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# BERKHAMPSTEAD DAY NURSERY

## Notes from the Day Nursery...

Dear Parents

### Welcome to our newsletter. It really does feel like Autumn now!

We have had a busy few months saying goodbye to our school leavers and celebrating their time with us through our preschool graduation. We wish them all the very best and have already had many visitors in school uniforms which is lovely!

Thank you to everyone who came or contributed to our McMillian coffee morning and Grandparent morning. We raised £140.00 which has now been donated.

The Wise Bears have visited our local residential care home and did some beautiful singing for the residents. This is a lovely opportunity for the younger and older generations to be around one another. It's always a really special trip and so nice to see the joy on the residents' faces when they see the children and hear them sing.

We will continue to work closely with the residents in a variety of activities including our Berky Bear group going to the care home on a Friday morning at 10am. Please feel free to join the Nursery and come along to sign with us!

**At 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 8th October**, the School is hosting a 'Next Steps: from Day Nursery to School' event in the Andrews building. Anyone interested in attending should speak to me.

Mme McCreanor - the language specialist from the School- is now teaching French songs and rhymes to the Wise Bears; so far, this has been a great success. The children love her!

Congratulations to Giovanna who has given birth to baby Leonardo! (see picture.) Congratulations to Sian who is expecting her first child in February.

### Star of the Month:

Thank you all for your nominations over the past few weeks; it really is so lovely to see such positive comments. Congratulations to Katie, Jessica and Emily B. and thank you to all the staff for their continued hard work. Here a few of the lovely comments...

*"Katie always has so many great ideas; my daughter loves them and at home too! She always goes above and beyond helping me settle my daughter whilst my other children are with me. Thank you for all you do."*

*"Katie is so professional, always happy to help and supportive to everyone!"*

*"Emily is always so positive, professional and has fitted into the team so well."*

*"Thank you to Emily for helping Louie (and us) settle in so well to nursery. For always being so cheerful and friendly."*

*"Thank you to Jessica for her enthusiasm every day and for being such a valued, positive member of staff."*

*"Thank you Jessica for boosting everyone and continuously providing support."*

Best Wishes

Mollie and the team...



## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

### Dates and Events

**Next Steps** - from Day Nursery to School: Tuesday 8th October 2019 at 7pm.

**Parents' evening** Thursday 10th October at 6pm. To book a time slot, please add your name to the forms in each room.

**Polite reminder** - please ensure you are here before 1pm to collect your child from a morning session. Thank you.





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## News from the Rooms...



### **BEAR CUBS:**

For baby bears from 3 - 18 months

We have been learning about how we make marks and the connection between our movements and the marks we can make. We have been doing this using lots of different resources such as paint, dabbers, chalk and pencils.

We have also been exploring our physical development by playing on the soft play blocks, especially developing our balancing skills.

We are very excited about our new Baby Garden and have really enjoyed exploring and learning outside. Now that the Baby Garden has been completed, we will be going outside more regularly. Please ensure that your Bear Cub has weather-appropriate clothing to join us outside.

We would lastly like to say a warm welcome to the many new babies that have joined us recently. We cannot wait to see you grow and develop!

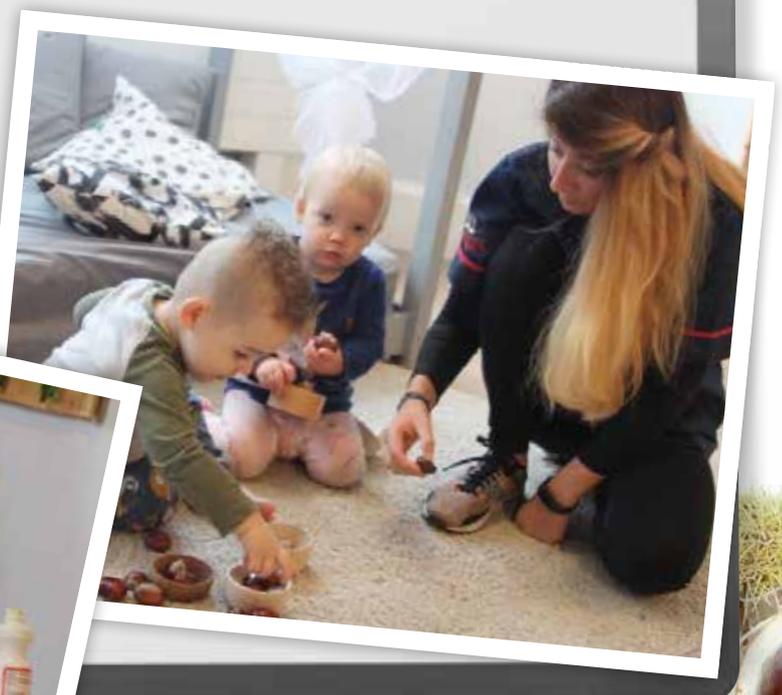


### **CUDDLY BEARS:**

For toddler bears 18 - 24 months

The children in Cuddly Bears have been using their senses to explore different play! They have been taking part in various sensory activities such as Apple Painting, Orange Painting and Rice Pudding Play. This has encouraged the Cuddly Bears to explore marks, textures and tastes.

The children have also been exploring the world around them with the new season of 'Autumn'. The children have been creating lovely pictures using conkers and paint and decorating hedgehogs with leaves. They have also been exploring an Autumn feely box which has helped their communication and language development.





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### **FUZZY BEARS:**

**For growing bears 2 - 2½**

Fuzzy Bears have really enjoyed water play in the garden. We put our wellies and raincoats on and went splashing in the big puddles.

The children have also been showing an interest in dinosaurs. We have been talking about what the dinosaur feels like, making dinosaur prints, reading 'Dinosaur Roar' and exploring dinosaurs in our small world area. We have created a wonderful dinosaur display board with lots of photos and artwork for you all to see.

We have also been looking at the change of season and doing lots of artwork for our new 'Autumn' board.



### **TEDDY BEARS:**

**For happy bears 2½ - 3½**

The children in the Teddy Bear room have been learning about colours. We have explored colours by using paint, coloured shapes, water and pens. The children have created a rainbow using pens. We continued the children's interest by creating an interactive colour display. The children have shown a good understanding of colours by being able to match and identify colours.

The children have also enjoyed exploring the loose part area which consists of mathematical items. The children use the items however they wish. Some have chosen to use pots to place counters in and others have been using them in their role play. We have also been using the tape measure to see how tall they are. This supports the children's mathematical development as they are using the language of size.

Stories are also very popular in the Teddy Bear room. A keen favourite at the moment is 'Owl Babies'. This story is brilliant at allowing the children to understand that their mummies and daddies will be back soon when they are upset, enabling the children to understand the concept of time.





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## News from the Rooms...



### **WISE BEARS:**

**For curious bears 3½ - 5 years**

Now Autumn is upon us, we have been playing in the leaves discussing how they change colours throughout the seasons.

We had a lovely time at the Oakhaven Harvest Festival; thank you to everyone who donated food. The children have been building relationships with the residents and enjoy crafting and singing together.

We have been working on our mark making with various different tools such as fruit, vegetables and sponges, and have created some beautiful artwork.

The children who attend Mini Professors thoroughly enjoyed holding the different creatures Dom brought in, including snails and woodlice, along with learning about parts of the body.

We are enjoying our French lessons and have been practising how to count to five and how to say hello and goodbye.

The children are currently interested in role play games; they enjoy lots of construction play, building towers and making paper aeroplanes.

We also love going to the school gym and climbing on the climbing frame.

