

BROOK HOUSE NURSERY NEWSLETTER



January/February 2021

Dear parents,

Firstly, we all wanted to wish you a very Happy New Year, and again to say a huge thank you for all the fabulous Christmas cards and presents you gave us.

New children

A very warm welcome to the new children who have recently joined our nursery. We are hoping that you are going to enjoy your time at Brook House, we very much look forward to sharing this new adventure with you.

Staff

We are very pleased to share with you that Ewa, Amy and Chloe will all be starting their level 3 qualifications this month. We are very excited to be joining them on their journey, gaining new knowledge and skills.

COVID-19

We would like to thank you all for your ongoing support and cooperation. We are continuing to follow the guidelines set out by the government, our policy is on our website.

Blossom

We hope that you are all now able to access Blossom, and are finding it very useful in keeping you up to date with your child's progress. We would love it if you could provide some observations from home. They provide us with some insight of what the children are getting up to at home, as well as, a talking point to share with their key workers. If you would like some support with this, please talk to Katie or Dominika.

Progress Meetings

Similar to our progress meetings in November, we will be allocating time slots in February for parents to have a telephone conversation with their child's key worker. Whilst we hope that we will be able to welcome parents back into the nursery soon, we feel that the general feedback from the previous meetings was positive and in light of the current lockdown rules will be the most suitable option. We will provide some further details closer to the time.

Around the nursery

The Magpie room are currently exploring the story of Rapunzel. This week they had their special cinema to watch the film, where the children each had to purchase a ticket and follow some signs to their numbered chairs. They will also be linking this with a Rapunzel story sack, growing the vegetable Rapunzel and their hairdresser's role play area. The Owl room are exploring the signs of winter. They will be looking at 'cold colours', animals that live in cold habitats as well as those that hibernate. They will also be making some creative artwork for Chinese New Year. The baby unit (Hummingbirds and Robins) will be looking at colours. Each week they will be exploring messy play, trying food, painting and sticking and talking about all things related to that week's colour. The first colour will be blue!

Chinese New Year

The week commencing Monday 8th February, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year throughout the nursery. We will be tasting some Chinese food, and would love any suggestions that you may have. We will also be doing lots of arts and crafts, creating Chinese dragons and lanterns and exploring messy play activities. The older children will be listening to stories about how people in China celebrate the New Year and will be watching short videos about the history behind the celebrations. If you have been to China and have brought back some souvenirs or have taken some photographs that you do not mind sharing with our children or are able to read our children a story, we would really appreciate it (this would be done via zoom).

Yoga/ Mindfulness

The Magpie room have created a new yoga and mindfulness curriculum, encouraging the children to participate in sessions that explore breathing, relaxation, and calmness.

Upcoming Events

During February we will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday and Valentine's day. We are also extremely excited to be celebrating Brook House Nursery's 30th anniversary in June. We hope to be able to organise an event to celebrate this.

Facebook

Just a reminder that we are continuing to upload weekly pictures, showing what the children have all been up to, as well as showing off our new displays!

Thank you, Katie and the Brook House team.