



Blackberry Lane Bulletin

Friday 12th of January 2024



As it's the first news bulletin of 2024 - please let us take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. We would also like to welcome our new families to the setting. The new children are settling in. Some children have also transitioned well from the nursery to the preschool - some are finding it harder to adjust, but small steps in the right direction are being made daily.



We managed to take some children to the school hall on the first Friday back where we watched some different styles of dancing and then did some ourselves. The hand jive proved quite difficult as it was very fast but some children got the hang of it - which is more than I can say for the grown ups!

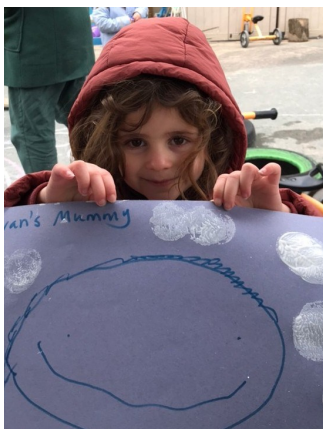


Reminder to all parents who have a child due to start primary school in September 2024 - the deadline for making an application for a school place is 15th January 2024. Applications can be easily made by following this link: <https://www.iow.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/>

We have had some very cold mornings since our return after Christmas and the children have been finding ice around the playground. They talked about how cold it was and enjoyed looking through it. They mostly enjoyed breaking it up into smaller pieces. One piece was particularly thick and when smashed it was quite sharp so the children watched what happened when a grown up poured water on it.



Some children chose to paint pictures of themselves and then added paint to create a snowstorm. These are now on display on the main room, together with the photos of the children actually in the snow on Monday.



On Monday we were very lucky to have a little bit of snow and sleet. The children were in the middle of a story which was paused to allow them to put their coats on and experience the weather. There was lots of excited squealing and running from one tuff spot to another to see, touch and taste the snow.



Some children designed and made their own kites. They drew their own picture and cut them out before attaching string with tape. To get the maximum use from them, Sharon took them over to the school field to test them out. When they returned, we played 'Lets go fly a kite' from the Mary Poppins film and some children joined in with their kites.

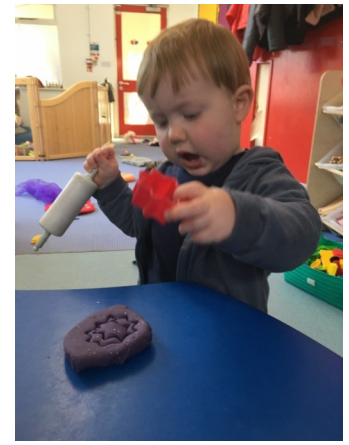


On Wednesday we decided we needed to change the layout of the conservatory as the role play area was not big enough for the children who liked playing there. The after school club children decided they would help and started moving the cupboards around. Under supervision, they helped move the furniture around the room, offering their ideas. We now have a conservatory with a designated role play area, writing area and reading corner.



February Holiday club.

We will be sending the holiday club dates to everyone next week via Tapestry. If you would like to use the holiday club, please book your child in by the 26th of January. Please reply even if your child is booked as full time or has stretched funding.



The new children in the nursery are settling in. There has been a lot of 'snow' play with shaving foam and paint and glitter. We have also enjoyed playing tea parties and when the weather has allowed, played outside on the slide and rocking horse.



26 January 2024

Deadline for holiday club bookings.

12-16 February 2024

Half Term Holiday

Thurs 28th March

Last day of Spring term

29th March-12 April 2024

Easter holiday



