a busy day/week.

There are children that have now turned 3 years of age, we will continue to adapt and develop their individual learning by providing activities according to their age and stage until the preschool children leave and we can then move children up into the Bluebell room. We communicate with the Bluebell room practitioners to understand what we can put in place and how we can get children ready for a smooth transition.

A gentle reminder to top up your children's bag with plenty of spare clothes especially now the weather is getting nicer as we will be doing lots more outdoor messy/water play.

We are excited to see what the rest of 2024 has in store for us 😊

The Buttercups Team,
Alice, Jaycie, Laura, Kae

Bluebell Room News

January saw many changes in Bluebells, we had the new team, new children moving into the room, as well as some new furniture and toys arrive. We have had a great time playing with the new resources, the new toys help us with forming our letters, numbers, aid our listening and attention skills and enhancing our play skills.

We explored Space, watching Neil Armstrong land on the moon, talked about the different planets, created a variety of space pictures, learnt new words and what they mean. This led us onto thinking we could be scientists, we explored colour change, how things grow, watched raisins dance and volcanos explode. In dance we have enjoyed a variety of different stories from Willy Wonka and his chocolate factory, The Circus, Snow White, Peter Pan, going to the beach, we have had lots of fun. The sessions have helped us follow instructions, use our imagination and move rhythmically.

February and March saw lots of celebrations, Chinese New Year, Valentines, Shrove Tuesday, Mother's Day, St David and St Patricks Day, the children have engaged in art and craft activities, watched short videos to support knowledge of the celebrations, used resources available to create and further enhance their own knowledge in their chosen area of play i.e. small world, role play, construction area. Book week was great, all the costumes and the wonderful books that we got to share. The children were great at helping to fill in missing words in the stories and recite familiar parts of the books.

Throughout their time in Bluebell room, we gently prepare the children for the next chapter in their education and learning, going to school. Over the last few months, we have been working on independence, conflict resolution, emotions/emotion words/ what makes us feel that way and what we can do to help ourselves.

We have recently been really lucky to get a new corner sofa for the cosy corner, where we also have some cushions, a few small teddies and a rug that is very soft. It is created as our quiet area; it is a no shoes zone. The purpose of the area is to allow the children to look at books, have quiet time with their friends or just sit, relax and recharge. We will be adding some emotional well-being resources in the coming weeks.

As we move towards the transition to school, we will be focussing on a few key areas to help the children get ready for the move. Over the next few months, we will be looking at:

- Being independent with their clothing. Can they manage their coats? Can they zip it up independently? Turn the sleeves the correct way on coats and jumpers/cardigans? Can they change their clothes for PE or if they have a toileting accident at school?
- Can they independently wipe their own bottom?
- Listening and attention, can they sit and focus on an activity for up to 4-6 minutes?
- Using lunch trays and managing our packed lunches. Can they open the packed lunch, manage the boxes or wrapping that the food is in, can they open their yoghurt or peel their fruit if needed?
- Forming letters- ensuring the children are writing in lowercase letters (not whole words in capitals), forming them correctly and supporting using the tripod grip to hold our pencils.
- Emotions and self-regulation. Have they started to understand, express and manage a variety of emotions?

Once you have found out what school your child has been allocated if you could let the team know, then we will be able to further liaise with the schools.

As we are keen to promote the children's independence, please can we request that the children are in clothing and footwear that they can manage themselves.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with one of us.

It's been an absolute pleasure getting to know all the children in the Bluebell room, we have a lot of amazing characters, and they make every day a great day. Michelle, Lucie, Charity and Inaiya.

Current Staffing Information

Poppy room

Chloe L
Chloe A

Daisy room

Chloe
Chloe W

Buttercup room

Alice
Jaycie
Kae
Laura

Bluebell room

Michelle
Lucie
Charity
Inaiya

Floats

Sarwo
Amrit

Bank staff

Emily
Narinder
Lesley
Farhat
Lek
Harjinder

General Reminders

Fees and funding

If you have any queries regarding fees, the 15 or 30 hours funding for all age groups 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 07789 374217.

Dates for your Diary

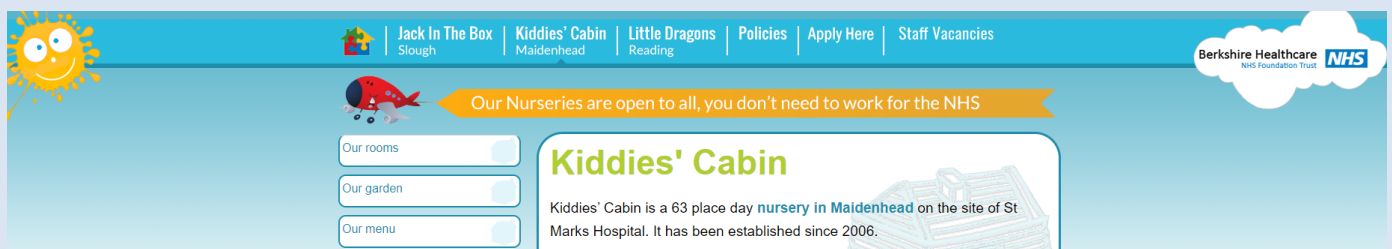
Wednesday 12th June - Photographer You will receive proofs and you can then order if you wish. If your child doesn't attend this day or you would like a photo with siblings, please contact Leigh or Lorna in the office.

Friday 28th June - Summer fete from 4:30-6:30pm We will have stalls, crafts and food. Friends and family welcome! Any parents who would like to run their own stall for a small fee of £5 or volunteer to run one of the nursery stalls please let Leigh or Lorna know by Friday 26th April.

Thursday 11th July - Graduation Time to be confirmed (children who are leaving to go to school only).

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.

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