

Newsletter

Bumbles Orrell Park - January 2021

General News

We would like to wish all our children and families a Happy New Year! We have enjoyed welcoming the children back to nursery and hope you all had a lovely Christmas.

Unfortunately, we are beginning 2021 in a national lockdown, we would like to thank you all for your continued support during this difficult time and we will continue to keep you updated regarding any changes. We have recently reviewed all Covid-19 procedures and have sent out updated information on these via Ey Log. Our staff continue to work hard, keeping the children safe by following the policies and procedures in place. The staff have also been getting tested each week and this is something that we hope to continue going forward.

Events this month

26th January- Burns Night - The birthday of Scotland's most famous poet, Robert Burns (1759-1796), celebrated traditionally with Burns suppers by Scottish people on this day. We will be looking at our favourite poems with the children and nursery rhymes for the younger children to celebrate and encourage the importance of stories, poems and rhymes.

26th January- Australia Day - Celebrating the arrival of the first people who settled in Australia in 1788. The children will be learning about Australia including its wonderful animals such as the Kangaroo or Koala Bear. The children will also make Australia's popular food for children's parties - Fairy Bread.



30th January - National Story telling week - We will be reading a selection of the children's favourite books in nursery. Please send your child's Key Carer a message to let them know what your child's favourite book is.

31st January- National Bug Busting Day - An event held three times a year to raise awareness around the issue of head lice and how to effectively deal with them.

Parents Information.

* If your child is sent home from nursery and required to isolate for 10 days **due to them being in contact with a positive case in their room**, then they will need to be tested before their sibling (from another room) will be able to continue attending the setting. Once the result comes back negative, then this will mean that their sibling may return and continue attending nursery knowing that the virus hopefully, has not been transmitted to them. **Whilst the child isolating must continue to do so for the required time.** This is to ensure everybody's safety as much as possible.

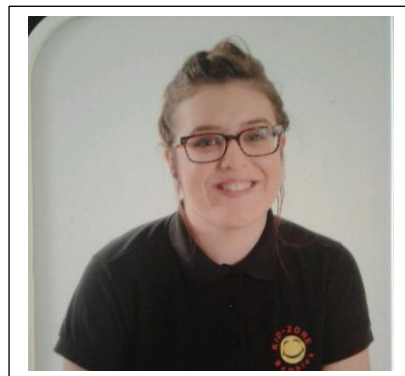
* We want to kindly remind you all to please send any messages you may have through your child's Ey log as an observation directly to the Key Carer or as an email to the manager at nursery@kidzonenursery.com and we will respond as quickly as we can. As you can imagine the managers/deputies are extremely busy throughout the day ensuring the staff and children's safety and are not always able to answer all calls.

* It is nursery policy to wear a face covering when collecting/dropping off your children (unless exempt). If you arrive at the setting without one you will be asked to get one before the staff member can greet you at the door.

* We would also like to remind you that only one person should be dropping off/collecting the children. (other than siblings)

Employee of the month.

Our employee of the month for December goes to: Kirsten.
Kirsten has recently been supporting the management team, alongside working in Bizzy Bees as Room Head, she has been working in the office opening and closing the nursery whilst being trained as 3rd in charge. Kirsten has shown good organisation skills, leadership and commitment to her new role - Well done Kirsten!



Baby Bees

Our Baby Bees children have enjoyed reading the Elmer book this month. They have created lots of lovely pictures using various coloured tissue paper to decorate Elmer the elephant. We have also explored our new water sensory mats and enjoyed watching the fish move around the mats. When the children sit or lay on them, they can move the fish with their fingers and follow them around pointing at what they can see, this helps with enhancing fine motor skills.



Honey Bees

Honey Bees children have been having fun in the frost and snow outside. When the children come inside the staff continue the theme of snow by getting shredded paper out for the children to pretend it was snowing inside. The staff demonstrated by sprinkling the paper onto the tray it was like snowflakes dropping, the crunch of the paper in the children's hands was also like the frost/ice crunching when they picked it up outside. The children loved this activity and enjoyed sprinkling the snow on each other laughing as the staff encouraging them to saying, 'it's snowing'.



Bizzy Bees

This term Bizzy Bees are focusing on Phonics, Mathematics, and fine motor skills. Phonics is the foundational skills children need to read and write. Letter recognition is also enhanced through regular phonics lessons. Bizzy bees have enjoyed finding initial sounds in words especially, and many of our Bizzy Bees have been able to find initial sounds in everyday spoken language, for example: b is for Bizzy Bees or s is for snack. Bizzy bees have done well and are continuing to enjoy their Phonics lessons.

In mathematics we have been focusing on number recognition and number order. We have also been introducing simple sums to develop the children's knowledge and skills. We have done this through use of toys we use every day, for example blocks and animals.

We have been working on our fine motor skills in Bizzy Bees. We have been practicing this through using scissors to cut. We have also been using play dough to do dough disco. Using pinching, squeezing, poking and many other actions with the play dough strengthen and challenge children's fine motor skills.



Outdoors

The children have had a fantastic time exploring the garden during the frost and snow. The pre-school children have loved exploring 'Gruffalo's Forest' the children have been watching the trees change colours and we have been discussing the seasons change and what happens. We have especially loved the cold weather recently. We wrapped up warm with our wet suits, hats, and gloves on and we had lots of fun finding ice/snow and feeling it with our hands.

Our Honey Bee children loved feeling the cold snow and ice in their hands. They laughed with one another as the staff encouraged them to touch and pick up the snow/ice talking to the children about how it feels and using words to describe how it felt. Baby Bees had fun building little snowman, the staff supported the children with picking up the snow in their hands and putting it onto the snowman. The staff introduce new words to the children such as, cold, ice, snow and some of the children were able to copy these words, expanding on their vocabulary and language.

Yoga

We have recently introduced yoga into the pre-school daily routine. Yoga has really helped the children relax in the mornings. We listen to some calm music, dim the lights and practice deep breathing as well as doing some great stretches and poses. The children absolutely love practicing yoga as they can find some calm in an otherwise busy day!

Eco-School

We are continuing to work towards gain our Echo-School award here at the nursery. Our Eco school leader Megan and her committee and children have been working hard to gain this award and we have currently been awarded our Bronze and Silver awards. The children have been learning what we can do to help save our planet. Bizzy Bees have been reading a book called 'I can save the earth', which sees a little monster throwing rubbish on the street, letting water run too long, not recycling and leaving all the lights on. He becomes distressed when his electricity goes off and he is left feeling sad for the waste he was creating. Bizzy bees loved this story and came up with ways they could minimise the waste we create as a group, including using only one paper towel to dry our hands, only leaving the lights on when we need them and switching them off when we leave the room or when its bright enough without them, recycling everything that can be recycled and trying our best to eat all our lunch and snack, so we don't have any waste. Honey Bees and Baby Bees have also played their part in helping the environment by also ensuring they follow the same in their rooms. Honey Bees will be reading this book to their children during this term.

If you ever have any queries or questions, please contact me and I will be happy to help.

Thank You for all your support during this very time,
Chloe, Jenny, and the staff team.

