



LOOKING FOR CATERpillARS AMONGST THE PLANTS – AUGUST 2017

Brock House Day Nursery Newsletter

September
2017

Hello's & Goodbyes

Hello and welcome to Brock House's September newsletter. We hope you have all had a lovely summer and have been able to enjoy the sunshine. We have had a busy summer and have welcomed lots of new children to the setting as well as some new staff. Rowan, Kelly & Georgina have all joined our staff team. Rowan will be working in the Ducks Room everyday 8:30 to 3pm. Rowan has a little boy of her own, Archie, who is one & joins us in the Ducklings Room. Rowan has worked in a nursery previously so has experience working with children 0-5.

Kelly is joining the Ducklings team on a Monday, Wednesday & Thursday. Kelly has four children of her own, Gracie-Mae already attends Brock House & Talia will be joining us in the Ducks Room. Kelly originally trained to go into childcare but ended up working in an office & now wants to take up her passion for working with children again.

Georgina currently works in a school & has experience working with a wide range of younger and older children as well as running after school clubs. Georgina will be joining us full time in the Ducklings Room at the end of the month.

Sadly with hellos also come goodbyes. We have had lots of children moving onto school over the last month and we wish them all the best with their new adventures. Although it is sad to say goodbye we are very happy to have been a part of each and every child's journey and look forward to visits from the children in their new uniforms.

Sam also left us at the end of July to work as a teaching assistant at Staplegrove Primary School. Sam wants to fulfill her dream of becoming a teacher so wanted to gain some experience in a school in her last year of her degree so that she could go on to do her PGCE next September. We wish her lots of luck, although we know she'll be amazing.

And finally, as some of you will already know, Gemma gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Eloise, in July. Gemma, Eloise and the family are all doing really well and Isaac adores his little sister.





Harvesting our produce

August has been a busy month for Mandi, our head gardener! Mandi has worked really hard over the past few months to help the children to plant & grow lots of lovely produce & to teach them a little about where our food comes from. Amongst other things the children have enjoyed growing peas, potatoes & purple carrots. The children have been able to pick their produce and then have a taste – some have met the tasting sessions with skepticism but on the whole the children have enjoyed the experience of growing and tasting their own produce

Garden Makeover

As well as expanding our vegetable garden you will have noticed that our garden has had a makeover. We are really pleased with the garden and the children are enjoying the bright colours that surround them as they play. We have decided to keep the gate open to the top grassed area of garden so that children now have free flow across the entire garden which they love.



Concept Photography

Concept Photography will once again be joining us at the nursery on 25th September for portrait photographs of the children. They will be with us from 8:30 to 12pm. Please add your child's name to the lists on the Ducks door if you wish your child to have their photo taken (children are not automatically opted in, even if they already attend nursery on this date so please don't forget to write their name down otherwise their photo will not be taken). There is no obligation to buy photos so come along and see what you think!

Music Bus



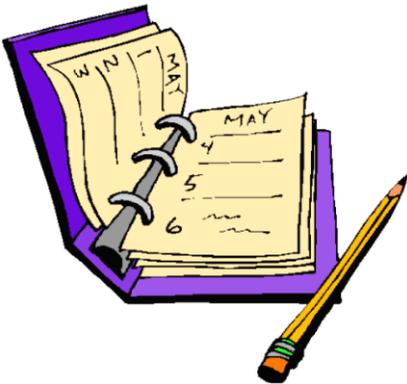
The music bus joined us in August for a music & movement session in the Ducks & Ducklings Room. Music Bus is an initiative that aims to bring music and movement to all children across a number of age groups, with a trained music teacher who uses the sessions to support childrens learning & development through music. The two sessions were run for about 30 minutes each and consisted of lots of singing & dancing as well as bubbles, scarves, puppets, instruments & music boxes. The children had so much fun and every child enjoyed the experience. The music bus will be joining us again in October.

iPad



We have recently bought an iPad for the children to use. The children are getting lots from this resource and are using games to extend their knowledge across all areas of the EYFS.

Dates for your diary



Concept Photography – 25th September

Fluoride Application for 3 year olds – 17th October

Music Bus – 31st October

Nursery christmas party – 17th December at 2pm

Christmas closures - We will close at 5 :45pm on 22nd December & will re-open at 8am on 2nd January 2018.

Nursery main door & parking



Please could we ask that you remember when collecting & dropping off your children that you shut the main front door to nursery. We move children up & down the corridors throughout the day and if the door is left open then children tend to make a run for it! Many thanks.

A polite reminder about parking at nursery. We know that at the beginning of the day and the end there are a lot of cars coming and going and that this can make parking difficult. Please can we remind you to park appropriately when stopping to drop off or collect your children. The bays in the two parking areas can be used by parents if there are free spaces so please use these if available. If you have to park on the road please can you be mindful that you are not blocking any driveways or properties and that there is access for an ambulance or fire engine to get past, should they need to. Please can we also remind you to only use the accessible space in the first car park if you or your children have a need to. Thank you again for your cooperation with this matter.



