



Message from the Management team

Welcome to this month's newsletter. In March staff planned a wide range of activities to support children's interests and next steps in development. This included celebrating world book day, where it was lovely to see the children and the staff dressed up in their favourite characters. A big thank you to the parents and the grandparents who took the time to come into the nursery to read our children's favourite books. We celebrated St Patricks day with a variety of green activities and comic relief dressing in something red or spots. Our children enjoyed carrying out some lovely craft activities and designing something special to celebrate Mother's Day.

Most importantly we achieved the Quality counts Platinum award. I would like to say a big thank you to all our parents, staff and fabulous, adorable children for all their contributions towards us gaining the award. We can officially say that we are the only nursery in Liverpool who have gained this award. 'How impressive is that'. In addition to this our sister nursery 'Pepperberry day nursery' also achieved this award so well done to them. This is just the sign of how well our nursery and company as a whole work cohesively and to an extremely high standard across the board.

As you are aware, we are all facing an unprecedented time of great uncertainty due to COV-19. Our ongoing aim at Auckland House Day Nursery is to ensure that we do everything in our best efforts to support the keyworkers and their children at such a hard time. As the situations stands, we have had no other option but to reduce the level of staff for the foreseeable and as of tomorrow we will be operating with a reduced number of staff. I would like to inform you that I am included in one of the staff who will be not present during this time, but I have access to my emails and I am available at any time to offer support and answer any query's if you need me. However, Amy will always be on hand. I appreciate that this is a difficult time for everyone. Thank you all for your kind words, ongoing support and understanding. Please stay safe and let's hope our lives return back to some kind of normality soon.

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My name is **Leanne Waugh** and I am an Early Year Practitioner in the Snowdrop Room.

I grew up in Alfreton, Derbyshire where I started my journey in childcare by completing my Level 2 Apprenticeship in the Children and Young Peoples Workforce. I then moved to Leicester to be with my partner, now husband, and I was able to secure a Level 3 Apprenticeship to become a fully qualified Early Years Educator. Once I'd completed my Level 3 Apprenticeship we decided to move to Liverpool for a new start.

Important messages

- Pyjama Day (The newborn/premature appeal) 9th April
- Easter Bonnet Parade (W/C 6th April)
- Easter bank holiday. Nursery closed Friday 10th and Monday 13th
- St George's Day Thursday 23rd April

Buttercups

This month we decided to continue with 'Were going on a bear hunt' and 'Incy Wincy spider', we done this because the children shown continuous interest in both the song and story. We explored a sensory trail were the children, alongside us took steps into trays of soil, sand, water and foam. Exploring different textures monitoring how each child reacts to those new textures. We explored different teddy bears of all shapes, size and materials using our gestures and single words to explore and enjoy. We enjoyed exploring water filled tuff trays with plastic spiders and bottles as our spouts. We splashed and explored schemas as we emptied and filled containers. The children's favourite activity was our foam shaped spiders web that they were able to make marks in. We had such a fun filled month. We visited the park, crawling around in our wet suits and enjoyed being pushed in the swings. For the time being we will be joining in the Daisy room and will be participating in their song and story which will be 'Elmer' and 'The Rainbow'.

Daisy

This month in Daisy room the children have enjoyed exploring a range of festivals. Children explored St Patrick's day and created St Patrick's day cards and explored a green textured tuff tray. Children also developed their knowledge of colors as they made marks on paper. We also celebrated Mother's Day and explored a range of creative and mark making activities. Children developed a dominant hand had developed their speech while using the mark making tools. As our song and story of the month was extended children engaged in a range of animal activities exploring texture tuff trays and a range of mark making activities as well as reading the story with their friends and also joining in singing the song during circle time. **Our song and story for next month will be 'The Rainbow' and 'Elmer'.**

Bluebell

This month in Bluebell room as they children shown a lot of interest in last month's song and story, we decided to extend them for another month. We collected recycled materials to make 3D elmers and learnt about all the different colours of Elmer. We also had a lovely visit from the chicks, it was a really fun experience watching them hatch and become really fluffy, we learnt how to hold them, clean them and care for them. We all had some much fun dressing up as our favourite characters for world book day, we also explored a range of activities for St Patrick's day, mother's day and red nose day such as green textured tuff trays, creating mother's day cards, handprint painting and creating red nose day biscuits. **For our song and story this month we will be participating in Daisy's.**

