

Banbury School Day Nursery Newsletter

25th October 2022



DATES OF NURSERY CLOSURE IN 2022

We are closed:

16th December 2022 - Last day of term before Christmas, we will close at 5.30pm

Nursery will re-open Tuesday 3rd January 2023

****Monday 31st October 2022 - Dress up for Halloween****

We have had a few parents say that they are not normally receiving the newsletters when they are sent out, if this is the case and you have not been getting them please let Andrea or Aaron know.

We would like to thank all of the parents who attended and supported our parents evening last week; we had a great turn out and really enjoyed talking to you all about your children and their progress and next steps. Andrea is in the process of sorting dates for the next parents evening in the next term/new year, and will keep you updated when this gets finalised.

Focus themes for the next two weeks

In Star 1, their theme for the next fortnight is Halloween/Autumn. They will be giving the children lots of opportunities to feel the textures of outside leaves, pine cones, conkers etc. For their Halloween activities they will mainly focus on all things sensory, for example lots of pumpkin exploration and spooky jelly play.

This will be mirrored in Star 2, where their theme is also Halloween. They have lots of activities planned where they will also engage in

sensory exploration and craft activities such as decorating pumpkin pictures. They will also be getting the children in the garden as much as possible to explore the outside environment and how it is changing with the seasons.

In the Moon room, they also have lots of Halloween and sensory activities planned. They will be discovering the inside of pumpkins and exploring Halloween sensory bags. They will also be practising their physical skills by trying to roll pumpkins to each other as well as working on their fine motor skills by using a knife to butter bread!

In the Sun room their theme is Space as well as focus on Halloween activities next week; the children picked this theme themselves when asked by the teachers what they wanted to learn about. They have lots of space themed reading books, building sets to make rockets and craft activities where they can make aliens and decorate astronauts. They also have a new hanging display of planets where they are enjoying learning the names of them and comparing the sizes.



Last fortnight the Sun room's focus theme was superheroes, the children really enjoyed this and especially the dressing up element!

Lots of parents have shared that this continued at home and we loved seeing the children coming into nursery in their costumes. One parent has kindly shared a photo of their child at home dressed as Spiderman and shared how much they wanted to continue exploring the theme at home.

***This photo has been shared with consent from the parent*.**

Sun room parents

Diaries

We are finding some of the children's diaries are being brought into nursery with artwork still being left in it from the week and the previous week. The children really enjoy making their artwork and look forward to taking it home and sharing it with you to keep at home.

Phonics

As we work on our phonics and letter sounds pronunciation, Leah has shared a helpful link on how to correctly pronounce the letter sounds for your child to hear them properly to copy. It is important that we are all saying the sounds in the same way to make it easier for the children to hear and copy. Please find a link to a video demonstrating these: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc>.

Star room parents

Please remember to put spare socks in your child's bag along with their other clothes as we don't seem to have many spare socks at nursery.

Also if you haven't already, please could you bring family photos in as the star room are making a family tree display, the children also really enjoy looking at the photos.

Changes to the daily routine

In both of the star rooms their daily routine will be changing, they will now be in groups with their key worker, similar to how the moon and sun room follow their daily routine. In their group they will move around parts of the room to have different experiences, for example one group will have time outside whilst another group is having sensory time, and another group is doing a physical activity. This will be appropriate to their age and the room that they are in, and will allow for more quality interactions with their key worker. If you have any questions please feel free to speak to one of our star room staff who will be happy to help.

Parents workshop - Supporting your child's behaviour

A poster for a parent workshop. The top section has a dark blue background with white and light blue text. Below this is a photograph of a young child laughing with bubbles. The bottom section has a dark blue background with white text. The Aspire logo is visible in the top right of the photo area.

Parent Workshop
Supporting your Child's Behaviour (2-6 years)
Tuesday 22nd November 8-9pm, **ONLINE**

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Only £10 per person

Schools and Settings:
£45 for 5 tickets,
£85 for 10 tickets

Join Vanessa and Sally, experienced Early Years Teachers and Consultants, for a lively, engaging ONLINE workshop all about supporting your child's behaviour.

Find out how a young child's brain develops and how this impacts on behaviour, such as their ability to share and take turns. Consider how rules and boundaries can help your child feel safe; how to support their emotional development and a range of other tried and tested strategies to support your child.

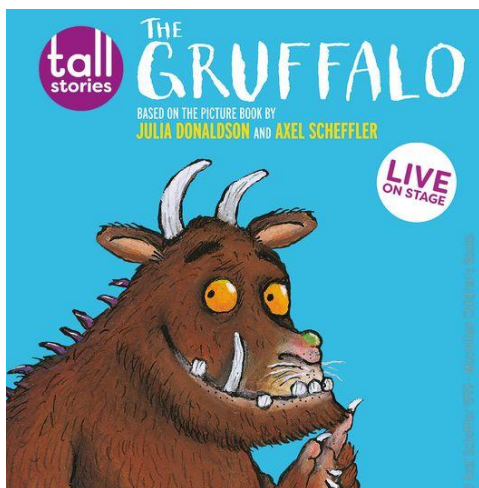
Bookings: www.aspireearlyyears.com/parents
Enquiries: vanessa@aspireearlyyears.com

Please find attached a poster advertising a **Parents Workshop: Supporting Your Child's Behaviour** which will be on **Tuesday 22nd November 8-9pm** online.

You can book tickets here:

<https://www.aspireearlyyears.com/parents>.

See The Gruffalo at The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury



Award-winning theatre company Tall Stories is delighted to be premiering their new inclusive version of *The Gruffalo* (7th - 18th December) at The Mill Arts Centre in Banbury this Christmas! Incorporating spoken English, British Sign Language and visual storytelling, this fantastic new version of the much-loved tale can be enjoyed by everyone.

More information can be found here:

<https://readthis.uk/2022/10/christmas-with-the-gruffalo/>,

<https://www.themillartscentre.co.uk/shows/gruffalo/>.