



Message from the Management team

Welcome to this month's newsletter. As the summer weather is approaching we have been working on providing greater opportunities to learn in the outdoors, ensuring that we continue to provide an attractive, enabling outdoor area to support children's learning and play. We are currently enhancing our gardens by adding new resources and providing exciting and engaging areas to support the children's learning and development. We have also been enhancing the areas in each room and developing more opportunities for children to extend their learning and imagination and have provided different props in the role play area, such as hats, glasses, scarfs, bags, etc, so far this has been very popular.

Our recruitment of staff has been positive as we welcome Sarah to the Snowdrop room, Yasmin and Natasha to the Daisy room and in the coming weeks Hayley to our Buttercup room and Amy H to the Sunflower room.

This month we have enjoyed celebrating various themes and festivals, in particular the Queens Jubilee! The children enjoyed making crafts such as crowns and engaged in various tuff trays of red, white and blue. To top of the celebrations we held a garden party with some delicious afternoon tea.

Many awards for staff appreciation and recognitions were given this month, Daisy room gained room of the month for their dedication and teamwork. Megan B was awarded employee of the month also for her commitment and practice and Daffodil were awarded display of the month for their extended teamwork and creativity.

Our children have carried out some fabulous activities, which include tuff trays, worm worlds and have worked on developing their fine motor skills. They have thoroughly enjoyed them, are highly engaged and love extending their imagination and bringing their ideas to life. In addition to this the children have been out in the community, enjoying trips to the shops and the park.

Thank you for your continued support.

Joanne and Amy

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*My name is **Rebecca Smith**. I am the House keeper at Auckland House nursery.*

I joined Auckland House in 2019. My role is to ensure that we maintain a clean, hygienic nursery environment.

In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my little boy and my family and friends.

Important dates

Father's Day – Cards and gifts

Sunday 18th June (we will do activities w/c 13th – 17th June)

Buttercups

This month we've explored a range of stories and songs - such as "I thought I saw a lion", "Happy Eid", "Lizzy the lamb" and "The rabbits nap". We chose these books as they follow our children's interests in animals. Our songs that were chosen were "Leo the lion", "Twinkle, Twinkle little star", "5 little ducks" and "Miss Polly had a dolly". We chose a wide variety of songs to cover a range of interests that our children have displayed. As the days are getting warmer we've spent more time in the outdoors, exploring water play, the sand tray and nature - looking at flowers and bugs in the garden. We hope you've all had a brilliant time with us this month and we look forward to what June will bring us. We hope to continue our exploration of outdoors by going on more trips to the park and other areas in our local community.

Daisy

This term in Daisy room we focused on the book Elmer and the song 5 little ducks. The children explored so many fun activities. Some of the activities consisted of the children creating their own Elmer elephant, using many different textures and colours. They explored many different tuff trays containing sand and water and they helped mummy duck and her 5 little ducks travel across them. The children went on outings to the park and even seen 5 little ducks in the pond. The children have celebrated many events such as Ramadan, Earth Day and St Georges day. In Daisy room we have also welcomed a new member of staff Yasmin, and will also be welcoming Natasha too. Sadly, we said goodbye to one of our valued members of staff Abbie, we will miss her and wish her all the best for the future.

Bluebell

This term Bluebell have been focusing on the story Cheep Cheep and Sleeping Bunnies song. We have discovered lots of new animals and the sounds that they make. The children have enjoyed using different resources and recycled materials to create animals. All children have enjoyed getting messy and creative. They have celebrated Easter and made their own bunnies. When celebrating Earth Day, the children explored the colours blue and green in a sensory tuff tray and also created their own globes by gluing and sticking. To celebrate the Queens Jubilee our children have had lots of fun using lots of colours and glitter to create crowns. They also enjoyed a tea party, tasting some delicious scones and tea cakes. The children have really enjoyed water play and having a nice cool ice loll during the warmer days.

Snowdrop

This term Snowdrop have been focusing on the story "my green day" and the song "peter rabbit". The children have been exploring a range of activities to support the story by gluing and sticking their own green world and mark making their own vegetable patch. The children have been keeping an eye on their vegetable patch in the garden and have been taking good care of the vegetables, plants and flowers. They also decided to add sunflowers to the collection. Snowdrop have been exploring numbers this month too and had lots of fun with the fishing activity. The children developed their pincer grasp to pick out the different colours. The children also developed their counting and grouping skills.

Daffodil

This term Daffodil have been welcoming new children into their rooms and allowing the children to settle in. The children have been developing their balance taking turns on their new trampoline having lots of fun. The children have had lots of fun decorating big boxes and exploring enclosed spaces. The children have explored lots of messy play tuff trays and activities. Children enjoyed exploring gloop with their fairies and rescuing them from the gloop developing their imagination. Children have made their own wands and enjoyed recognizing and talking about shapes and colours. We have celebrated events. Children had lots of fun celebrating the Queens jubilee. From making sparkly crowns to enjoying a queen inspired afternoon tea.

Sunflower

This month Sunflower room the children have engaged in a range of fun activities to support our story "They came from planet zabaloo". The children learnt about the solar system and explored shapes, sizes and colours. We created paper mache planets and colourful galaxies. Our song this month was "once I caught a fish alive". The children engaged in water play and exploring numbers and visuals. The children had fun engaging in role play as fish to support their song awareness. This month we have welcomed lots of new friends to sunflower room and can't wait celebrate events and create lots of more fun. Also this month the children have had lots of fun exploring the jubilee activities from making sparkly crowns to exploring queen themed afternoon tea!

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Sun care Policy

At Auckland House Day Nursery, we are committed to ensuring that all children are fully protected from the dangers of too much sun/UV rays. Severe sunburn in childhood can lead to the development of malignant melanoma (the most dangerous type of skin cancer) in later life.

We follow guidance from the weather and UV level reports and use the following procedures to keep children safe and healthy in the sun:

- Key persons will work with the parents of their key children to decide and agree on suitable precautions to protect children from burning, including those with more sensitive skin types and those that may be more tolerant to the sunshine, e.g. black and/or Asian colouring
- Children must have a clearly labelled sun hat which will be worn at all times whilst outside in sunny weather. This hat will be of legionnaires design (i.e. with an extended back and side to shield children's neck and ears from the sun) to provide additional protection
- Children must have their own labelled high factor sun cream with prior written consent for staff to apply. This enables children to have sun cream suitable for their own individual needs. Nursery provides branded sensitive sun cream factor 50+ for children who do not provide their own. Staff must be aware of the expiry date and discard sunscreen after this date.
- Parents are requested to supply light-weight cotton clothing for their children suitable for the sun, with long sleeves and long legs
- Children's safety and welfare in hot weather is the nursery's prime objective so staff will work closely with parents to ensure all appropriate cream and clothing is provided.
- Staff will make day-to-day decisions about the length of time spent outside depending on the strength of the sun and the hotter parts of the day.
- Children will always have sun cream applied before going outside in the hot weather and at frequent intervals during the day.
- Children are encouraged to drink cooled water more frequently throughout sunny or warm days, and this will be accessible both indoors and out
- Children are made aware of the need for sun hats, sun cream and the need to drink more fluids during their time in the sun
- Shade will be provided to ensure children are able to still go out in hot weather, cool down or escape the sun should they wish or need to.
- Records of the sun cream application will be recorded.
- Sun cream will be re-applied regularly throughout the day.
- If there are plans for children to be out for longer periods of time sun cream will be applied twice. 30 min before children go out and reapplied just before children go out.

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.

