



Caldecote Day Nursery



Newsletter September 2021

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This month's Value: **Belonging**

Welcome to the Autumn Term 2021

We would like to welcome you to a new term at Caldecote Day Nursery!

We said a fond farewell to many of our Pre-School children in recent weeks and although we didn't have our usual summer celebrations, we hope that it was a special time. We would also like to extend a huge welcome to families who are just starting with us. We are so pleased that you have chosen Caldecote Day Nursery and hope that you and your child enjoy your time here.

The closure of Pre-School for three days at the beginning of September was not the way that we hoped to start the year, but we will be back on track as soon as possible, with staff fighting fit again!

This September marks the launch of the 2021 EYFS Framework (Early Years Foundation Stage Framework). This is a government produced document that sets the standards for teaching and learning within the early years, from birth until the end of the Reception year at school. It has recently been revised and there are guides to these changes on our website for you to look at: <http://www.caldecotedaynursery.co.uk/about-us/early-years-foundation-stage>

Among the changes, you will notice that children will no longer be measured in 'age bands' as the descriptors for this have changed. There is a greater emphasis on the importance of speech, language, and communication in young children. A more targeted approach to supporting children and families with oral health. Less paperwork for practitioners, putting a greater focus on the teaching and learning, rather than copious amounts of planning and record keeping. We will be adapting the way that we work in line with these changes and hopefully you will see the benefit of them in the coming weeks and months. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask our staff.

We have pencilled in a 'Stay & Play' session for December this year and hope that guidelines and restrictions will allow this to happen. Further details of this event will appear in subsequent newsletters, and we will keep you updated with any changes.

There have been a few changes to staffing this term. Most notably, Katie will be reducing her hours in Baby Room during the coming months and taking a more active role within the office. Our staffing structure is as follows:

Baby Room – Katie, Alice, Jade, Leanne, Lauren P, Lily M & Carly S

Toddler Room – Poonam, Lauren U, Rachael, Megan, Kirsty & Sophie

Pre-School – Lilly, Tiffany, Cheryl, Carola, Carly B, Laura, Ellie, Shazeen & Emma

Club Caldecote (Holiday Club) – Pre-School staff as required.

Nursery Office – Pamela, Mariana & Katie.

We will say goodbye to Lauren P this month as she begins her maternity leave. We wish you well and hope that all goes smoothly with the baby.



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Safeguarding: Coats in Car Seats

Please consider the danger you may be putting your child in when travelling in the car this Autumn / Winter.

The temperature is beginning to drop outside, and children are being bundled up in thicker winter coats and to keep them snug and warm in the colder weather. But did you know that you are supposed to remove your child's coat before you strap them into their car seat, and not doing so may put them in danger?

Leaving your child's coat on in the car is a problem because it creates a gap between your child and their safety harness. In a collision, the harness isn't as close to your child's body as it needs to be to allow it to properly restrain them. To keep your children safe in the car, remove their coats and jackets and pull the harness tight enough that you can just get two fingers between your child and the straps.

Children will still feel a chill when they first get in the car so to keep them warm, remove children's coats and jackets, and strap them into their car seat properly - then tuck a blanket around them. Your child will be able to remove the blanket if they get too hot, which they cannot do when they have their coat on, this can lead to them overheating.

COVID – 19: Please read this information about tests and getting tested...

Lateral Flow Tests	PCR Tests
These are for people with no symptoms. They can be taken at home or at the Edward Street Centre, on a weekly or twice weekly basis.	These are for people who have any one of the three main symptoms: a new, continuous cough; a high temperature; loss of taste or smell.
These tests can be done at your home and can be ordered from: https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests	If we have sent your child home with one of these symptoms, you must book a PCR test or have a kit sent to your home: https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test
After completing your test, you should report the result here: https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result	Once the test is complete, you will be sent the results via text or email. This document needs to be forwarded to us as a matter of urgency.
If the result is negative, then you may attend nursery. If the result is positive, you must stay at home and organise a PCR test.	If the test is negative, you will be able to return to nursery. If the test is positive , you will need to follow the 'Stay at Home' guidelines issued by the Government and PHE

While we understand that taking these tests can be very unpleasant for both children and adults, it is really important to safeguard each other and our wider families by getting tested when asked.



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Covid Reminders

Masks: Can we kindly ask that parents continue to wear a mask when dropping off and picking up, until further notice.



