



29 March—9 April 2021

Nursery playscheme will be running. Please ensure that all required sessions are booked in advance to avoid any disappointment

2 April 2021

Nursery closed for Good Friday bank holiday

5 April 2021

Nursery closed for Easter Monday bank holiday

27 April 2021

Under 2's parents evening (to be carried out telephonically)

28 April 2021

Over 2's parents evening (to be carried out telephonically)

3 May 2021

Nursery closed for Early May bank holiday

31 May 2021

Nursery closed for Spring bank holiday

Staffing News

Welcome to:

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following members of staff that have joined us within the nursery:

Courtney Bithray—Nursery apprentice

Megan Lloyd—Nursery nurse

Abbi Chiplin - Nursery nurse

Maddison Sullivan - Nursery nurse

We are very excited to have the staff join the nursery team and begin their adventures with us.

Farewell to:

We wish Charlotte Holmes all the best as she begins her new journey at City Day Nursery as Deputy Manager. Congratulations Charlotte!

Changes within the nursery

Caitlin Daniel will be taking over the position of Tweenie Room supervisor.

Charlotte Thomas has returned to nursery part time following her maternity leave.

Staff development

Whilst we remain in lock down with a range of measures in place, we would like to assure you that the continuous professional development of staff is of utmost importance to us.

The following staff have recently begun their Level 3 Transition to Playworks Qualifications:

Stacey Calitz

Chloe Griffiths

Rachel Kind—Parton

All staff continue to have access to internal mandatory training such as safeguarding and behaviour management.

General reminders

As we are enjoying outdoor play, please can we ask that you ensure children have suitable clothing, and that they bring spare clothing with them to nursery.

Nappies and wipes are to be brought to every nursery session. We kindly also ask that you ensure your child has any cream that they might require either already in nursery, or in their bags.

Please can you ensure that all children's belongings are clearly labelled with your child's full name.

If you are giving dates for extra sessions in upcoming months please can you make sure that dates are in before the 20th of each month.

Thank You.



News from the sections....

Under 2's

The children have enjoyed various physical activities and have been encouraged to develop their physical skills, along with their confidence and independence. The tweenies really have enjoyed using the balls of various sizes to roll, throw and even kick!

The children in Babies and Tweenies have had a great deal of fun exploring and using their senses. They have been introduced to a range of different textures and items to stimulate touch, smell, sight, sound and even taste.

Below are the children using familiar food items to explore the world around them using various senses.



Toddlers

The toddler children have been delving into a world of adventure through books and stories.

We have enjoyed playing outdoors and making the most of all the fresh air. We have enjoyed our story and outdoor time so much, that we have even invested in a brand new set of outdoor story seats for the garden!

In addition to this, we have also gained resources that allow us to take our indoor activities outside.

This includes an outdoor mark making area.



Pre-school



Our preschool children have spent a great deal of time playing outdoors, enjoying the sunshine and splashing in muddy puddles!

The children's independence has been promoted throughout the nursery, from putting on their own coats and shoes to go outdoors, to choosing and preparing the resources that they would like to play with.

The children have been learning about responsibility by looking after the nursery resources and the world around us.

Required 'odds and ends'

As a nursery, we love to reuse items that might not be wanted by others. Our approach within the nursery means that we encourage children to use familiar resources in play to stimulate creativity and imaginations.

Over the upcoming weeks, we will be placing a focus on the following items, and would greatly appreciate any donations of the following you might have at home, that are unwanted:

- Spoons of various sizes and shapes
- Balls other than the standard sizes
- Fidget items such as old landlines, mobile devices, calculators etc.

To donate any of the above items, we will place a box outside the nursery. Resources will be removed from the box daily, sanitized and checked for suitability and safety.



Adventures with Alice

The nursery will be embracing a new programme designed by Alice Sharp - "Adventures with Alice".

The training is aimed to **"ignite the passion for play, promote the best possible practice and inspire ideas that will enable every child to grow and learn"**.

There are 6 sessions that will form part of this journey, they are:

- **Curiosity**—enabling, supporting and encouraging each children's own sense of curiosity through play.
- **Connections and relationships**—exploring bonding and attachment and how these are important within the nursery theory. This relates closely to the attachment theory training already provided to staff.
- **Language development**—the art of listening and speaking including body language, tone and vocabulary development.
- **Thinking**—investigating how the brains of children work as they get involved with various aspects of play and creative thinking.
- **Creativity**— looking at the creative process, inventiveness and possible thinking. This adventure involves looking at creating opportunities within all areas of play.
- **Emotional wellbeing**—the importance of emotional, and mental wellbeing. Celebrating differences, promoting self esteem, worth and value.

Nursery to home ideas

As a nursery, we understand the importance of positive behaviour management and encourage all staff to actively ensure that this forms part of the daily routine.

We had a lovely suggestion from a parent to

Use a jar and pom poms.

The children in our toddler section have responded really well to doing this, and it is something that you could do at home!



We love making our own sensory bottles in nursery. Not only do they provide children with a chance to experiment and explore, they encourage calm moments and times of rest.

Sensory bottles can be filled with any resources, but please do make sure the bottles you use are leak proof, and that the lids are glued shut securely.



General reminders

We would like to please remind all parents to ensure that children have their names written on ALL belongings that they bring into the nursery. It is really important to us that children are provided with the opportunities for outdoor play and sensory experiences throughout the nursery day. Please ensure that children do not attend nursery in their best clothing, that spares are provided and that children have suitable clothing and coats for outside.

The nursery has a collection of coats and wellies, whilst these help to keep children dry and clean— they are not always 100% effective in doing so.

Wherever possible, please avoid bringing toys into the nursery setting. This is due to infection control measures but also we cannot take responsibility for lost items.

