

## August 2015

### New Nursery Hours

As from September there will no longer be early club from 7:30am in the morning and late club from 5:30-6pm. Our new opening hours every Monday to Friday are:

Full day 8am to 6pm.

AM session 8am-1pm

PM session 1pm-6pm

If you have any queries regarding our new opening hours please speak to Becca or Jess in the office.

### Pre-school graduation Trip

It is always a sad time of year to see the pre-school children leaving for their new adventure to school. This year we will be saying goodbye to:



Blake



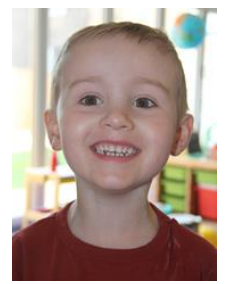
Aurora



Philip



Ryan



Jack

To celebrate their time at Butterfly Lodge we will be taking the children to the Theatre at Lowther pavilion to see the production of Pinocchio on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August, if this is not normally a day that your child attends and they are leaving for school please come and see Becca or Jess in the office. Each ticket including transport is £10 per child. Permission slips and information will be being handed out to parents at the beginning of August to confirm places.

### News from the government

## Choking hazards of raw jelly

We have been asked, through an official request from a London Coroner to raise awareness in early years settings about the potential choking hazard of raw jelly - which means packet jelly cubes that have not been dissolved in water - being used

in play sessions. This followed the inquest of a 22 month old child who choked to death on a cube of jelly that was being used in a play session. We would advise against using raw jelly cubes in play sessions and would like to highlight the importance of thorough risk assessments of potential choking hazards for young children in early years settings.

### Toddler topic

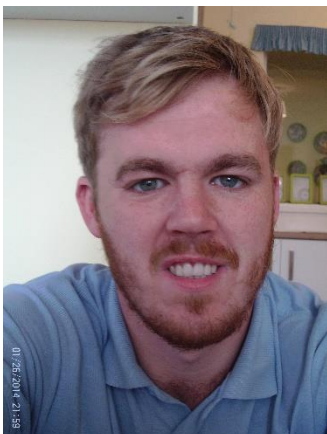
The toddler's new topic is junk modelling. Junk modeling play is good for hand eye coordination, fine motor skills - using skills like cutting with scissors, gluing and painting - and of course for developing the imagination. Their creations have the potential to become anything they wish! The children have enjoyed exploring the



different materials that have been kindly donated by the parents of Butterfly Lodge and don't forget before you put any bottles, boxes, card, egg boxes or yoghurt pots in the bin bring them in to nursery as we would appreciate any donations made thank you.

### Nursery practitioner of the year

We are super delighted to announce that this year's nursery practitioner of the year award was awarded to Stephen McEwan at our summer fete on the 1<sup>st</sup> August. Stephen has worked at both bluebell lodge and butterfly lodge and is dedicated member of the team. The children are always excited to see him and join in with the games and activities that he has planned. Well done Stephen.



## Nursery Places

If your child is entitled to the 2 or 3 year old grant in September you may want to increase your child's sessions. If you are considering increasing your child's sessions at nursery please see Becca in the office.

To stay up to date with the latest news and events please like us on face book.

Dates to remember.

August 1st Summer Fair & Graduation 12:00 - 14:30 at Bluebell

August 31st Bank Holiday (nursery closed)

September 18th Jeans for Genes

September 18th Rugby World Cup

September 22nd Eid al-Adha

October 2nd Harvest Festival 14:30 St Mary's Church

October 31st Halloween

November 5th Bonfire Night

November 8th Remembrance Sunday

November 14th Children in Need

November 10th Parents Evening 18:00 - 20:00

December 5th Christmas Fair 12:00 - 14:30

December 6th Hanukkah

December 9th Pre School Nativity 14:30 St Mary's Church

December 24th Nursery closes at 17.30 for the Christmas Period

January 4th 2016 Nursery re-opens