



BERKHAMPSTEAD DAY NURSERY

Notes from the Day Nursery...

Welcome to our October newsletter

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe we are already in October. Where has this year gone? It has been wonderful to watch the children enjoy the change in season, with many children finding joy in conker searching and incorporating this into their activities within the room.

I'd like to start by thanking you all for your continued support over the past few months. Although things are much more normal than when we first reopened, your cooperation has had a huge impact on our positivity.

ENVIRONMENT CHANGES

Over the coming months, there will be some major changes happening within the Day Nursery; with some initiatives from our development plan being actioned. We are so excited to be able to introduce free flow play for children in the Teddy Bear room. The installation of patio doors will mean that the children can have access to the Nature Garden, directly from their room. Alongside this, we will also be looking forward to the addition of a new outdoor classroom in our Nature Garden. This is going to really enable to children to enjoy being outside no matter what the weather.

STAFFING UPDATE

As many of you know, Mollie is now on maternity leave and we would like to congratulate her on the birth of her baby boy, who is yet to be named. I am pleased to have stepped in as Interim Manager and I am looking forward to working alongside Katie and Mary to ensure the Nursery maintains its outstanding environment for all children and families.

Secondly, congratulations to Abi who has been promoted to Bear Cubs Room Lead. We would also like to welcome Rebecca, Chloe and Ellie into the Baby Room. They will all be working on a full time basis and we look forward to them joining our Berky team. Huge congratulations to Abbie in the Teddy Bear Room, who completed her Level 2 qualification recently.

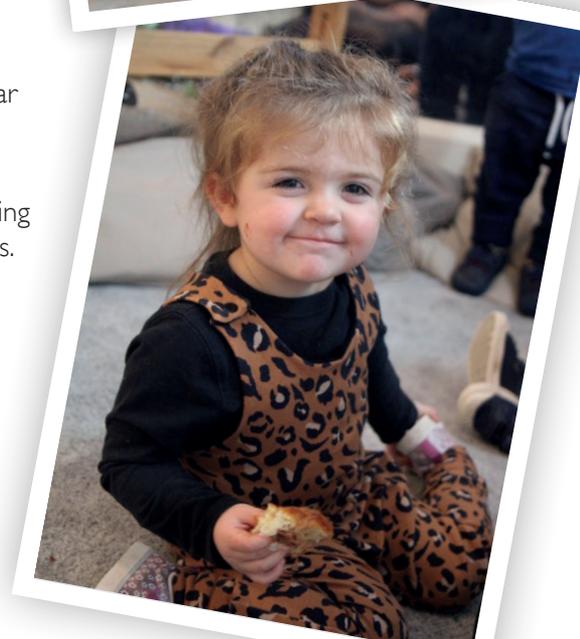
Lastly, we will also shortly be saying goodbye to Collette and Katy L. Katy is leaving for pastures new and Collette is leaving to pursue a career as a teaching assistant in schools. We wish both all the very best with their chosen ventures.

DATES AND EVENTS

9th November: 'Children in Need'



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STAR OF THE MONTH

It is such a pleasure to receive so many positive comments about the staff and Berky as a whole; we really do appreciate them! Well done to Maria and Abbie for the following comments:

"Maria, -well done for really embracing the curiosity approach. Your inspirational ideas have made the room look fantastic."

"Abbie you have fitted in so well into the Teddy Bear team."

If you would like to nominate anyone for Star of the Month, or have some feedback you would like to share, please take a slip from the front door and post it in the boxes.

Thank you and best wishes from Emily and the team.



*Best Wishes
Emily and the team...*



Please note...
The main email address for
the Day Nursery is now
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News from the Rooms...



BEAR CUBS: For baby bears from 3 - 18 months

It has been lovely welcoming all the new starters into Bear Cubs. Everyone seems to have settled wonderfully into Nursery life. We have started to do lots of lovely artwork for our Autumn display. The children have enjoyed exploring Autumn colours in our sensory tray and have used their hands to feel the texture of the orange paint. We have also been decorating pumpkins using paint, dabbers and pieces of material which we stuck on with glue. These activities help to promote hand-eye coordination. We will continue this topic throughout October.

CUDDLY BEARS: For toddler bears 18 - 24 months

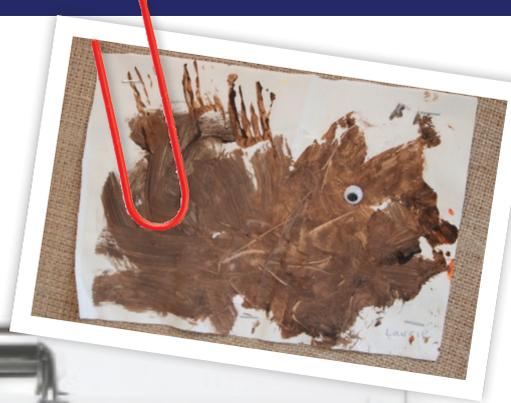
The Cuddly Bears have showed lots of interest in Space Week! The children helped to create a rocket and learned to glue and stick using various materials. The children have also explored the planets and created their own using shaving foam and paint; this encouraged them to explore mixing colours.

The children have also enjoyed food tasting! We created Angel Delight; the children learned to whisk and control the spoon. The children are also going to be taking part in French pastry tasting. Lastly, the children are continuing to enjoy a range of nursery rhymes such as 'Wind the Bobbin Up' and 'Old McDonald' all performed with the appropriate actions.





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FUZZY BEARS:

For growing bears 2 - 2½



The children in Fuzzy Bears Room have shown a real interest in water play. To extend this, we provided jugs and bottles so the children could encourage their physical development by filling and emptying. The children have also enjoyed exploring rice and pasta play. They decided to add paint to this and enjoyed mixing it all together using their hands.

We have just started enjoying various Autumn activities - for example, painting with autumnal colours using flowers and sponges. Whilst playing in the garden, the children have also shown interest in collecting leaves, conkers and sticks. We are in the process of making our Autumn display board in the main room.

TEDDY BEARS:

For happy bears 2½ - 3½



This month, Teddy Bears have been learning about how the trees change in Autumn - for example, they have been collecting brown leaves from outside. They have also been interested in colours and have shown curiosity about the 'spiky shells' (conkers). They enjoyed going on a conker hunt in the Nature Garden and also created pictures by rolling the conkers in a tray of paint and printing them onto paper.

The Teddy Bears have also been focusing on their families. They have helped paint a tree for our Family Tree display as well as making creatures to go by the tree such as hedgehogs, owls and badgers. Thank you for all your family photos that we have received for our display - they look great!

As it is Space Week, we have been talking about stars and planets and how the earth is made up of land and sea. We have done some art and crafts related to this such as painting stars and glueing and sticking blue and green tissue paper on paper plates to create the Earth.

These activities have helped the children to learn about the world around us and given them plenty of opportunities to use their imagination.





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WISE BEARS: For curious bears 3½ - 5 years

It is so lovely to see all the children really enjoying being with each other and also welcoming new children with us. We have been concentrating on learning each other's names and finding our own way around the room. We have also been encouraging the children to be independent and recognise their own names.

We have enjoyed being out in the garden and collecting conkers! We have been learning about:

- Autumn - making a tree and thinking about living things
- Disco colouring
- Singing and stories
- Exploring the Nature Garden

We have just begun our new theme of 'Space' We have also loved being Pirates and learnt lots about them. We made a pirate ship and walked the plank! The children continue to love all things creative - slime, playdough and potions.

