



13<sup>th</sup> February – 7<sup>th</sup> April

## OWLS



### STAFF IN OUR ROOM

Please have a look at [www.parklanekids.co.uk](http://www.parklanekids.co.uk) to find out more about the staff.

Sally Williams (Assistant Manager)  
level 6

Helen Flint (senior) level 6

Carly Aldridge – level 3

Sophie Baker – level 3

Emma Rigby - apprentice

Sy Pryor - apprentice

### WHAT THE CHILDREN HAVE PARTICULARLY ENJOYED DURING THE LAST 6 WEEKS

The children in fox cubs have enjoyed exploring the musical instruments. We have provided music and instruments so that children can respond spontaneously to music and organised activities that involved moving and stopping, such as musical statues.

We offered lots of loose parts, which are large items of junk including boxes, tubes and materials which offered sensory experiences to enable children to explore colour, texture and space

### 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).

We have a lot of children almost ready or just starting potty training, therefore we have purchased some new potties and re-organised the bathroom to make it more inviting for your child. We will be focusing on independent toileting. As a staff team, we will ensure that there is time for young children to complete a self-chosen task, such as trying to use the potty and will establish routines that enable children to look after themselves.

Please speak to use about how you are supporting potty training at home, so we can mirror what is working for you.

Children will be learning about plants and how things grow. Children will be planting daffodils. We will be measuring their height and learning about numbers. We will be Sing counting songs and rhymes which help to develop children's understanding of number, such as 'Two Little Dickie Birds'.

We will be focusing on developing good relationships and learning about families. We will create areas in which children can sit and chat with friends, such as a snug den and cosy spaces and would like to celebrate mother's day by sharing photos of your children's mum and bringing it to nursery.

## KEY DATES

Mothers Day tea party 22<sup>nd</sup>  
March 1-3pm

Parent partnership evening

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 6.30-  
8pm or Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April  
6.30-8pm

## PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

We would like to invite parents in to celebrate 'Mothers Day' by joining the children in making some crafts.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March am

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March am

If your child does not normally attend during those times, you are more than welcome, please speak to the seniors to book your place.

We are collecting egg boxes ready for Easter and would welcome any you have at home.

## Polite Notices

Can you try and make sure your child has a water bottle, labelled and filled with fresh cold water.

Please check out our new 'home board' located just outside our door. We will be putting any letters, art work or notes so please check this each day.

Sally has been promoted to Assistant manager and will be moving to Owls after half term. Emma Roberts will be joint senior practitioner when she returns from maternity leave in May. In the meantime, Hannah (level 3) will be joining the team to continue teaching your teaching.

## ROUTINES

Staff will be introducing Makaton into the day to day routines.

We will be encouraging children to freely use the bathroom for toilet training.

The door to the deck is open all day and children can explore freely between the inside and the deck.

## WHAT WE THINK WE CAN DO BETTER

After reviewing our key person board, we have re-allocated some children's key person. This is because we have identified that children have formed stronger bonds with other staff and want to better support your child.

We think we could change our displays more often and have more pictures of your children at play. Therefore we have asked for a printer in our room to be more impulsive and snap away in the moment.

If you have any other suggestions, please email us at [www.woodlands@parklanekids.co.uk](mailto:www.woodlands@parklanekids.co.uk)

For more information about the curriculum your children are learning (EYFS) or how they learn please visit our website [www.parklanekids.co.uk](http://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

To keep updated about the fun things we do at nursery join our Facebook page woodlandskids