



BERKHAMPSTEAD DAY NURSERY



Notes from the Day Nursery...

Welcome to our June newsletter!

Staffing News

Michelle has now started her maternity leave - we wish her all the best and will keep you updated with her baby news.

Congratulations to Sammy - from the Bear Cub room - who is expecting her first child in September and also Amelia - from the Bear Cubs' room and her partner Jack, who are expecting their first child, a little boy. He is due at the end of Summer.

Congratulations to Tina and her family on the birth of her beautiful baby boy, Angelos.

We are thrilled to let you all know that Alice will be returning next week to join the Cuddly Bears' team. Alice had moved to a nursery closer to home, but in her words, 'There is nowhere quite like Berkyl.' Alice had been here for quite some time and had built such good relationships with the children, staff and parents, so we are sure you'll be as happy as we are to welcome her back.

Shannon will be moving to the Bear Cubs' team, Julie-Ann has now moved to the Teddy Bears' team and Abbie has moved to the Fuzzy Bears' team.

The members of staff for each room are:

Bear Cubs

Amelia, Sammy, Juliet, Jess and Shannon

Cuddly Bears

Leah, Ella, Naomi and Alice

Fuzzy Bears

Emily, Maria, Abbie and Vicky (who will be joining us from the 19th July)

Teddy Bears

Jasmine, Emily, Kelly, Emma and Julie-Ann

Wise Bears

Chloe, Trudy, Isabel and Maddy

Star of the Month

Well done to Kelly and Ella who received the most nominations.

'Thank you, Ella, for providing such wonderful activities and care. The children love having you and you have really developed their confidence.'

'Kelly, thank you for your thorough understanding of the children - you are so caring and thoughtful. The children love you and you have built such lovely bonds with them all.'

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Please note

Please remember to send in named sun hats and sun cream.



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Discovery Garden

We have been very busy creating a new Discovery Garden, and we are thrilled with it as the children are! There are various exciting zones for the children to explore including a water station, a construction area, a mud kitchen (complete with real pots, pans, herbs and vegetables), and a wobbly path. There is also a creative area - which could sometimes be a dinosaur world, sometimes a farmyard, or perhaps a zoo. There is also a lovely planting area. We are delighted with the new garden and can already see the numerous benefits it has for the children. We will be continually developing the Discovery Garden, inspired by the children's interests: one of our plans is to construct a bug hotel! Read more about our Discovery Garden in the Summer issue of the Blazer, which will be published in the Autumn.



Best Wishes
Mollie and the team...





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News from the Rooms...



BEAR CUBS: For baby bears from 3 - 18 months

This month the children have shown plenty of interest in arts and crafts, and one of their favourite activities was painting with different tools such as rollers and brushes. Summer-inspired activities have included sand play, water play and cereal beach play! We are also having fun making coloured ice blocks to use for a mark making activity.



CUDDLY BEARS: For toddler bears 18 - 24 months

The children have enjoyed a variety of books, so we have focussed on activities based around their favourite stories. These have included 'Dear Zoo', 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'.

The children enjoyed going on a bear hunt around the nursery, and this activity helped the children to recognise their body parts. We made some cooked spaghetti to look like worms and the children used tweezers to try to pick it up! The children have also enjoyed porridge play with different sized bears, filling and emptying containers, and exploring the texture of the oats. We are going to make our own porridge to explore how textures change.

The children have also enjoyed water play in the garden. They have been washing the dolls and floating ducks whilst singing 'Five Little Ducks Went Swimming One Day!'





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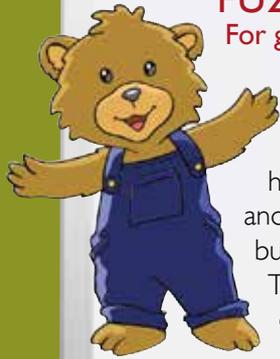


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FUZZY BEARS:

For growing bears 2 - 2½



We would like to welcome our new children to the room - they have settled in very well. The children have shown lots of interest in bugs, and this has inspired activities such as bug hunting with magnifying glasses. The children have been learning about different occupations, and we will encourage this interest with role play, stories and other activities.

TEDDY BEARS:

For happy bears 2½ - 3½

Teddy Bears enjoyed celebrating the Queen's Jubilee, making crowns and having a picnic tea. The children have really enjoyed water play activities such as fishing for different letters and numbers and creating marks with the large rollers and paint brushes. The children have also enjoyed the trains and train tracks.





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WISE BEARS:

For curious bears
3½ - 5 years

This month we have been looking after our new caterpillars. We have talked about the changes that happen and watched the caterpillars grow and turn into beautiful butterflies.

We have also been focusing on our letters and numbers, and the children

have all progressed well with recognition and the formation of both. The children have really enjoyed a variety of stories and enjoy bringing in books in from home.

We would to extend a big welcome to all our new Pre-School friends. They have all settled in really well.

