



Winter Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to our Winter Newsletter at our Princess of Wales Day Nursery. We would like to say a big hello and warm welcome to all our new children and their families. 'Croeseo' - We are looking forward to exploring many new play experiences and curiosities throughout the Winter months with all our nursery children, and of course we can't wait for the Christmas festivities to begin. As we come to the end of the year, we would like to reflect on our year so far and say a huge thank you to all our new and existing families. Without your support we wouldn't be the nursery we are today, and of course a special shout out to all of your amazing children who with their individuality make our staff feel like children again! We Thank you all for making our nursery day an enjoyable one. Here's to 2024!

Staff News! & Shout outs!



We said a sad farewell to our lovely Lauren! Lauren decided it was time for her to progress into the next chapter of her life, we wish her all the very best in her new adventure! It is safe to say that all the staff and children will miss her lots!



We would like to welcome Cara to our team!

Cara is a qualified member of staff who holds a level 3 in CCLD qualification. She has joined us from Heronsbridge school where she worked with children who had Additional Learning Needs. With a caring and patient nature Cara will fit in perfectly



We would also like to welcome Kinsasha to our team who is also a qualified member of staff who holds a level 3 in CCLD qualification. Kinsasha has recently relocated to Bridgend from Bristol where she worked in another day nursery. Kinsasha enjoys working with all ages, and we are sure you will all soon get to know and see her fun and bubbly personality.



And finally, the warmest welcome wishes to Susan as she joins our team!

Susan has many, many, many years of experience working with children! She did venture to working with older children in a residential home but quickly realised that her passion remains in early years. We are sure you will all embrace Susan's warm and comforting personality soon.

Important Dates for your diary

December

4th - Tree dressing day (optional children are invited to bring in one tree decoration from home to put on our tree, homemade or bought)

7th – Christmas jumper day and Christmas carol service (Please come in wearing a Christmas jumper)

8th- Celebrating Hanukkah

19th – Polar express day (children are invited to wear their pyjamas to nursery)

22nd – Christmas party and Christmas dinner (Optional to wear party clothes)

25th-26th – Nursery is Closed

January

1st - Nursery is Closed

25th- St Dwynwen's Day

26th-28th – Big Garden bird watch

29th-5th – National story telling week (Optional to bring your favourite story in)

February

2nd - National Wear Red Day (Children's heart awareness)

5th-11th - Children's mental wellbeing week

13th – Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day

14th – Valentine's Day

Monday 20th- Love your Pet Day (children can bring in photographs of their pets)

Parents Notice

As the cold winter weather is slowly creeping up on us, please remember to dress your children in appropriate clothing for the daily weather conditions. As part of our daily routine, the children use the outdoors regularly, so we kindly ask parents to supply a warm winter coat, woolly hat and gloves or a raincoat/ puddle suit with welly boots- a spare change of clothes/ socks in their bag is always welcome!

If you would like to bring wellies in to keep at nursery, please make sure you clearly label them with your child's name on both boots, these will be kept in our welly box in the lobby area.



Tips for Keepin your child

well this Winter

- Good hand hygiene
- Wrap up warm when outdoors
- Drink plenty and eat healthy
- Stock up on Medicines
- Get plenty of sleep
- Keep vaccinations up to date
- Avoid sharing water bottles or food

Write a review

Thank you for your recent Parent questionnaire feedback, we love to hear what you have to say about the nursery and service we provide! In addition, we kindly ask for parents to comment on our daynurseries page.

We have made writing a review easier by supplying you with the link below.

https://www.daynurseries.co.uk/review_submit/65432129311/rcsid/1012

Thank you for your time in completing a review, Diolch.

What we have enjoyed doing at Nursery.

We have recently learnt about Diwali in nursery. All three rooms participated in a range of play experiences to celebrate the five-day festival of lights, that is celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. The children made their own jar candles to take home, and we even had our candles lit at nursery to recognise peace and good health. We used this opportunity to practise our mark making skills in the brightly coloured paint and even made our own rangoli patterns by rolling spikey balls through paint. We were delighted to see some of our children come into nursery dressed for this special occasion as this helps to enrich our nursery days with home cultures.

We have also just recognised Remembrance Day, where we reflected on the sacrifices made during World War One by taking part in a two-minute silence. The children carried out some observational sticking of the poppy using red rose petal and leaves giving them the opportunity to collect and use natural resources around them. We also made poppy playdough which enabled our Toddlers to use their fine motor skills and strengthen their muscles in their hands and fingers as we rolled, poked and stamped the playdough!

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old

Age shall not weary them, nor years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them."



Winter task

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This Winter we are inviting our families to join in with our home/nursery task. If you would like to join in, all we ask is for you to be a little creative- your task is to decorate a tree decoration with your child! You are then invited to bring your magical creation in to nursery by Friday December 1st so that it can be placed on our nursery Christmas tree for everyone to see!

