



# BERKHAMPSTEAD DAY NURSERY

## NOTES FROM THE DAY NURSERY

### WELCOME TO OUR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the wonderful grandparents who came along to our Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was such a lovely event, and we are delighted that we raised £93.63 for this very worthy charity. We already look forward to the next one.

We have planned a fun-filled fundraising week to support Children in Need next month. The week will also include 'Stay and Play' sessions or parents:

- Monday 13th November - Teddy Bears' Picnic and Bear Cubs Stay & Play
- Tuesday 14th November - CBeebies Dance Party and Cuddly Bears Stay & Play
- Wednesday 15th November - Bear Hunt Day and Teddy Bears & Wise Bears Stay & Play
- Thursday 16th November - Pudsey Sports Day and Fuzzy Bears Stay & Play
- Friday 17th November - Spotty and Baking Day

### STAFFING UPDATE

Liv has joined us as a fully qualified member of staff, and has previous experience of working in nurseries. She has joined the Fuzzy Bear team and will also be working alongside a child in Pre-School for two afternoons a week.

We have taken on two new apprentices. Sophie has joined us in the Bear Cubs team and Kaitlyn is working in the Fuzzy Bear room.

We welcome back Sammy and Michelle, who have been on maternity leave. Their little ones have joined the Day Nursery too.

The 'Star of the Month' is Vicky, for always being so happy and positive. Congratulations from us all.

### PARENT DONATIONS

We are working towards our Curiosity Approach accreditation, and as part of the requirements, we need to develop our collection of 'loose parts.' We would like to reach out to you for donations.

Loose parts can be synthetic or natural, 'treasures', or charity shop finds. They might be acorns, pinecones, conkers, tyres, drainpipes, corks, milk bottle tops or buttons... a child's imagination will find a purpose for them all! We would also be grateful for plants or plant cuttings. Please add anything you may have to the display at the front entrance for your little ones to collect and use during the day.

If you would like to read more about the benefits of loose parts, please visit [www.thecuriosityapproach.com/blog/benefits-of-loose-parts](http://www.thecuriosityapproach.com/blog/benefits-of-loose-parts)



Vicky



Liv



Sophie



Kaitlyn





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### CURRICULUM

We are making changes to how we record children's learning in nursery. Our aim is to minimise the amount of time staff are spending on paperwork and in turn maximise the amount of time being spent with the children. The changes we have made also help to streamline our current systems as all information is stored in one place: Family!

Observations and assessments are all now completed on Family, and we hope that you have witnessed the benefits of this development. The observations, written by our practitioners, will be linked to different areas of learning and our Berkhamstead Day Nursery Curriculum. You can also glean what your child is working towards, here at the Day Nursery, from the "What's Next" comment section. For more information about how to access your child's new Family Learning Journey, please follow the link below:

[help.family.co/en/articles/4912450-parents-the-journey-tab](http://help.family.co/en/articles/4912450-parents-the-journey-tab)

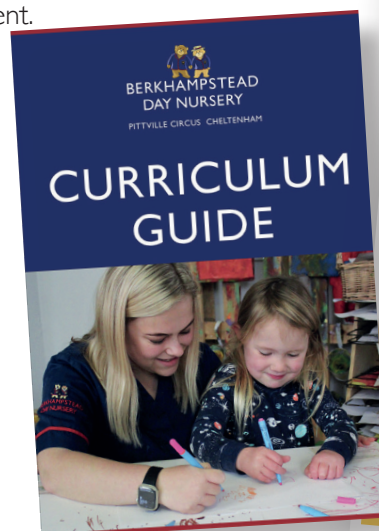
If you would like further information about our tailored curriculum, this can be found on the display board in our hallway outside the Teddy Bear room. We have also copied a link below to our new Curriculum Guide:

[www.paperturn-view.com/uk/bl/dn-curriculum-guide?pid=MzY362117](http://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/bl/dn-curriculum-guide?pid=MzY362117)

Our new display boards will be a celebration of your children's learning. Each child will be allocated a clipboard, and we will fill it in with all the wonderful things they have achieved. It will include photos of their learning moments, their artwork, 'Wow Moments' from home and "Value Leaves" completed by our practitioners. As the clipboards fill up, we will send the pages home for you to keep and celebrate with your children.

We hope that these positive changes will promote our Partnership with Parents, capturing both our - and your - understanding of your child's Learning Journey. We would love as much insight as possible into your children's developments at home, to provide us with invaluable additional insight into your child's learning and development.

With the move to online observations and clipboard displays, please ensure that you take your child's old Learning Journey home. We hope that you will treasure the pictures, artwork and memories that these contain!





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## Polite reminder


Nursery will be closed on Tuesday 2nd Jan and Friday 24th May for Staff Inset training.

## Temperatures

Please ensure that you keep your little one off if they are unwell. We do not want to reintroduce the rule of children remaining at home for 24hrs, following a temperature. Thank you for your understanding.

## Christmas closure

We will be closing for Christmas on Friday 22nd December at 5:50pm and will reopen on Wednesday 3rd January at 8am. We look forward to hearing all about your wonderful family adventures and precious time spent together.



*Best Wishes  
Mollie and the team...*

