



SPRING NEWSLETTER

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new and current children. We look forward to getting to know all the children and watch them learn and grow making new friends and memories along the way.

We are excited to announce that on Monday 14th March we will be welcoming our new nursery manager to the team! Lyndsey has over 20 years experience working within Early Years and comes from a previous Ofsted judged Outstanding nursery.



Life Cycle

We have a lot of exciting topics to look forward to this spring. Children will be learning about Life Cycles. We will be teaching the children the life cycle of chicks, caterpillars and plants.



We are excited to be getting chicken eggs at nursery on the 14th March where children can watch the eggs hatch in to baby chicks, they will see the baby chicks grow and have the opportunity to hold them.

We will also be watching the life cycle of caterpillars during the month of April. We will watch how caterpillars turn in to cocoons and hatch in to beautiful butterflies. Our children will have the joy of releasing the butterflies in to the garden.



The children will be planting cress seeds where they can nurture them at nursery and watch the seeds sprout in to cress. Once the plant has grown they can bring them home to show their families.

Preschool's Planting and Growing Competition

In May preschool children will be able to enjoy planting sunflower seeds at nursery. The plants will be taken home with instructions on how to nurture them. The children will be able to watch their plants grow for 8 weeks and then return them to nursery to see how well they have flourished. Staff will measure all plants and chose two winners with the tallest Sunflower.



**All children will receive a small gift
for participating**





Forest Schools



Get Out More with Better Start Bradford will be delivering Forest School sessions for children at nursery. Forest Schools will be delivered in local green spaces where children are free to discover, explore and learn through engaging outdoor activities, such as games, crafts, and active play.

The activities will encourage physical activity and communication, building confidence, resilience and support for growing minds and bodies. There will be 2 members of nursery staff with children at all times during the forest school sessions.

Unfortunately there are only 10 spaces available for children aged 3 years who attend the preschool room and who live in the Better Start Bradford area. As the activities are outdoors in local green spaces children must be fully toilet trained. Parents and carers need to be committed to attending some of the sessions with their child.

If you live in the Better Start area, your child attends preschool and is aged 3, is toilet trained and you are able to commit to attend some of the forest school sessions please give your interest to nursery staff so that your child can be registered to attend the sessions.



Sun Protection

Summer is approaching and the weather is getting warmer. It is important that we protect our children from sun burn and skin damage by applying sun cream and ensuring they wear appropriate clothing. Please ensure your child brings a sun hat to nursery to help protect them from the sun.

Please ensure you apply sun cream to your child before bringing them to nursery. Nursery staff will apply Nivea factor 50 sun cream to children throughout the day with permission from parents/carers and a 50p contribution.

We will be collecting the 50p contribution after the Easter holidays.

Nursery Closure Dates

- Friday 8th April 2022 - **Closed due to Staff Training Day**
- Monday 11th April - Friday 27th April 2022 - **Closed for Half Term**
- Monday 2nd May 2022 - **Closed due to Bank Holiday**
- Tuesday 3rd May 2022 - **predicted date for Eid**



**The predicted date for Eid may change once we receive the official announcement.
We will update all parents and carers in due course.**

Wraparound Session

Wraparound sessions are available to extend your child's free funded places allowing them to attend nursery for longer.

For example

8:30 - 11:30 free hours - add wraparound and your child can start at 8:00am and finish at 1:00pm

1:00pm - 4:00pm—wraparound will allow your child to start at 11:30

For more information please speak to a member of the management team.



- We encourage children to play outdoors whenever possible this means their clothes may get dirty from the outside. Please ensure you bring your child to nursery in practical clothing that you do not mind getting stained and dirty. Please provide a spare set of clothes at nursery for your child in case of any accidents and ensure they are clearly labelled with their name.

- Ensure you have a supply of nappies and wipes for your child at nursery
- If someone other than yourself is collecting your child you must ensure you inform nursery of their name and their relationship to your child. You must ensure they have the correct unique password
- A late fee of £1 per minute will be charged to you if you are late to collect your child
- Please ensure all nursery payments are made on time and your account is up to date. Failure to keep up with payments may result in your childcare place being suspended.