

Dunkys Day Nursery

January/February 2017 Edition

Room News...

Babies

During the next couple of months the babies & tots are going to be looking at our transporting and posting schemers. We will be making our own posting station out of old tubes and boxes for the children to post cars, balls etc down and through them.

We also will be using different containers to transport messy activities around the room such as Sand, Gloop, Water etc following the interest of the different schemas within the room.

Toddler

The Toddlers over the next couple of weeks are going to be looking at a variety of Music activities, Song Bag, Making their own musical instruments, Debbie Doo, this will help to promote the children's physical skills, repetition and language. The Toddlers will also be looking at their favourite book "Who Says Woof" by John Butler. This book encourages the children to develop an understanding of animal sounds and enhance their vocabulary through the use of playful words.

Pre-School

The pre-School children are going to be taking part in a Maths project, this will help the children to practice their counting skills, develop number recognition, shape, space and measure skills. The project will help support the children to have fun with Maths and develop the ability to make sense of it. The children will be encouraged to use natural objects around them e.g pine cones, conkers Leaves, sweets in a jar/box etc. Also we want the children to understand that Maths is all around them, from shapes in the environment, to counting the plates, cups etc at meal times, Lots of Maths opportunities can be used at home. If you need any ideas for fun Maths activities you can be doing at home with your child please come and see us.

Festivals & Events

January Events

Parents evening for Pre-School will take place throughout January & February.

05.01.17 - National Bird Day

Burns Night 25.01.17 (We will be having a special tea and learning a Scottish dance)

Chinese New Year begins 27.01.17 -02.02.17 (The children will be taking part in a variety of activities throughout this time)

February Events

Pancake Day 28.2.17 (The children will be making pancakes with Julie and then tasting them)

Valentines Day 14.02.17 (The children will be taking part in lots of Creative activities and baking heart biscuits)



Happy Birthday

January Birthdays

Sophie 2, Ava 4, Isla M 3, Max 3

February Birthdays

Jorja 3, Coby 8, Lola 4, Isla Q 3, Imogen Q 3,
Isabella 4, Isaac B 1, Rory 4,

Happy Birthday Everyone

Dunkys Merchandise

We now have Dunky's T-shirts, Bags & Water bottles available to buy please see our display in reception.

T-Shirts £3.00

Bags £2.50

Water Bottles £2.00

Terri Armstrong



What is your role?

I am an Early Years Practitioner working towards my level 3

How long have you worked at Dunkys?

I have worked here from September 2016

What do you like about working with children?

I like watching the way that they learn and how happy they are and also having fun.

Where are you going on holiday this year and why did you choose that location?

I haven't chosen a holiday yet but it is my 30th Birthday so may go on a surprise holiday.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I like to socialize with friends and spend time with my son Jamie.

Schemas

What is a Schema?

"A Schema is a piece of repeated behaviour which children follow to develop their own ideas and thoughts through play and exploration"

Types of Schemas

Enveloping & Containing: Likes to search for objects that have been covered up or hidden.

Transporting: Likes to move objects from place to place using bags, envelopes, baskets etc

Trajectory: Likes to Knock things down, bounce or throw objects. Fascinated by moving objects through the air

Enclosing: Likes to surround themselves, structures are always balanced and symmetrical

Rotation: Likes anything that rotates spinning, rolling balls, watching the wheels of toy cars along the floor

Connection: Likes things that connect, uses tape and string to connect objects to each other.

If you would like any more information on Schemas please ask a member of staff



I hope everyone has had chance to have a look at our new display in the entrance explaining the EYFS and how we observe the children this helps us to keep up to date with their development and ensure that they are on track. Also there are observation sheets for you to observe your child at home and then bring them into us at nursery for us to add to your child's learning stories.

