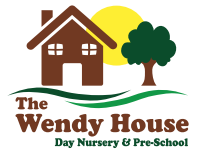


# The Wendy House Impington

September Newsletter 2016



## Sports Day Fun



# News from the Rooms ...

## Bluebells



We are looking forward to a busy September in the Bluebell room. Our topic will be 'All About Me'. We are going to be looking at favourite activities such as learning about facial features and expressions using mirror play. We would like to create an 'All About Me' board displaying family photographs for the children to enjoy and would like each Bluebell to bring in a photograph of special people in their lives.

The Bluebells will also be learning about objects which belong to them, such as comforters, things which are shared, such as toys and things that belong to other people. Lots of the children are interested in developing their interests in messy play and are learning about associated boundaries and developing their sense of self.

Gross motor skills, such as walking and crawling are still firmly on the agenda and as part of our topic, we will be encouraging the children to have a sense of pride in their achievements. We will also be exploring a 'Personal Care' treasure basket with flannels, brushes and toothbrushes to help develop the Bluebells understanding of single words and use of these objects.

This month we welcome Mimi to our room and we say farewell to Carys and Elijah who are on the move to the Poppy room.

## Poppies



This month is all about the Poppies interests. For our topic we will be looking at 'Harvest Festival' and the changes in our environment. This has come from the interest and excitement the children have shown in the tractors harvesting the fields, transporting the hay and crops and the 'big grass' has now changed. We will be creating our very own scarecrow and crops for our display, making lots of different marks using tractors as we tractor roll through paint, and even creating our very own stained glass leaf patterns.

Recently, in our pink books, we have seen lots of the Poppies are enjoying playing with babies or have really enjoyed the baby role-play already available both inside and in the garden. So with this in mind we will extend our baby role-play. We will have a selection of babies, clothes, cots and bottles as the children explore their imaginative play, creating lots of new and exciting play experiences.

Also this month, from the children's pink books we have seen that they are enjoying lots of painting and mark-making. We will continue to explore the varieties of different marks we can make using lots of colours and tools.

We say goodbye to Annabel and George who take the next steps through Nursery into the Daisy room. We welcome Carys and Elijah who join us in the Poppy room.

## Daisies



This month in the Daisy room we will focus on our topic of 'Harvest and all things Autumn'. We will be making a board all about Harvest, using lots of fruits and vegetables that we will be learning and talking about using our own Harvest basket that will feature on our new topic table. We will be having lots of fun making our own hedgehog bread that we will be able to share with the rest of the Nursery. As well as using our creative side to make lots of Harvest and Autumn crafts we will use our imagination to sell fruit and vegetables to our peers in our Harvest Farm Shop. This will help us to ask for small numbers of objects from a group, to put into baskets and shopping bags. We hope to go on lots of walks around the Nursery grounds where we can find lots of autumn flowers and leaves to begin to talk about everything we have observed, which will hopefully include lots of tractors!

After lots of fun during Sports Day we will continue to spend lots of time outside in the garden, working on our ability to move in lots of different ways and showing confidence in climbing on the Nursery equipment. We will be spending lots of time focusing on recognising letters which will help us learn to recognise our names and help find our own drawers, where all of our lovely pictures and also our pink books will be ready to take home at the end of the day. To help us we will continue to use the ICT alphabet laptops which the children have shown lots of interest in over the last few weeks. During group time we will use the alphabet flashcards to help learn the sounds of these letters, using lots of rhymes and music to aid learning. Using these will continue to help our understanding of turn-taking and sharing resources that are available.

We say a sad farewell to Jessica and Sofia who take the next step into the Sunflower room. We also welcome Annabel and George who move down the stairs to join us for lots of fun! We say farewell to Melina who makes the move to our sister Nursery at Shingay and know she will have just as much with our colleagues there. We also say goodbye to Dhruv who we wish well on his new journey.

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## Sunflowers



During September the Sunflowers will be setting off around the world! The Sunflowers love to learn lots of new exciting things so we will be looking at some of the different countries around the world, including China, India, Africa, some of the European countries and of course our own!

We will be learning about different languages that are spoken around the world and will learn how to say 'hello' in some of these languages. We are also going to be practising our writing skills by tracing over or copying chinese symbols and also writing in arabic. This will help develop pencil control, demonstrating our dominant hand, whilst holding the pencil in the tripod grip.

Our messy plays will include some noodle play with chop sticks, rice to pour as well as making marks and also juicing and cutting of different fruits, which will help us to use one-handed tools such as a knife. We will also look at the safety of using knives and learn the dangers and hazards of this.

As well as cutting up the fruit we will also be tasting all different foods from around the world and we will then be making some of the tasty foods too. We will be talking about the smells, textures and tastes of the things we try. We will also be dressing in traditional clothing of the countries we are looking at which will help us be more independent in dressing ourselves as well as giving us an understanding of how others live. We will also be learning some traditional dances from around the world.

We are very much looking forward to learning about the differences and similarities of countries and cultures all over the world.

This month we are saying goodbye to our school leavers, Livia, Humphrey, William C, Eben, Carys, Charlie, Emily and Finlay. We will miss them all and wish them lots of love and luck at school. Along with the farewells, we also say a big hello to Jessica and Sofia who are joining us in the room.

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## Natural Nursery Photographs

We have, for a long time, been wanting to book a photographer for the Nursery who can take more natural shots of the children, and we know that many of our parents have also expressed an interest in this. With this in mind we have booked photographer, Alice Chapman, who comes highly recommended from one of our Nursery parents, to come along and capture the children whilst at play and outside.

