



Message from the Management team

February is upon us already and our children have enjoyed a wide range of activities and celebrations throughout January. As previously, explained one of our ongoing objectives is to ensure we have a highly trained and skilled staff team. This month our staff have attended staff training to refresh their safeguarding knowledge. Also as the health and safety coordinator Kellie led training, reviewed general Health and Safety policies and discussed the importance of risk management. Amy Lever has begun her Level 3 apprenticeship training with us, Francesca and Abbie are about to complete their Level 2 and Ella, Becky, Charlie and Sophia are working towards their L3 qualification. Joanne is currently working towards her SENCO award and is our setting SENCO. Kellie is also the well-being champion and Joanne and Megan will be carrying out training to support the team and children also. We welcome Jemma who is a level 3 practitioner and Naaila who will be beginning her L3 apprenticeship to our Auckland team, both are based in Daisy room. Also, Debbie will be a permanent bank member. We are still recruiting for an over 2 senior leader and practitioners. Finally, we always love seeing the things that our children are getting up to at home and their new interests and developments. This also contributes to our flexible 'in the moment planning' and the activities and enhancements that we put in place to support this. Please keep sending these in. A big congratulation to Ella for being awarded employee of the month for her positive attitude and dedication. The room of the month went to 'Sunflower room' Sophia, Francesca, Amy and Kerry have shown eagerness and commitments in improving the learning environment. Joanne awarded an addition recognition to Amy Lever for going the extra mile and enthusiasm. Megan awarded Charlie her appreciation award for ongoing high quality of practice and teamwork.

Thank you for all your continued support Kellie and Joanne

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My name is **Kim Hall** and I will be your child's key person. I am an Early Years Practitioner in Bluebell Room.

I am a fully qualified practitioner. I have a Level 3 qualification in Children's Learning and Development. I have joined Auckland House team in May 2010 and really enjoy working with the children.

In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my fiancé, family and friends.

National story telling week w/c 30 Jan

Chinese New Year - Year of the tiger - Tue 1st Feb

Queen platinum jubilee – sun 6th Feb

Winter Olympics – 4th -20th feb

Children's mental health week 7th Feb

Safer internet day – Tuesday 8th feb

Valentine's Day Tuesday 14th Feb

National wear red day – fri 25th Feb

Buttercups

We have had a good start to the New Year in Buttercup room! We have welcomed many new friends into our rooms and said some goodbyes to some friends who have transitioned into another room.

Our story this term was 'Elmer the elephant' we have had fun exploring textures and colours through tuff trays. The light board coloured cellophane film and other sensory lights. We also explored our small world animals - looking at our different sizes and finding our mummy and baby elephants

Our song of the term, 'The wheels on the bus we explored a theme of transport this month. Having fun with our small world cars, making marks in the paint and sand, singing and dancing with our instruments and using our collage materials to create a bus! We have also explored our ride on toys and walkers, transporting ourselves around the room.

We hope you have had as much as we join us when our story will be 'love makes a family' and our song head shoulders knees and toes.

Daisy

This month in Daisy room, we have been looking at the story 'the rabbit's nap' and the song 'Baa, baa woolly sheep. Some of the activities the Daisy room children have enjoyed are painting their own 'baa, baa, woolly sheep pictures using different materials, such as cotton wool to smudge it across the paper. They created their own textured sheep and rabbit pictures. For a sensory activity, the children enjoyed exploring some sheep themed sensory bags.

We have celebrated Chinese new year the children took part in making their own facemasks in the shape of a tiger. They participated in tuff tray activities that contained rice and Chinese themed props. This month the children have had a range of outings to the park. They also enjoyed a venture to the library, where they enjoyed picking their own books.

Bluebell

This month we have had so much fun in nursery, our theme has been 'winter' we explored snow through lots of different textures and made snow tuff trays, which the children really enjoyed. We also made our own snowmen using lots of different textures and materials. The children also had their feet painted to make carrots for the snowmen. We wrapped up warm and had lots of fun outside and took a trip to the park. Our book this month has been 'the farm' this is the children's favourite at the moment as they handle the book independently and love the staff to read it again and again. They have enjoyed learning the names of the animals and mimicking the noises they do. The song was '5 little monkeys' were the children have copied actions and enjoyed painting to make our own monkeys with recycled materials.

The children explored with chopsticks to pick up objects and enjoyed a lot of dressing up.

Snowdrop

This month we have had so much fun! Our song that we have been focusing on is '5 little men in a flying saucer' we spoke about the planets and all of the stars. We enjoyed messy play and splashed paint over tissue paper to create our own space scene. We explored gluing and sticking activities to create our own colourful planets and stars. Our story that we have been focusing on has been 'the wheels on the bus we have made up actions and sounds to go with what all of the people on the bus do and drew our own interpretation of them. We even enjoyed creating our own self-portraits, looking at ourselves in the mirror naming different features on our face. We have enjoyed using our imagination to come up with our own games. We have played hide and seek where we practiced our counting skills and ring a ring of roses, we enjoyed celebrations for Chinese New Year where we looked at tigers.

