

Newsletter

February 2023

What's New?

SPRING is in the air! Brighter mornings are near, let's hope the weather starts to get warmer too. We have a lot of upcoming events this month, we are excited and ready for another month of learning, fun, and new experiences.

We have a new member joining our team from March. **Please see Staffing section for more information.**

This Month We Have...

Baby Room- The babies have been exploring the outdoor area lots now the weather is getting that little bit better. We have also been tasting pancakes the preschoolers made... It was a mixed reaction some babies loved them others not so much! The babies have been doing lots of singing (Old McDonald has been the favorite) and exploring paint!

Middlies room- In the middlies room the children have been spending lots of time concentrating on communication and language, singing lots of songs and rhymes. We have been encouraging independence with the children such as feeding themselves, hanging their coats up, and washing and drying their hands at mealtimes.

Transition Room- In the transition room the children have been learning to be more independent by finding their pegs using the new peg labels. The staff have been encouraging the children to hang their belongings on their pegs, put their coats on, and finding their shoes from the shoe basket. The children have also been learning about healthy eating using "The Hungry Caterpillar" and talking about what is healthy and unhealthy. They have also been celebrating Valentine's Day by creating cards for someone who is special to them.

Preschool Rom- In the preschool room we have been focusing on PSE development. We have been reading "Have you filled a bucket today?" and talking about how we can fill someone else's bucket as well as our own with different acts of kindness. The children have also been learning about having a healthy life style by taking part in our yoga and exercise classes with Tasha and learning different breathing techniques, as well as learning about healthy eating. The preschoolers have been showing lots of independence by putting their own shoes and coats on, chopping their snack, and pouring their own water/milk. The Children have also been looking at numbers and using lots of mathematical language such as more, less, higher, lower and lots of numeral recognition.



Upcoming Events...

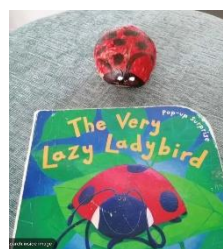
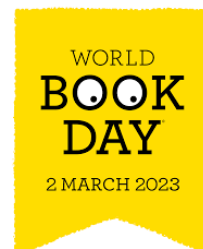
- St David's Day 1st March
- World Book Day 2nd March
- St Patrick's Day 17th March
- Red Nose Day 17th March
- Mother's Day 19th March

Reminder

Please be mindful that we close at **6pm**. If you would like in-depth feedback, please arrive at nursery in plenty of time.

PJ DAY & POTATO PAINTING (Thursday 2nd March)- For World Book Day your child can come to nursery wearing pajamas ready for a bedtime story day. You can wear your PJs, dressing gowns, slippers etc and snuggle up for some wonderful well-loved stories in our cosy areas. We would also like all our children to create a potato book character! This is a little bit of fun which you can do with your child at home. They can be as detailed or as simple as you like. We cannot wait to see them.

PRESCHOOL GRADUATION PHOTOS- MONDAY 23RD MARCH 2023 (More information to follow on evidence me)



Staffing

We have got a new staff member joining our team!!

Tanya is starting with us the beginning of March; she is a level 3 qualified practitioner with lots of experience working with children. Tanya will be working Mondays and Thursdays.



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Staff Member of the Month.... Say Hello to **Lianne!**

Lianne is a very experienced level 5 qualified practitioner. She is hard working and loves working with children! Lianne has 13 years' experience working with children, and has worked her way through the ranks throughout the years; starting off as a volunteer to management. Before coming to Brookdale as an Acting Deputy Manager Lianne managed Nether Kellet for 3 years. Lianne loves the big outdoors and helping the children learn and explore through the natural environment.

Lianne's favorite thing about working with children is **"seeing the hard work we put in come out in the children's progress."**

Lianne has 3 children of her own and in her spare time she likes to read and have family time.



Updates

Our staff team are attending an In The Moment Planning training course to refresh our memories and develop our knowledge and skills.

Fee's will be increased from April (Letter to follow)

Useful links/ Information

- <https://www.nhs.uk/.../learning-to-talk/3-to-5-years/...>
- [Reading comprehension - Help for early years providers - GOV.UK \(education.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/reading-comprehension-help-for-early-years-providers)
- [Healthy Eating Early Years \(EYFS\) - Teaching Resources \(twinkl.co.uk\)](https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/early-years/healthy-eating-early-years-eyfs)

