



Welcome to our October Newsletter! We would like to give a warm welcome to all our new children and parents. Thank you for choosing Bluebirds. A big shout out to all our children and parents who have resumed back after their summer break – it’s nice to have you all back!

Last week we said goodbye to Kiran the Preschool room leader who leaves to prepare for her upcoming wedding. She’s moving away from Grays with her husband after the wedding so had to give her notice. We wish her well.

PLEASE NOTE

- The owner of Arrow Cars opposite the nursery has asked us to appeal to all parents to cease parking their car in front of his business premises.
- There have been a few near miss accidents around the nursery car park & the road near the nursery, that could have been fatal, please let us hold our children hands as they leave the nursery.
- Please be considerate as much as possible to ensure that other parents are not blocked in at the car park.

Preschool Room

During the ‘All About Me’ theme month in September, preschool looked at what makes them unique as a person. They participated in different activities like ‘Healthy Eating’ with our nursery cook Colette, ‘How exercise affect our bodies’, using the balance beams and sport equipment, ‘How our bodies work’ through role play of X-ray department and Dentist. The children worked together to build a child-sized skeleton which was then measured against themselves. They decorated ‘This is me Iced biscuits’ and made hand mirrors. Our preschool also looked at how to take care of our body by practicing how to brush their teeth and how doctors take care of us when we’re hurt. They finished the theme by completing ‘All About Me’ fact about themselves and family pictures.

Toddlers Room

For our All About Me theme last month, they spoke and learnt about immediate family and we put them on a family tree. The children also met new friends at nursery and found out their favourite things in order to build up their relationships. They answered questions about their lives and made self portrait of themselves out of playdough. Finally, they make happy and sad faces on biscuits to express feelings.

Baby Room

In September for All About Me, our babies did Foot and Hand prints to recognise the parts of the body. They created their personal family album where we put photos of family members and looked at all their personal features, like their faces, hair colour etc. Our babies also did Mirror games pointing to their body parts using a mirror and also use playdough to make portrait of the different body parts. They looked at different houses that people live in and tried to use cardboard boxes to make a house. Everyone had fun!!!

Learning at Bluebirds

This month the children will be looking at – **AUTUMN!**

Let's Get Crafty – LEAF HEDGEHOGS CRAFT

Completing arts and crafts with nature is fun and using leaves is twice as great as you take this opportunity to your child about different kinds of leaves too.

You will need:

Leaves (different type)

Black marker

Glue

White paper.



How to make them:

- First make sure the leaves are really dry as they will wrinkle afterwards if they are not.
- Draw the hedgehog spikes and head details on the leaf and glue it down on the white paper (stick glue and white glue are both great choices)
- Draw the little legs. All done!

THE GREAT BIG PUDSEY DAY @ BLUEBIRDS

'Children in need' is almost here and it's from 11-15 November 2019. At Bluebirds, we will be participating in Pudsey activities on Wednesday **13th November 2019** by having a **SPOTTY DAY!!!**



Please dress your child up in a funky spotty outfit while kindly donating £1 for children in need. Get creative and break out in spots.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31 August 2016, you can apply for a primary school from 1st November 2019.

Please visit

www.thurrock.gov.uk/admissions for more information and for drop-in date and time.

Dates for Your Diary

Half Term Dates

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November 2019

Last Day of Term for funded children

Friday 20th December 2019

First Day back for full time children

Friday 3rd of January 2020

Inset/Staff training Day

Monday 6th January 2020

First Day back for funded children

Tuesday 7th January 2020

URGENT REMINDER!

Please remember to send your child in with winter clothes like coats, scarf, gloves and hats for going out in the garden.

Reminders

- Please pay attention when signing your child in or out of the nursery to ensure we're not signing another child in or out.
- Please help us return your child's reading book and record on time so they can have one each week to help with their learning.
- Our Policy and Procedure folder is located in the entrance hall and all parents are welcome to view this.
- Mobile phones are not allowed to be used in the nursery.
- Please help us keep the car park free of rubbish by putting all your litter in the big purple bin in the car park.
- Please avoid reversing out of the car park to avoid accidents with our neighbours – thanks
- Please note that although CCTV camera are in operation at the nursery 24/7, items left in the buggy park and the use of the car park are at owner's risk.