

# Newsletter

April 2023

## What's New?

It's that time of year again... all our preschoolers have been accepted in to their first choice of school!! This is FABULOUS news. We are excited to help prepare your child for the next big transition.

Your child's keyworker may have changed as we have had a little jig round, and some children have transitioned into a new room. Please make sure you are checking your evidence me for these updates.

## This Month We Have...

**Baby Room-** In the baby room we have enjoyed doing lots of Easter activities and getting messy with the paint, glue and glitter! We have been welcoming and settling new children, and lots of milestones have been met such as taking independent steps and walking independently. The babies have been exploring many different textures through their malleable play and have enjoyed singing songs.

**Middlies room-** The middlies have been exploring the outdoors climbing the slides, kicking footballs and practicing their throwing. The children have also been doing lots of gluing and sticking making St George's pictures and Easter pictures. The children have been learning lots of new words through the environment such as bird, in the sky, bug, fly.

**Transition Room-** The transitioners have been exploring messy play outside using the trucks in paint and rolling them down the slide to make different patterns. The children have also been enjoying story times and looking at books. We have been talking about Earth Day and learning about why looking after our planet is important.

**Preschool Rom-** In the preschool room we have enjoyed learning about Easter and making lots of tasty treats. The children have also been exploring mathematics through using the measuring scales, numercom, and playing positioning games. The children have enjoyed exploring colour mixing with the paint. Now the weather is nice (some days) we have been playing outside a lot more and the children have been developing their physical skills and PSE skills, by playing lots of group games such as scarecrow tig and toilet tig. We have also been talking lots about school, we have been practicing getting dressed and undressed into our school uniforms in the role play area and reading books about starting school 'the colour monster goes to school' is a very popular one.



## Upcoming Events...

- May day (1<sup>st</sup> May)
- King Charles III Coronation (6<sup>th</sup> May)
- National children's day (14<sup>th</sup> May)

## Reminder

Now the weather is getting that little bit nicer, please can we all provide a **sun hat and suncream (Factor 50+)** to leave at nursery for your child.

In the interest of **school readiness** and preparing your child for the next big leap, experience has taught us that routine is paramount to their learning, for example: arriving at nursery for **9am** to get into the swing of school hours.

**Independence-** We encourage this throughout the whole nursery starting from the baby room. Please have this in mind and help us encourage independence by letting your child climb up the stairs, carrying their own bag, finding their peg etc.

## Staffing

We have all recently attended an 'In the moment planning' course, to help refresh our memories on providing a stimulating and happy environment to help children learn.

## Updates

We are sending out new admission forms for all children on **pink** paper as they have slightly changed and to make sure we have the most up to date information.

We are going **paperless!** Daily diaries are going to do be done through evidence me. More information to follow.



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## Staff Member of the Month.... Say Hello to **Shannon**

Shannon has worked with children for 8 and a half years and has been at Brookdale for 7 of those years. She is a kind, caring and enthusiastic level 3 practitioner who loves seeing children thrive.

In her spare time Shannon enjoys spending time with friends and family and travelling around the country to different cities for short city breaks.

Shannon's favourite thing about working with children is **"watching the children develop and achieve."**



## Useful links/ Information

- [What is school readiness? | EYFS | Teaching Wiki - Twinkl](#)
- [Early Years - Dental HealthCare \(dentalhealthcareeoe.nhs.uk\)](#)
- [Good+Food+choices+May+2021+for+web.pdf \(squarespace.com\)](#)

