



Kiddies' Cabin Day Nursery



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Newsletter – April 2023

Welcome

Dear parents, welcome to our new style newsletter which will now be sent to you on a quarterly basis in January, April, July and October. Apologies for this being sent a little late as we worked on streamlining the newsletters for all three of the BHFT nurseries.

As always, please do let me know if you have any queries. The contact details for myself and Lorna are on the final page.

Poppy & Daisy Room News

The first week of April saw the Poppy and Daisy children busy with Easter themed activities, we had egg painting, painting chicks on paper plates, Easter collages, making Easter cards and going on an egg/bunny/chicken hunt out in our sensory garden.

We also received some new toys which the children loved playing with, particularly the new large soft play and the feather colour changing machine.

We then experienced some interchangeable weather, the mornings being lovely with some sunshine and then lots of rain in the afternoon. Fortunately, we were able to use our decking area and gazebo to ensure the children had physical play in the afternoon, we had lots of fun in the sand, water and playing on the soft play before relaxing on the big bean bag for lots and lots of stories.

During this time, we did manage to plant some more bulbs, potatoes, and re-pot a plant which we are hoping will grow and then we can transfer it into our garden.

We have also had a great time with our new wiggly worm game that has encouraged the children to use their fine motor skills, colour matching, looking at different sizes, counting and using new words.

World Earth Week saw us planting some lettuce seeds, making mud pies/cupcakes, painting a world, making sun handprints, watering, and caring for our plants, as well as singing lots of songs about the weather. We celebrated St George's day painting with red and white paint, making flags and having a simple story of George and the Dragon with George being a mouse!!

As we had been using different colours, we decide to spend a week, further exploring what happens when we combine different colours, using not only paint but chalks, food colouring, playdough, and icing, we hope you like all the creations we send home.

If you have any questions please speak to Michelle, Chloe L, Chloe A, Saira or Harjinder.

Buttercup Room News

This month the children thoroughly enjoyed getting stuck into all our Easter activities to start the month! The children took part in an Easter egg hunt, lots of messy play and listening to stories about the Easter bunny! The children in Buttercups have been very inquisitive so we find reading stories and getting them to ask and answer questions has been a good way for them to learn. This led us to our theme of small world; we explored different animals and their habitats and people and their jobs! The children enjoyed dressing up as doctors, firemen and police officers for role play.

We've had many celebrations this month, we wished a few of our children a very happy 3rd birthday! The children love to talk about their birthdays and sing to their friends. We also celebrated Eid by involving the children in activities to teach them about different celebrations.

The children have a growing interest in space, so we took this opportunity to provide activities involving space and shapes, the children have been on a sensory space adventure talking about all of their senses, being creative by making their own rockets and beginning to make up their own space stories!

Many Thanks, Alice.

Bluebell Room News

This month we have been looking at Spring, Easter, the world around us, exploring colours (primary and secondary colours) and sensory activities. The children have really enjoyed exploring the new sensory equipment that we have in the room.

Rachel, Kae and Lucie.



Current Staffing Information

Poppy and Daisy rooms

Michelle – team leader
Chloe L – team leader
Chloe A
Saira
Harjinder

Buttercup room

Alice – team leader
Laura
Charity

Bluebell room

Rachel – team leader
Kae
Lucie
Sarwo

Farhat is our bank member of staff who works in each room, as required.

We have a nursery recruitment evening on Tuesday 6th June from 6.00-7.30pm across our three nurseries. This is a drop in event so if you know anyone who may be interested in a career with us, please pass the details onto them. The flyer with full details is attached and also available on [our website](#).

General Reminders

As the weather is changing, please begin to look through your child's bag and ensure they have summer clothes preparing for the warmer weather. Can you also bring in a summer hat for your child to keep in their bag/drawer.

If you do not wish to use the nursery sun cream, please provide your own. Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Buggy storage, if you are bringing a pushchair to the nursery and need it to be stored here, please can we ask that it is placed in the storage cupboard in the main garden. The pushchairs must also be folded down to allow more space and for safe storage. Thank you.

Where appropriate, please send all emails to both Leigh and Lorna which will enable the appropriate person to respond. Please note that Leigh and Lorna spend time in the nursery rooms with the children and are extremely busy when they have office time and therefore, there may be a delay in their response. Please bear with us.

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 07789 374217.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 29th May – Bank Holiday nursery closed

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Wednesday 14th June – 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.

Friday 16th June - Summer fete from 4:30-6:30pm. We will have stalls, crafts and food. Friends and family welcome!

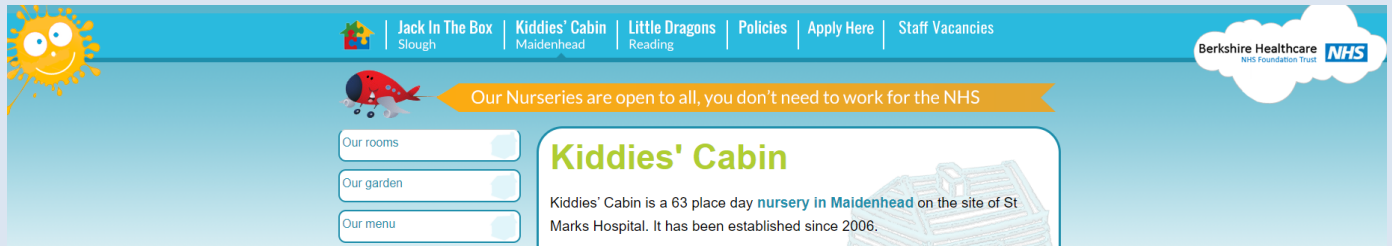
Thursday 13th July – Graduation. Full details in the letter that has been sent out. (Children who are leaving to go to school only).

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.

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