Foreign Travel: To help keep the Nursery Covid Secure, we ask that if you or a member of your household are travelling abroad, please let us know where you are going and when you will return. If you are having visitors to stay, who have come from abroad, please also let us know so we can keep a record of this.



Goodbye to our School Leavers!

We are sorry that for some of you, the last few days were not what we planned. We will miss you and wish you luck in the next chapter of your education.



Autumn Term 2021 Dates for your diary...

Term Time Only children return on Monday 6th September.

All About Me – w/c 6th September

(Document will be emailed to parents to complete and return)

Nursery's 26th Birthday – Friday 1st October

Term Time Only Children - Term ends Friday 22nd October

Term Time Only children return on Monday 1st November

More dates to follow...

Home Learning Ideas

Here are some ideas you could try with your child this month...

Watch how your children play...do they have repetitive behaviours, such as posting items, rolling things or lining things up? Follow their interests and provide them with household items to extend this interest.

Take a walk and look at the changing season. Talk about the trees and the leaves, how they look and even how they feel.

Use natural materials to make a collection or treasure basket. Let younger children explore the materials and sort them into categories with older children, leaves, sticks, pine-cones. Sort them by colour and count them.

Try making our seasonal recipe of the month and let us know how it tastes!

Don't forget to send us a photo of your home learning via ParentZone.



ParentZone



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Gardener Wanted!

Are you green-fingered and have a few hours a month spare?

We are looking for a gardener to do two – four hours of weeding / tidying / planting every month in our small garden.

If you are interested and feel that you could help, please contact us. We are happy to pay the going rate to help keep the garden areas looking neat and tidy.

Gardening maintenance can be completed during the working day (as children can use the park if needed) or at weekends if that is preferable.



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This month's seasonal recipe to try at home...

Blackberry Muffins - Makes 10-12



Some families recently have noted that their children are becoming picky eaters. Try making this easy recipe with your child to get them involved with the preparation and then hopefully they will be more willing to tuck in!

Ingredients

- 100g unsalted butter, softened
- 65g caster sugar
- 65g light brown sugar
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 125g Greek yogurt
- 1 tsp vanilla paste
- 5 tbsp milk
- 250g self-raising flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 200g blackberries (fresh or frozen), halved if large



Method

1. Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6 and line a 12-hole muffin tin with paper cases.
2. Beat the butter and sugars together for 5 mins until pale and fluffy. Add the eggs gradually and beat in until combined.
3. Mix in the yogurt, vanilla and milk.
4. Fold in the flour, baking powder and a pinch of fine salt until you have a smooth batter.
5. Finally, fold in 150g of the blackberries and fill the muffin cases $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
6. Poke 2 blackberries (or 4 halves) into the top of each muffin, so that they are sticking out slightly.
7. Bake for 8 mins, then reduce the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4 and bake for 20-25 mins more until risen and golden, and a cocktail stick inserted into the centre comes out clean.



50 Things to do before you are five!

Warwickshire have recently launched this wonderful app with ideas of things to do with your children before the age of five. Once the app has launched, you can select the Warwickshire region and as well as providing links to activities to do at home, it will also give you information about books to share linked to the activity, key words and phrases to use, local events and much more! To download the app visit your app store or use the link below:

<https://warwickshire.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!50thingstodobefore5/welcome>

Share your adventures through ParentZone! We look forward to seeing what you get up to...



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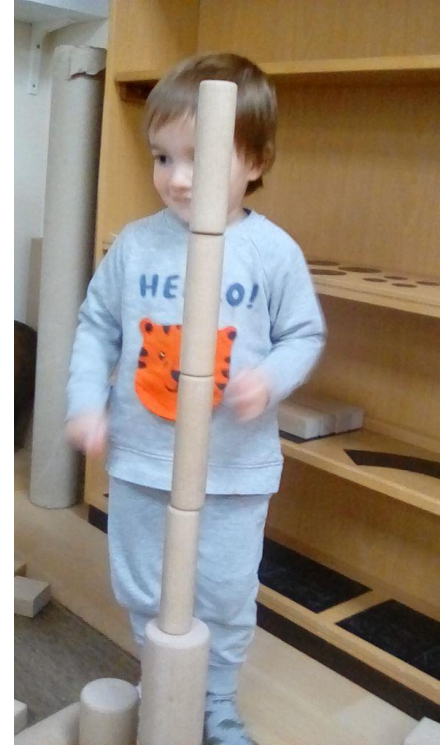


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