



# Blackberry Lane Bulletin

## Friday 6th October 2023



It's time for our fortnightly news bulletin.

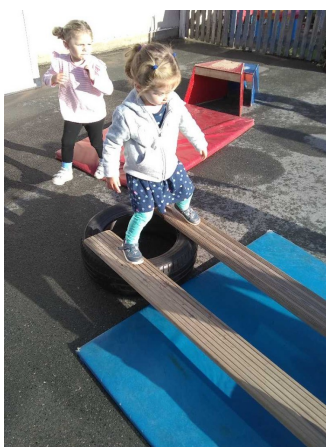
The children have been developing their fine motor skills in many different ways through their play. We have been threading beads onto kebab sticks, wooden fruit on to string and also using scissors. Gluing and painting also took place daily.



Following on from our planned Fire Drill at the beginning of term, we had an unplanned drill last week. The children behaved very well again and listened to the instructions given. The evacuation cot is definitely being put to good use.



Lots of gross motor skills have also been taking place. The children have become more confident with their climbing skills. We have been balancing on planks and climbing up wooden pallets, along with our usual climbing apparatus in the soft play area.



We have been witnessing some really lovely friendship groups at the setting. The children are helping each other settle. They have been trying to do up each others coats and helping with their footwear. They even arranged a surprise birthday party for one of the preschoolers. A group of friends wrapped up various toys and then went outside into the role play area to have a party.



The garden area has been used daily too. The children have used the mud area, mixing water, mud and leaves and we seem to have to have lots budding cooks. They have also been using the slide, wobbly bridge and stepping stones.



Water is a fantastic resource for the children, supporting their hand eye coordination when pouring and their imaginary skills when role playing. Sensory play has also encouraged fine motor skills when picking out googly eyes from the black and orange rice.



Music has been played in the playground quite a bit, as well as inside. The children not only dance to it, they now add their own musical interpretations. Their imagination has also been used to tell familiar stories. A small group of children made their own characters to re-enact the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff.



Last Friday the children visited the hall and listened well to instructions as we all joined in with some actions songs, dancing and running around, stopping when asked and making statues. They were asked what they wanted to do the following week and they all chose climbing. Today a couple of obstacles were set up to challenge their confidence. They all listened very carefully as to the safety instructions and watched Lissie do a demonstration as to how to use the equipment. Some children were initially hesitant, especially as they walked up an incline onto a gym horse to jump off, however, they found their courage and all had a try.



### Snack

Monday - Hot cross buns      Tuesday - Cheese and crackers

Wednesday - Hummus and pitta bread      Thursday - Cheese and crackers

Friday - Yoghurts



Please be aware we have had a confirmed case of chicken pox at pre-school and tonsillitis at the nursery. Please look out for symptoms and keep your child at home if they are unwell.

## Parents Evening and AGM

We are inviting all parents/carers to join our Parents Information Evening and AGM on the Monday 16th October 2023.

The evening is planned to start at 7.00pm as we hope by then the children will have been fed, bathed etc., hopefully allowing at least one member of the family time to come and support us.

The evening will be informal. We will present a brief explanation of the routines of both the Nursery and Preschool, with examples of activities used that help promote children's development which can be easily replicated at home, and also the way ahead with healthy lunches. If there are any other topics you would like us to cover that evening, please comment in your rsvp and we will do our best to incorporate these.

At this time of year, it is necessary for the current Directors of Blackberry Lane Pre-School and Nursery to be re-elected and there is the opportunity for anyone who wishes to join the Board of Directors to be nominated for election. There will be a brief presentation regarding the company achievements and finances, followed by the elections. We currently have a vacancy for a Director. If you are interested and would like some more information on becoming a Director, please ask via email or Tapestry.

If you are able to come along, please rsvp on email or Tapestry, to give us an indication of how many people to expect. Many thanks for your co-operation and we look forward to seeing you.

## Open days and Stay and Play events

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**TUESDAY 10th &  
WEDNESDAY 11th  
OCTOBER 2023  
RING AND BOOK YOUR  
TOUR NOW!**



### **STAY & PLAY**

**Wed 27th Sept & Wed 11th Oct;  
Wed 8th & Wed 22nd Nov; Wed  
6th Dec 3.25pm—4.25pm  
Meet the EYFS & KS1 team. No  
need to book, just turn up!**

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We are also holding dedicated Open Days with personal tours especially for new Reception families joining us in 2024. These will be held on:

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September - 9am - 3pm**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - 9am - 4pm**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November - 9am - 4pm**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November - 9am - 3pm**



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