Some ideas could be:

- Painting a pinecone from outside- add some glitter or little eyes for a woodland animal
- Filling a clear bauble with sticks, berries, leaves and more natural materials from outside
- Make a star decoration out of twigs/cinnamon sticks
- Make a leaf fairy

Winter Wish List

This Winter we would like to expand our children's curiosity by enriching our play environment with familiar objects from home including cultural clothing and accessories. We would like to embrace the cultures of all of our families, and kindly invite you to help us collect the following:

Things for our home corner

- Cereal boxes, empty plastic food containers (eg. Hot chocolate tin, coffee tin, biscuit tin) washing liquid bottle, washing conditioner bottle, washing tub and more if you can think of any.
- Baking tins/ utensils

Role play activities

- Empty and clean nail varnish pots, Empty and clean makeup pallets, make up brushes, hair brushes, broken straighteners, hairdryer(wires cut off), old cleaned hair brush, old clean hair rollers.
- Old work uniform (eg. Tesco polo, beauty tunic, chefs hat) o
- Old hats, bracelets, Cultural clothing (eg. Sari, Kimono, Sarong, Kilt, dai cap)

Mud kitchens

- Kitchen utensils, large spoons, whisks, rolling pins and more if you can think of any.

Try making some healthy Christmas snacks at home



Ingredients

- 2 Medium bananas
- 4 Strawberries
- Paper straws/wooden skewers
- Small marshmallow
- 4 mini marshmallows
- Decoration for the face



Method

1. Peel and cut the banana in half, until you are left with four pieces, lay to the side for later.
2. Cut the top off the strawberries (green part) lay to the side for later
3. Take a large marshmallow, using a clean scissors cut the marshmallow into four sections approx. 1 ½ cm in width.
4. Pick up your skewer and thread the banana onto it, do the same with the marshmallow and then the strawberry to make the hat. Lastly get your mini marshmallow and thread on the top.
5. Using a icing pen draw on two eyes and a nose

(Optional- You can use chocolate drops and a smartie/jelly sweet for the nose if you wish, like the picture above)

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Schoolhouse Daycare



Parent News!

Don't forget that we are doing FREE registration in all our nurseries! This offer ends in December, so be sure to tell your friends and family.

Santa Parade and Light switch on

SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER

Festivities begin at 1:30pm

Lots going on for the family, all day long as well as some wonderful shopping and gift buying to be done.

Christmas parade, Elf school, meet the Grinch, live music and entertainment, Christmas stalls, giant snow globe, music from local choirs and much more!

Dunraven Place, Bridgend town centre

Light switch on at 4:30pm



More Christmas events can be found on the BCBC website:

Bridgend.gov.uk/visit-us/town-centre-events/

Maesteg Town Council Christmas Grotto

Saturday and Sunday, 25th and 26th November

Maesteg Market

Returning for 2023, Maesteg Town Council welcomes you and your family to the new and improved Santa's Grotto. Write your letter to Santa and post it to the Elves at the North Pole Mail Room. Check if you've made the naughty or nice list and spread some Christmas cheer with the whole family.

Quiet sessions for those who need them are available at 10am each day (Email clerk@maestegcouncil.org to request a space on these).

Last admission at 3.45pm. Cost: Free

Santa's Grotto

Saturday 2nd December, 10am - 4pm

Carnegie House, Bridgend

Bring your children to meet Santa and choose a quality gift, plus you can take your own photos. Bookings can be made in advance.

All proceeds of the Christmas Grotto will be distributed to local Charities.

Cost: £8

This is a Lions Club of Bridgend event, supported by Bridgend Town Council.

 Mae Brechu yn achub bywydau
Vaccination saves lives

Plant ifanc a'r fflw

Young children and flu

Gall fflw fod yn ddifrifol iawn i blant.
Flu can be very serious for children.

Os yw eich plentyn yn ddwy* neu dair* oed, gallwch ei amddiffyn gyda brechlyn fflw chwistrell drwyinol ddi-boen.

Siaradwch â'ch ymwelydd iechyd, meddyg teulu neu nyrs practis i gael rhagor o wybodaeth.

Chwistrell drwyinol ddi-boen
A painless nasal spray

If your child is two* or three* years old, you can protect them with a painless nasal spray flu vaccine.

Talk to your health visitor, GP or practice nurse for more information

Gallwch gael rhagor o wybodaeth am frechu rhag y fflw yn:
icc.gig.cymru/brechlynfllw

*Oedran ar 31 Awst



You can find vaccination phw.nhs.uk

*Age on 31 Aug

Has your child had the Nasal Flu spray this year?

Find out more at

Phw.nhs.wales/flu vaccine

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GOFAL PLANT CYMRU
The CHILD CARE Offer for WALES

Addysg gynnar a gofal • Early education and care

Do you work 16 hours or more a week?
Is your child aged 3 or 4?

If so, the Welsh Government might be able to fund up to 30 hours of childcare per week

For more information about what is available and how to apply, please contact Denbighshire Family Information Service

01745 815891

www.denbighshire.gov.uk/childcare
childcareoffer@denbighshire.gov.uk

Is your child aged 3 or 4 years old?

Are you eligible for 30 free hours?

Unsure, just ask a senior member of the team and we can help