Welcome to the Autumn newsletter...

We are delighted to see the children becoming familiar with their new rooms and settling in well.

It is also great to see so many examples of fantastic practice happening across the nursery.

Practitioners are busy planning lots of great activities with the children and there is much to look forward to in the rooms over the coming months.

As always, if you have any questions please do come and talk to one of the Senior Leadership Team, your Room Senior or your child’s Key Person, all of whom will be happy to help and answer any questions.

With very best wishes

Lesley and the Jubilee Day Nursery Team
Room round-ups

Meadows

Bluebells, Poppies & Woodpeckers

Last month, the topic in babies was ‘Rainforests’ and ‘Jungle Animals’. They had fun exploring and learning through sensory and messy play activities including: feeling the textures of vegetables in jelly, floor painting with jungle animals, sponge painting snakes and handprinting colourful butterflies. They have also been busy collecting leaves on a woodland walk for leaf printing, as well as making rainshakers as musical instruments.

In Woodpeckers, the children have enjoyed playing with a fantastic working farm area, where they have been able to plant and harvest their own vegetables, and transport them by tractor to the farm shop.

The babies have also ventured into the garden for some free play and fresh air. They have been practicing throwing balls, climbing on the climbing frames and pushing cars along. Fun has been had by all!
Woodlands

Badgers & Hedgehogs
Oh what fun Woodlands children have had exploring their favourite Julia Donaldson’s stories, from dressing up like the Smartest Giant in Town, playing hide and seek with the animals from Monkey Puzzle and walking to the woods to find Stick Man. They have even taken part in a Gruffalo hunt down in the woods!

As part of the topic ‘All About Stories’, the children brought in their favourite stories from home and enjoyed sharing them with staff and friends.

They have also enjoyed the topic ‘Pirates’, learning new songs, dressing up as pirates and going on treasure hunts. They have even been busy making pirate hats and pirate figures for the small world play.

Orchards

Ladybirds & Bumblebees
In Orchards, the children have enjoyed blasting off into space! They have had lots of fun in the role play space station, especially playing in the space tent, with light up torches. They have also been busy sharing space stories, some of which the children brought in from home. A particular favourite was ‘Whatever Next’ by Jill Murphy.

They have also enjoyed singing ‘5 little men in a flying saucer’, making their own flying saucers and marble rolling to decorate planets.

Another topic the children have enjoyed learning about is ‘On the farm’. They have identified the animals that live on the farm and the produce that grows there.

On Thursday 19th September, to celebrate national ‘talk like a pirate’ day, the children also had some squash-buckling fun dressed up as pirates!
On Friday 18th October, the nursery raised over £110 for Breast Cancer Now and Macmillan.

It was great to see so many children and staff Wear it Pink and bring in cakes for the sale.

We would like to thank you all for your kind donations and support.
This month in pictures...
Dates for your diary

**Friday 13th December - Winter Wonderland Walk**
2.00pm-4.00pm
Join us for our annual Winter Wonderland Walk which promises to be a very special occasion.

Children should be collected from Nursery at 1.30pm. Please park at Upper Lodge Farm and walk down to the woods.

**Friday 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day for Save The Children**
Wear your Christmas jumper and help support this fantastic cause. We will be raising money at our Winter Wonderland Walk. Any donations will be very much appreciated.

**Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Dinner Day**
Children and staff will enjoy a celebratory Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, cooked by Dawn and her wonderful team. Children and staff can wear festive dress for this occasion.

If your child does not attend Nursery on a Wednesday and you would like to book them in for the Christmas dinner, please speak to a member of staff to book your child in.

**Thursday 19th December - Fred in the Shed**
Popular children’s entertainer Fred will be in Nursery to wow the older children with his magic and embarrass some of the staff members! This event is for children who attend nursery on this particular day.

**Christmas holidays**
Jubilee Day Nursery will close on Tuesday 24th December at 4.00pm and re-open on Thursday 2nd January at 7.30am.
Importance of reading

Enjoying books and reading stories from an early age is crucial in the development of young children. It helps with their ability to understand words, use imagination, develop speech, as well as encourage an interest in reading throughout school and in later life.