Snowdrop

This month in Snowdrop due to recent light in regard to health we have taught our children to wash their hands correctly and in using experiments. We have also seen the effect soap has on germs. We have explored different tuff trays using animals and sensory materials, we have talked about the sounds of the different animals. We have also looked at different ways to make marks from using crayons and chalk to having cars in paint. We have also had fun taking our sunshine bear to our homes and visiting our families. This month we have also learnt about St Patrick's day and made cards for Mother's Day. **Our next song and story are '5 little men' and 'Aliens love underpants'.**

Daffodil

This month in Daffodil room we have enjoyed visiting the chicks and we were even brave enough to hold and stroke them. We learnt about how we care for different pets and look after them. The children enjoyed creating their own paintings of the chicks and discussing the different colours. We also took part in a colour tuff tray using different coloured objects to develop our understanding and awareness of different colours. The children have enjoyed some independent reading this month and have been learning how to look after our books and put them away correctly. They have also been using their imagination when playing in the role play area using their friendly behaviour and sharing the resources. **Next month we will be joining with Snowdrop room and participating in their song and story of the month.**

Sunflower

This month in the Sunflower room we have been looking at 'the very hungry caterpillar' and 'Old McDonald'. The children have enjoyed exploring different resources to make their own animals and developing their speech talking about what they can feel. They have participated in a farm tuff tray and learning about different animals. We have been using our kinds hands to hold out pet hamster peppa and also enjoyed visiting the chicks. The children have also enjoyed visiting the park where they looked for the ducks and the very hungry caterpillar. They all showed an interest in taking part in a variety of painting activities to create their own caterpillars and loved gluing different textures to make butterflies and a leaf. The children have enjoyed taking part in food tasting activities, were they were able to talk about their favourite foods and what they think the caterpillar would enjoy. During March we have also enjoyed celebrating ST Patrick's day and mothers da. The children loved using a range of green resources to make their St Patrick's day pictures and creating their own 4 leaf clovers. We would like to wish our friends Madison, Elizabeth and Leo good luck for their move to Pre Prep. During this time, we would lie to wish all children and families a good health. We hope you re all staying safe and we hope to see you all soon.

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Infection control policy

At Auckland House Day Nursery we promote the good health of all children attending through maintaining high hygiene standards and reducing the chances of infection being spread. We follow the Health protection in schools and other childcare facilities guidance which sets out when and how long children need to be excluded from settings, when treatment/medication is required and where to get further advice from. Viruses and infections can be easily passed from person to person by breathing in air containing the virus which is produced when an infected person talks, coughs or sneezes. It can also spread through hand/face contact after touching a person or surface contaminated with viruses.

We follow the guidance below to prevent a virus or infection from moving around the nursery. Our staff:

- Encourage all children to use tissues when coughing and sneezing to catch germs
- Ensure all tissues are disposed of in a hygienic way and all children and staff wash their hands once the tissue is disposed of
- Develop children's understanding of the above and the need for good hygiene procedures in helping them to stay healthy
- Wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when changing nappies, toileting children and dealing with any other bodily fluids. Staff are requested to dispose of these in the appropriate manner and wash hands immediately
- Clean and sterilise all potties and changing mats before and after each use
- Clean toilets at least daily and check them throughout the day
- Remind children to wash their hands before eating, after visiting the toilet, playing outside or being in contact with any animal and explain the reasons for this
- Clean all toys, equipment and resources on a regular basis by following a comprehensive cleaning rota and using antibacterial cleanser or through washing in the washing machine
- Wash or clean all equipment used by babies and toddlers as and when needed including when the children have placed it in their mouth
- Store dummies in individual hygienic dummy boxes labelled with the child's name to prevent cross-contamination with other children
- Store toothbrushes (where applicable) hygienically to prevent cross-contamination
- Immediately clean and sterilise (where necessary) any dummy or bottle that falls on the floor or is picked up by another child
- Provide labelled individual bedding for children that is not used by any other child and wash this at least once a week
- Ask parents and visitors to remove all outdoor footwear or use shoe covers when entering rooms where children may be crawling or sitting on the floor
- Where applicable wear specific indoor shoes or slippers whilst inside the rooms and make sure that children wear them as well
- Follow the sickness and illness policy when children are ill to prevent the spread of any infection in the nursery. Staff are also requested to stay at home if they are contagious.

