

Newsletter

January 2023



What's New?

Welcome to our new monthly newsletter. These monthly updates will inform you about what the children have been learning, staff information, upcoming events and much MORE.

Let's start off by saying... **Happy New Year!** We hope you all had a fantastic festive period, and we are excited to be back ready for lots of fun.



Upcoming Events...

- Chinese New Year (22nd Jan)
- Burns Night (25th Jan)
- Valentine's Day (14th Feb)

Staffing

We have a lot of new team members that have started with us over the past few months. Let me introduce you to our team:

Sue- Owner & Registered provider, Level 3 practitioner. Sue helps to cover in all rooms.

Carole- Nursery Manager, Level 6 practitioner. Carole works mainly upstairs and oversees all rooms.

Tasha- Nursery Deputy Manager, Level 3 practitioner (working towards level 5) Tasha works mainly with the preschoolers and oversees all of downstairs rooms.

Lianne- Acting Deputy Manager, Level 6 practitioner. Lianne works mainly upstairs and helps to oversee the upstairs rooms.

Lucy- Level 3 practitioner. Lucy works in the Transition room downstairs.

Michelle- Level 3 practitioner. Michelle mainly works upstairs in the Middlie room.

Danika- Level 3 practitioner. Danika works mainly upstairs and sometimes supports downstairs.

Dawn- Level 6 practitioner. Dawn works upstairs in the Middlie room and helps cover in the baby room.

Shannon- Level 3 practitioner. Shannon works mainly in the Baby room.

Megan- Level 2 practitioner (working towards Level 3) Megan works in all rooms.

Rachel- Level 6 practitioner. Rachel mainly works in the Transition room.

Anna- Level 3 practitioner. Anna works in all rooms.

Emma- Level 3 practitioner. Emma works mainly in the Transition room.

Laura- Level 2 practitioner (working towards Level 3) Laura works mainly upstairs in the Baby room.

Reminder

As the weather is very cold, this is a polite reminder for all children to have appropriate clothing for outdoor play.

- Coats
- Hats
- Gloves
- Scarves
- Wellie boots
- Puddle suits



This Month We Have...

Baby Room- In the baby room we have been exploring shaving foam, popping bubbles, and developing our physical skills. We have also created rabbits for Chinese New Year and Scottish flags for Burns Nights. The children enjoyed doing some food tasting and exploring the different textures using their senses.

Middlie Room- In the middlie room we have been working hard on our language skills with lots of rhymes and singing. We have been exploring and having lots of fun in our sensory and messy play. The children have also been tasting new traditional foods from all around the world and enjoyed a range of crafting especially the lanterns they made for Chinese New Year.

Transition Room- In the transition room we have been busy learning about Lunar New Year, making lanterns and tasting some yummy traditional foods. The children enjoyed watching a short video about Lunar New Year and dragon dancing. The children have also been exploring magnets, going around the room seeing what items were attracted to the magnet. At circle times we have been focusing on Kind hands, voices, and good listening ears.

Preschool room- In preschool we have been getting back into routine after the festive period. We have been focusing a lot on developing independence and confidence. The children have enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year and Burns Night... The food tasting went down a treat! We have been talking a lot about different countries and made our very own Brookdale Airways airplane, we have flown to China, Morecambe, London, and Paris so far.



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Staff Member of the Month... Everyone say hello to Megan. Megan is our newest member of the team; she is currently working towards her level 3 in childcare and development. Megan is enthusiastic, fun and loves seeing the children achieve. Megan works in all rooms and can adapt her teaching techniques to be age appropriate. Megan enjoys cheerleading and is very sporty outside of work, competing in a variety of sport competitions.



Updates

As a lot of you are aware Carole has had a leave of absence due to a hand injury. She will be returning to work Monday 30th January!! We cannot wait to have her back.



Useful links/ Information

- [What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf \(dev-foundation-years.pantheonsite.io\)](#)
- [Positive Relationships - Early Years Matters](#)
- [Positive Strategies for Behaviour Management in Early Years \(twinkl.co.uk\)](#)