We have a fantastic selection of books in our library. Please feel free to take a couple of books home to share with your children. Can we just ask that they are returned once they are finished with. Thank you in advance.

Best foot forward

Here at Jubilee, we allow the children to remove their shoes to explore their surroundings.

Without shoes children can feel differences between surfaces and have a richer sensory experience. It can develop a sense of body awareness, develops a natural, healthy gait and strengthens the feet and body.

For babies and toddlers, feeling the ground beneath their feet will also help them learn to walk.

(Reference: Nursery World, 2019).
Staff update

Employee of the month

August 2019
Jamie-Lee Bailey

September 2019
Natasha Smith

Congratulations and thank you. We appreciate all of your hard work!

New starters
We are pleased to welcome Sharna and Lauren who have joined the team in Orchards, and our new apprentices Chelsea, Georgia and Emily.
Local events

Mortimer St John’s Primary School
Jubilee Day Nursery are proud to be sponsoring the Children’s Novelties tent at Mortimer St John’s bonfire night and fireworks display on Saturday 9th November. Advance tickets cost £5 for adults and £3 for children.

More information can be found at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/Mortimerbonfire

Review us

Our business thrives upon parent recommendations. If you would like to write a review about us, we would love to hear what you have to say. You are able to leave a review on:

Our Facebook page www.facebook.com/JubileeDayNursery
Or daynurseries.co.uk www.daynurseries.co.uk

Alternatively, review cards can be found at the nursery. Please ask the nursery manager if you are unsure of where to find them.

We thank you in advance for your help on this matter.

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Or via Famly:
www.famly.co.uk
Reminders

Security
Please drive slowly into car parks, adhering to the speed limits and consider parents who are getting children in and out of vehicles.

Please help us to maintain the security of the nursery at all times. We kindly ask all parents and staff to ensure all doors and gates are securely closed upon entering or leaving the building.

Mobile phones
Please remember we are a mobile free zone at both Jubilee sites. Visitors and parents must abide by the policy our staff adhere to.

Clothing
We will continue to spend lots of time outdoors, even as the weather gets colder. Please ensure your child has the following items in nursery every day: a warm waterproof coat, an all-in-one waterproof, wellies, warm socks, gloves, a hat and a spare set of clothes. Please ensure all items are labelled with your child’s name.

Thank you for your help on these matters.
Our holiday club is running this October half term until Friday 1st November. A range of sessions are available including a full day, half day or short day. It promises to be a spooktacular week with a range of activities for children to choose from, including (and not limited to):

**Cooking**
Mummy sausage rolls, Frankenstein cupcakes, Halloween oreo lollies.

**Craft**
Papermache pumpkins, mummy face masks, lolly stick cobwebs, pom pom spiders, slime making, Halloween bath bombs.

**Woods**
Den building, potion making (mud kitchen), Forest School session, fire - toasting marshmallows, forest art, a giant treasure hunt, farm visits.

**Games**
Tag rugby, capture the flag, tag, Keeper of the keys, splat, dodgeball, rounders, football, hockey, handball.

**Extras**
Quadbiking (8+ years), cornflour throwing, homemade pizza (pizza oven), Halloween party!! Your child may dress up for the day if they wish.

Please note, we are amalgamating Jubilee Cadets and Jubilee Jets during the winter months to provide a shelter for the children. Please book your child’s place via Jubilee Jets on our Booking Live system which can be found on both holiday club websites. Pick-up and drop-off will also be via Jubilee Jets.

There is still time to book. We hope to see you there!

www.jubileejets.co.uk
Thank you for reading...
Our duty to safeguard and protect your child/children is of the greatest importance to us. As parents and carers, there are ways you can help. Please ALWAYS sign your child/children in/out of nursery and ensure that gates/doors are locked shut behind you. For the welfare of all children in our care, please do not be afraid to challenge anyone you do not know, or recognise. If you are questioned by another parent, please do not be offended! Should you see or hear anything which causes you concern, please speak to a member of management.