In addition:

- The nursery manager retains the right of refusal of all children, parents, staff and visitors who are deemed contagious and may impact on the welfare of the rest of the nursery
- Parents will be made aware of the need for these procedures in order for them to follow these guidelines whilst in the nursery
- Periodically each room in the nursery will be deep cleaned including carpets and soft furnishings to ensure the spread of infection is limited. This will be implemented earlier if the need arises
- In the event of an infection outbreak the nursery will, where appropriate, undertake a deep clean to ensure the spread of infection is contained
- We will follow any the Government health guidance, as well as legal advice and our information from our insurers on any national outbreak of a virus/ pandemic and keep parents informed of any course of action. Each specific circumstances will differ and to ensure we take the most appropriate action we will treat each case on an individual basis.
- In addition, where contagious outbreaks occur, will adopt government guidance for all visitors to minimise risk of further spreading the risk of infection.
- The nursery will ensure stocks of tissues, hand washing equipment, cleaning materials and sterilising fluid are maintained at all times and increased during the winter months or when flu and cold germs are circulating.

Recipe of the month – Homemade Vegetable Soup



Cooked by our
Chef Claire

Ingredients

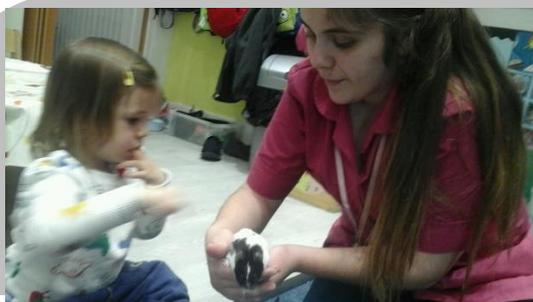
- 1 pink grapefruit
- 1 orange
- 1 pomegranate
- 1 banana
- small bunch white grapes
- small bunch black grapes
- 1 kiwi
- 1 pear
- 1 apple
- sprig mint, to decorate

For the syrup

- citrus juice (from above)
- 1 lime
- 100g/3½oz sugar
- 1 lemongrass stalk, sliced in half
- 1 thumb-sized piece ginger

Method

1. For the fruit salad, segment the grapefruit and orange, catching the juices in a bowl. Squeeze more juice out of the remaining citrus fruit into the bowl. Set aside the orange and grapefruit segments.
2. For the syrup, measure the juice and add water to make 100ml/3½fl oz.
3. Peel a large strip of lime zest from the lime, avoiding any of the white pith. Reserve the remaining lime.
4. Combine the citrus juice/water mixture and the sugar in a small saucepan. Heat until the sugar has dissolved, stirring once or twice. Add the lemongrass, lime zest and ginger and then bring to a boil. Immediately reduce the heat to a simmer.
5. Simmer over a low heat for 10 minutes. Turn off the heat and leave the syrup to cool.
6. For the fruit salad, remove the seeds from the pomegranate and slice the banana.
7. Peel another slice of zest from the lime using a vegetable peeler, avoiding any of the white pith. Slice it very finely and reserve this for decoration. Set aside the remaining lime as you will need the juice.
8. Cut the grapes in half and slice the kiwi.
9. Finally chop the pear and apple, pouring a little lime juice over the apple to retain its colour.
10. Combine all the fruit in a large bowl or in individual serving dishes or Martini glasses. Pour over the syrup, to taste. You may not need to use all the syrup – any remaining syrup can be used in cocktails or added as a sweetener to herbal tea. Decorate with strips of lime and a sprig of mint.



Photos

