



Message from the Management team

Welcome to this month's newsletter. Our children have carried out some lovely activities this month both indoors and outdoors. Our children have enjoyed some trips out in the close community and gained a greater understanding of the world in which they live.

Can I remind you that we welcome any pictures or updates from yourselves of what experiences, milestones that your child may have achieved away from the nursery. This enables us to plan effective activities and build on current developments, experiences. Furthermore, to adapt the learning environment to support children's interests and provide them with exciting, engaging opportunities.

This month also had a visit from our local authority, quality worker who had a tour around the nursery and discussed our current practice and future plans. From this, we are happy to announce that we maintained our Green RAG rating, which we are thrilled about. Our children have carried out some fabulous activities, which include tuff spot trays. They really enjoy them, are highly engaged and love extending their imagination and bringing their ideas to life.

We have been busy recruiting this month and have welcomed new practitioners and bank staff to our staff team. We look forward to working alongside them and supporting them help children learn and develop. Furthermore, we are very excited to announce our new nursery manager Dawn will be joining us from 11th July and she is looking forward to meeting you all and supporting your children's development.

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My name is **Amy Gregory** and I will be your child's key person. I am the Nursery Deputy Manager.

I am a qualified level 6 nursery practitioner with a Degree in Education in Early Years. I have started working in childcare in 2013 and have joined Auckland House team in October 2016. I enjoy working with children and look forward to getting to know each child and help them learn and develop whilst in our care.

Important messages

- American independence day 4th July
- Eid-Al-Adha – W/C 8th July
- Sports week – W/C 18th July

Please remember to bring nappies and wipes daily and also to ensure your child has a sun hat and sun cream.

Buttercups This month in buttercup room we have welcomed some new friends as well as looking at different colours to celebrate pride, our story this month was "Elmer the elephant" and our song was "the rainbow song" the children have loved being involved in all the different activities from making a rainbow using our handprints and making marks on a rainbow, we have been doing gluing and sticking on the Elmer the elephant as well as reading the story and singing the song.

The children have loved celebrating all the different events this month, we have celebrated pride, Father's Day, health eating day, ocean day and the queen's jubilee. The children have loved being involved in different crafts to celebrate these events.

Daisy

In daisy room this term we have been looking at 5 Little Men in a flying saucer and The Rainbow fish. The children have been taking part in my engaging activities such as creating their own flying saucers, creating their own astronaut helmet and fishing in the garden for the rainbow fish. We have celebrated many great events such as the Queens Jubilee and celebrating father's days by creating cards. The weather has been amazing which has given us the chance to explore the garden a lot more and has meant a lot more trips out to the park which the children love. The children have formed many great bonds with each other this term and we can't wait to see what they achieve next time.

Bluebell

This Month Bluebell have focused on humpty dumpty and 1,2,3 splish. All children have enjoyed using different materials when getting creative developing their fine motor skills. Children have developed their counting skills when reading books and have loved lots of water play. As the weather has been pretty hot this month Bluebell have been enjoying their time in the sun. enjoying pool parties, trips to the park and eating yummy lollies.

Bluebell have celebrated lots of events this month such as: father's day, making cards for their loved ones. Music day they explored different instruments then made their own instruments using different materials and textures. As they focused on 1,2,3 splish children enjoyed being creative making their own sea creatures exploring a range of materials.

As some of our friends depart us for the bigger room we look forward to welcoming our new little friends into Bluebell room.

Snowdrop

This month we have been focusing on the story "I want to be like you". We have been exploring a range of activities such as drawing their own animals, making animal masks and exploring animal tuff trays. Our song of the month has been "five little men in a flying saucer". We have been enjoying singing at circle time and developing our counting skills. We explored a gluing and sticking activity to create our own flying saucers and rockets. We also had lots of fun creating stars, made space themed cakes and enjoyed lots of space themed treats. We have had lots of exciting trips this month including a trip to the museum to see the dinosaurs and animals, we had so much fun. We have also celebrated the queen's jubilee by making our own flags, crowns and enjoyed afternoon tea at our garden party.

Daffodil

This month Daffodil have enjoyed learning about lots of different events including the queen's platinum jubilee we created flags, decorated biscuits and played in celebratory tuff trays. Healthy eating was part of our focus this month with lots of fruit and vegetable tasting, fruit painting and creating our own fruit kebabs. We celebrated both father's day and happy friendship day by creating cards, turn taking and talking about their feelings.

Lastly we promote equality in our nursery and celebrate all our families so it was fitting that pride played a big part in our June curriculum. We provided rainbows and colours, colour mixing and made different flags too. Our song of the term is Ginger bread man, children enjoyed creating their own gingerbread man using different textures and colours bringing their gingerbread man to life. Our Rhyme of the term was "five little ducks" children had lots of fun such as trips to the park to visit the ducks, lots of water play activities and enjoyed decorating their own ducks and bringing them to life.

Sunflower

This month in Sunflower room our story has been "all afloat on Noah's boat". The children engaged in some creative activities such as making our boat and creating our own animals. The children have also explored numbers and organizing animals two by two. Our song of the month was "pat-a-cake", the children have supported this song through a range of role play activities with the toy foods making yummy treats. We have also explored the benefits of healthy eating week with fun fruit kebab activities. This month we had fun celebrating the queen's jubilee with fun tuff trays and afternoon tea. We also explored world ocean day and learnt about sea creatures. it's been a busy month

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 Lasagne



Cooked by our
Chef Claire

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- , plus a little for the dish
- 750g lean beef mince
- 90g pack prosciutto
- half quantity of our tomato sauce (see the recipe), or 800g passata
- 200ml hot beef stock
- a little grated nutmeg
- 300g pack fresh lasagne sheets
- half quantity of our white sauce (see the recipe), or 520g ready-made sauce
- 125g ball mozzarella, torn into thin strips

Method

1. To make the meat sauce, heat 2 tbsp olive oil in a frying pan and cook 750g lean beef mince in two batches for about 10 mins until browned all over.
2. Finely chop 4 slices of prosciutto from a 90g pack, then stir through the meat mixture.
3. Pour over 800g passata or half our basic tomato sauce recipe and 200ml hot beef stock. Add a little grated nutmeg, then season.
4. Bring up to the boil, then simmer for 30 mins until the sauce looks rich.
5. Heat oven to 180C/fan/160C/gas 4 and lightly oil an ovenproof dish (about 30 x 20cm).
6. Spoon one third of the meat sauce into the dish, then cover with some fresh lasagne sheets from a 300g pack. Drizzle over roughly 130g ready-made or homemade white sauce.
7. Repeat until you have 3 layers of pasta. Cover with the remaining 390g white sauce, making sure you can't see any pasta poking through.
8. Scatter 125g torn mozzarella over the top.
9. Arrange the rest of the prosciutto on top. Bake for 45 mins until the top is bubbling and lightly browned.

