



STAFF IN OUR ROOM

Please have a look at www.parklanekids.co.uk to find out more about the staff.

Amy Douglas (senior) level 3

Kelly Bambo (senior) level 3

Viola Krysiak – level 3

Kellie Gamble – level 5

Sally Cokien – level 2

Timone Heath – level 2

Gracie Hunt – apprentice

Natalie Beaumont - apprentice

Badgers

WHAT THE CHILDREN HAVE PARTICULARLY ENJOYED DURING THE LAST 6 WEEKS

The children have really enjoyed having Sy 'the music man' He has introduced them to a range of music that captures different moods and to instruments from around the world

Staff have been implementing the new behaviour management policy (attached). We have been setting, explaining and maintaining clear, reasonable and consistent limits so that children can feel safe and secure in their play and other activities, this helps the children to manage their own feeling in a safe manner.

The children have enjoyed learning some simple Polish words and using them in the Coffee shop role play.

They celebrated Chinese new year and got creative.

OUTCOME FROM OUR PLANNING MEETING (each baby has their own next steps, below are some ideas from our planning meeting that support the room. Individual needs will still be planned for).

Support children in exploring the control technology of toys, e.g. toy electronic keyboard. Talk about ICT apparatus, what it does, what they can do with it and how to use it safely.

Support and extend the skills children develop as they become familiar with simple equipment, such as twisting or turning a knob. Draw young children's attention to pieces of ICT apparatus they see or that they use with adult supervision.

Children will be introduced to simple computer games under close supervision and visit the library to borrow books on technology. Using the library card to book out the books uses another piece of technology that we will talk to the children about.

A group of children have expressed an interest in pizzas so the role play has changed to a pizza restaurant for the next 2 weeks. However, to further extend this learn and teach the children about healthy eating they will be visiting fruit and vegetable stalls to buy ingredients and then learning how to make their own pizzas.

We will continue to choose books, puppets and dolls that help children explore their ideas about friends and friendship and to talk about feelings, e.g. someone saying 'You can't play'.

We will be starting a room scrap book that displays pictures and photographs showing familiar events, objects and activities and talk about them with the children. We hope to build up a visual memory of the children's time in Badgers.

With Spring round the corner we want to visit parts of our local community and visit the lambs.

KEY DATES

Parent partnership evening

Tuesday 28th March 6.30-8pm or Wednesday 5th April 6.30-8pm

Pancake day 25th February

PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

As children differ in their degree of self-assurance, it is important to convey to each child that you appreciate them and their efforts.

We are making a new 'WOW' board that parents can use to share milestones or achievements that your child has done at home. E.g. swimming lessons, toileting, kind hands, good sharing with a sibling. We want to celebrate these moments and use them as a talking point in nursery.

There will be some post-it-notes and a pen on the wall next to the display. Please add as many as you want.

Polite Notices

Could all parents please bring in a labelled water bottle as we want to encourage more drinking and independence and can these be filled with water please.

Please check the home board (above the coat pegs) as you leave, there may be some special art work or creation for you.

Finally, can all change of clothes and items from home be clearly labelled and in a zip bag.

ROUTINES

Our routines are staying the same. If parents could allow children time to take off their own coats and to find their names and hang up the coats, this would foster independence in school readiness.

We have switched to paper diaries and using these as communication slips for all children to feed back to you what they have done during day. Please make sure you are given yours before you leave the room.

WHAT WE THINK WE CAN DO BETTER

As a staff team we reflected on the last 6 weeks and we think we can improve the garden ready for Spring. We plan to plant more vegetables and flowers and are making a new water wall and music board for the garden.

We think we can improve on how we hand over at the end of the day. We all want to be able to have the time to give parents a clear picture of what your child has done with us. We are hoping the paper diaries will free up time to achieve this.

If you have any other suggestions, please email us at woodlands@parklanekids.co.uk

NEWS

We are selling the Little Tykes climbing frame that is in the garden, ready to free up some garden for the Spring. If any parent is interested it is for sale at £20. Please speak to Katie.

For more information about the curriculum your children are learning (EYFS) or how they learn please visit our website www.parklanekids.co.uk and look on the parent's page. We have also uploaded lots of interesting articles and factsheets on the early years which include some great activities to play with your children.

You will also find previous newsletters and menu's

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