Alice doesn't use the central pics4schools ordering system, but handles all orders herself, using professional printing and prides herself on the personal touch. She keeps her product list simple and tends to sell a lot of digital orders. Her typical price list is:

Single digital file: £12

Bundle of 4 digital files: £40

6 x 4 print: £6

7 x 5 print: £8

9 x 6 print: £10

Framed prints from £30

Alice is also happy for parents to order things "off menu"

We have booked for Alice to come along to the Nursery on 12th, 13th and 14th September. If your child doesn't usually attend on these days but you would like Alice to photograph them please do speak to Stephanie to arrange to bring your child in, the only proviso being that you would have to stay whilst they were being photographed. Alice's approach is to join the children as they play, usually outdoors, and take a mixture of candid photos and natural smiles - the children are never asked to pose.

As with our usual photographer, Tempest, there is absolutely no obligation to buy

If you do not want your child to be photographed, please do let us know before Alice arrives. If you would like to see a sample of Alice's work, her website is: [www.alicechapmanphotography.co.uk](http://www.alicechapmanphotography.co.uk)

# Meet the Team



## **Stephanie Hunter - Manager**

Our newly appointed Manager, Stephanie heads up the Sunflower room and does vital work preparing the children for their move to primary school. Outside of work she loves spending time with her nephew, Oliver. She also likes watching her local football team, as well as organising events to promote the club.



## **Charlotte Reynolds - Deputy Manager**

Charlotte's calm presence is reassuring for parents who are leaving their babies for the first time. Charlotte is the eldest of 7 and is well used to sleepless nights and the challenges of getting out of the house with little people in tow. She loves tending to her allotment and caring for her vast array of pets which include a bearded dragon!



## **Siobhan Taylor - Junior Deputy Manager**

Siobhan does a fantastic job of heading up the Poppy room. She loves her Poppies and works hard to encourage their speech and all round development. Outside of work, football mad Siobhan supports her local football team and enjoys organising and promoting fundraising events for the club.



## **Jenni Langridge - Level 3 Practitioner**

Jenni plays a hugely important role in the babies lives. Her mum was a childminder so has been around children since she was 13 years old. She has an art degree and loves to paint and be creative. She loves to be in her garden and looking after her 3 bengal cats. Her secret past time is playing on the swings!



## **Christie Mead - Level 3 Practitioner**

Christie works alongside Stephanie with the pre-school children and is proficient in helping them to expand their knowledge and skills. She loves to spend time with her family and enjoys art and craft and generally making things.



## **Kerrie Foster - Level 3 Practitioner**

Kerrie offers invaluable support to Siobhan with the Poppies. Her calm, caring personality is perfect in helping the Poppies to develop independence. In her spare time she loves spending time with her family and visiting her grandparents.



## **Alison Grey - Level 3 Practitioner**

Alison's sense of fun is very welcome in the Daisy room, where she plays a pivotal role. She is constantly working on new ideas to challenge and develop the children. Outside of work Alison likes to read and enjoys competing in cycling events.



## **Chloe Smissen - Level 3 Practitioner**

Our newest full-time member of staff, Chloe has already fitted in perfectly with the rest of the team and makes a valued contribution in the Daisy room. In her spare time she likes to bake tasty treats for her family and friends.



## **Charmaine Wilson - 1:1 Support Worker**

Part of Charmaine's work involves working one-to-one. She has been a great addition to the Nursery, as her enthusiasm, energy and sense of fun all make her a valued member of the team. Outside of work, Charmaine enjoys watching her children play football. She also enjoys gardening and swimming.



## **Hayley Horrod - Level 1 Practitioner**

Hayley was a childminder and is a mum of three, so is used to juggling the demands of childcare and motherhood. She helps to support the Sunflower room where she offers invaluable help. Hayley enjoys riding her motorbike, walking and spending time with her family.



## **Emily Bennett - Trainee Practitioner**

Emily has already proved herself to be a natural childcare practitioner. She is working hard to achieve her Level 3 qualification and progressing very well. In her spare time she enjoys cooking lots of different recipes and trying all different foods from around the world.



## **Erzsabet Langridge - Level 3 Practitioner**

Erzsabet was, for many years, a childminder and so has bags of experience. She works happily in all of the rooms, where her lively, fun personality and strong work ethic is appreciated. She has been a girl guide leader for the past 10 years. She loves to sing songs round the camp fire, play silly games and tell jokes!

# Meet the Team cont.



## **Liz Piggott - NNEB Nursery Practitioner**

Liz has worked with children for 45 years. Once she retired she realised how much she missed working alongside children and so now we are lucky to have her with us on a part-time basis. Liz enjoys gardening and reading. She also loves animals, especially her handsome cat 'Mr George'.



## **Alicia Waldock - Level 2 Practitioner**

A part-time member of the team, Alicia is a great help in whatever room she is asked to work and is always welcomed by the children. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends and also likes to volunteer for local charities.



## **Katrina Raymont - Nursery Cook**

Katrina has one of the most important jobs in the Nursery - keeping all our little people well fed! This she does brilliantly, with her food always going down a treat. In her spare time she likes long walks, bike rides and spending time in her garden.



## **Alex Reed - Housekeeper**

Alex plays a vital role as Housekeeper, ensuring that the Practitioner's have everything they need for the children. She also ensures the Nursery is clean and tidy at all times. Alex loves to travel and enjoys shopping trips, as well as knitting and swimming.