



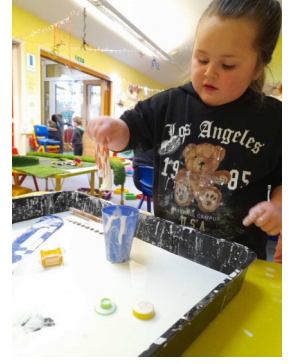
Blackberry Lane Bulletin

Friday 23rd of February 2024

The week before half term we celebrated the Chinese Lunar year which was the Year of the Dragon. The children made a wonderful dragon and then danced around the playground to Chinese music. They also made some lovely Chinese lanterns to hang in the setting.



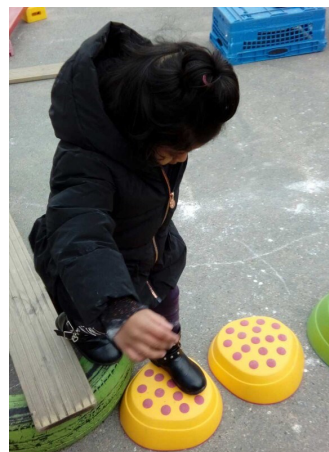
We made the best of the bad weather too and added powder paint to the many puddles for the children to mix colours. Lots of sensory activities have taken place, both inside and out. We have used a mixture of corn flour and water to make Gloop; shaving foam, washing up liquid, play dough, and coloured rice.



Stories have been taking place on a daily basis, both inside and out. The Under 2s made use of the entrance cover and used the area as a bike park for their scuttle bugs.



Mats were placed outside and the children challenged themselves to see who could jump the highest, and longest. They took turns nicely and cheered each other on. A variety of resources were used to set up obstacle courses. This does not only challenge their physical development but helps enhance their self esteem and self confidence.





Just before half term, we encouraged a new routine of the day following snack. The children had to scrape any uneaten food into a bowl and then place their used utensils into separate containers. We hope to further this activity in the near future and include discussions about recycling.

During half term week, the children were taken to the local park, they played hide and seek and climbed some trees. They also went to the local shop to buy some eggs, and made pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, which they devoured.

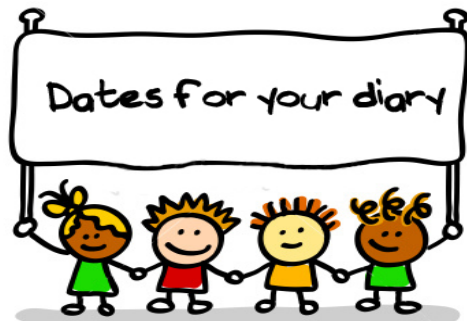


We are waving a fond farewell to Brogan and wish her all the best for the future.



Welcome Back Olena and Katie.

This week we have been discussing fairy tales in the preschool room, and Nursery Rhymes in the Under 2s. The dressing up clothes have been out and worn daily. Stories are being read and props included for the children to make their own stories up. On Friday, the older children visited the hall and instead of playing the pirate game, made up actions connected to fairy tales, such as, climb the bean stalk, swim like a mermaid, run like the Gingerbread man. We have also had a couple of wet days, so on Thursday the large climbing apparatus was brought indoors. The children took turns nicely when using the equipment.



7th March

World Book Day-activities will be taking place during the week. Children are welcome to come dressed as their favourite book character.

15th March

Red Nose Day-activities will be taking place during the week.

Thurs 28th March

Last day of Spring term

29th March-12th April 2024

Easter holiday