



BERKHAMPSTEAD DAY NURSERY

NOTES FROM THE DAY NURSERY

WELCOME TO OUR JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy few weeks settling back into nursery, and we have loved having the children back with us. Working with you the parents - and sharing knowledge about your child - really is vital in ensuring that we are supporting the children as best we can. The rooms each have 'Wow Vouchers' and 'Value Leaves' for you to complete in order to share news of your child's achievements. Completed vouchers and leaves are awarded to the children during Circle Time and the school's Early Years assembly. This is a great way of encouraging positive behaviour, nurturing your child's self esteem and giving them confidence. We love hearing about their achievements - no matter how big or small - so please share them with the team.

We have introduced '**Drama Tots**' - a weekly class for the Teddy Bears and Fuzzy Bears. Each week there is a different theme and the children are taken on a magical adventure, through role play, music, songs, props and instruments. The learning behind these classes is huge, enhancing skills such as language, social, emotional skills and imaginative skills. The children have absolutely loved this and the enthusiasm has been wonderful to see!

If you would like to learn more, please visit: www.dramatots.co.uk



Wise Bears
enjoying
Circle Time





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STAFFING UPDATE

Alice enjoyed her final day with us last week. She has been a fantastic member of the team, and the children and staff will all miss her very much. Dani will now be promoted to the Cuddly Bear room lead, and will be supported by Lucy from the Wise Bear room.

Georgia, who has been working in the Bear Cubs room for the past year, will be joining the team full-time. She has been here whilst completing her university course, and we are thrilled that she will be joining us full-time.

Vicky will be moving from Fuzzy Bears to the Wise Bear room, and can not wait to return to where it all started for her. Vicky has thoroughly enjoyed her time with Fuzzy Bears, but her heart remains with the Pre-School children.

Caitlin will be replacing Vicky in the Fuzzy Bear's room. She has oodles of experience with all ages and has moved back from America where she has been for the past seven years. She has plenty of knowledge, energy and enthusiasm, and we are thrilled that she is joining the team.

Michelle has announced she is expecting her second child in June, so a huge congratulations to her and her family.

Lastly, Penny, Kaitlyn and Sophie are all working well towards their qualification, and the feedback from their assessor has been brilliant. We look forward to following their exciting journey.

The teams are:



Bear Cubs

Leah, Kyra, Jess,
Charlotte, Sophie,
Georgia



Cuddly Bears

Dani, Lucy,
Emily, Penny,
Freya



Fuzzy Bears

Emily, Caitlin,
Liv, Kaitlyn,
Michelle



Teddy Bears

Jasmine, Kelly,
Chloe, Emily,
Emma, Maddy



Wise Bears

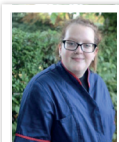
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Vicky,
Abbie



Leah



Kyra



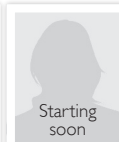
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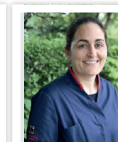
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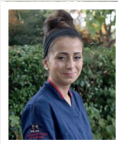
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Paola



Vicky



Jess



Charlotte



Emily



Penny



Liv



Kaitlyn



Chloe



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Sophie



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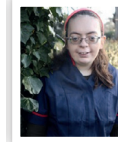
Freya



Michelle



Emma



Maddy



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CHANGES TO FUNDING

I am sure that most of you are aware of the upcoming changes to funding, but for those of you who would like to learn more, please follow this link: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/upcoming-changes-to-childcare-support. I have also attached the letter we sent out at the start of January, but please let us know if you have any further questions.

Starting from April 2024, existing childcare support will be expanded in phases. By September 2025, most working families with children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare support.

The changes are being introduced gradually to make sure that providers can meet the needs of more families. This means that:

From April 2024, eligible working parents of 2-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours childcare support.

From September 2024, 15 hours childcare support will be extended to eligible working parents of children from the age of 9 months to 3-year-olds.

From September 2025, eligible working parents of children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare a week.

ISI REPORT

Sadly we have no update as to when this will be published, but as soon as we have the report, you will be the first to know!

SCHOOL ALLOCATION DAY

School allocation day takes place on Tuesday 16th April. We will work closely with you so that we all can prepare your child appropriately, and, for example, talk to your child about who will be attending the same school as them. We will attach a notice to the Wise Bear door, highlighting which school each child will be going to, with space to add your phone number should you so wish. This is a good way to link children (and parents) before their move to big school. This is an exciting time and we hope you are all happy with your allocation.

*Best Wishes
Mollie and the team...*