Daffodil

This month in Daffodil room, we have looked at the story 'under the sleepy stars' and used chalk pens to decorate. We then looked at different shape boxes. Furthermore, we strengthened our pincer grip and pen control whilst mark making and tracing around different shapes. We used our animals and placed them in paint to make animal footprints.

Our song was 'zoom zoom' where we used recycled paper plates to make the spaceship. We also made actions to the song and in the garden where we acted out being spaceships, move our body in different ways. We safely jumped off the climbing frame. We also recycled old cereal boxes to create rockets. We also learnt more about different named planets and spoke about what we see in the sky.

Sunflower

This month in Sunflower room, the children have enjoyed creating work when carrying out activities for our song and story of the month. The children chose these. The song: 'Miss Polly had a dolly' this led the children into being interested in looking after the dollies, later they thoroughly enjoyed creating a doctors surgery role-play area. The children enjoyed learning new words like, x-ray and thermometer and eagerly listened as we explained how they work. We looked at skeletons and learnt more about our bodies and bones. Furthermore, they took great interest in using additional resources such as, bandages and different additional visuals.

Dear zoo has been a fun story and the children have created animals and explored the different shapes and art. The children have had fun learning about different celebrations through tuff tray exploration, drawing activities and stories. The children further extended their learning about

Accidents in the nursery policy

There are at least 2 members of staff on nursery premises at all times who have a current up to date first aid certificate. In the event of your child, having major accident only members of staff who hold a first aid certificate will deal with any minor injuries that your child may have.

All accidents will be recorded on an accident form giving details of:

- Name and address of child
- Name of the person who dealt with the accident
- How and when the accident occurred
- What the injuries were
- What first aid was given
- Name of management accident reported to.

The form will then be signed and dated by a member of staff who dealt with the accident and the manager or deputy will sign the form to state they have been informed of the accident. Parents/Carers will be informed of any accidents upon arrival and will be asked to sign the form to state they have been informed. In the event of a serious accident, the nursery manager or deputy will contact the parent/carer immediately and will explain what has happened and the action that has been taken. It is policy of Auckland House Nursery to call a taxi or ambulance if your child requires hospital treatment. If your child does need such treatment, we will arrange to meet you at hospital.

Head Injuries - If your child has a head injury an accident head injury form will be completed giving details of;

- Name and address of child
- Name of person who dealt with the accident
- How and when the accident occurred
- What injuries where
- What first aid was given
- Name of management accident reported to

The form will then be signed and dated by the member of staff who has dealt with the accident and the manager or deputy will sign the form to state they have been informed of the accident. Parents/carers will be informed of any accidents upon arrival and will be asked to sign the form to state they have been informed and a head injury letter will be given to the parent/carer with advice on how to look after a child with a head injury.

IT IS VITAL THAT YOU ALWAYS PROVIDE THE NURSERY WITH A CONTACT NUMBER IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES.

In the event of a serious accident, there is a requirement for the nursery manager to inform OFSTED.

Accidents in the home - Where a child has had an accident in the home (outside nursery hours), please ensure that you inform staff on duty about what happened and when and where the injury was received. Any existing injuries will be recorded on an existing injury form giving details of:

- Name and address of child
- How and when the accident occurred
- What the injuries were
- What first aid was given
- Whom it was reported to.

The form will then be signed and dated by the member of staff who dealt with the accident and the manager or deputy will sign the form to state they have been informed of the accident.

Recipe of the month - Homemade Beef Hot Pot

Method

Ingredients

- 1kg/2lb 2oz braising steak, trimmed, cut into 5cm/2in chunks
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 75g/3oz butter
- 150g/5oz baby onions, peeled
- 4 carrots, peeled, cut into chunks
- 1 tbsp plain flour
- 200ml/7floc red wine
- 400ml/14fl oz fresh beef stock
- 2 fresh thyme sprigs
- 1kg/2lb 2oz potatoes, cut into 5mm/¼in sli

1. Preheat the oven to 170C/325F/Gas 3.
2. Season the meat with salt and freshly ground black pepper.
3. Heat a large casserole dish until very hot then add the oil and a small knob of butter. Fry the beef until browned all over, then remove from the pan and set aside. (You may need to do this in batches.)
4. Add the onions and another knob of butter to the pan and fry for 2-3 minutes, or until lightly browned. Add the carrots and cook for a further minute.
5. Stir in the flour then gradually add the red wine, stirring until smooth. Add the browned beef and the stock, season with salt and freshly ground black pepper and bring to the boil. Stir in the fresh thyme, then arrange the potatoes on top. Dot the surface with the remaining butter.
6. Cover with a lid and cook in the oven for one hour.
7. Remove the lid and increase the heat to 200C/400F/Gas 6 for 30 minutes.

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