



Playgroup News – Monday 17th January 2022



Hello Everyone... Here is our Playgroup News for this week...

Look what we've been up to this week!

This week the Squirrel children have been developing their listening skills through identifying animal sounds and nursery rhymes through listening CD's. The children have been exploring the frost and ice outside, learning new vocabulary and this then extended into making frosty pictures.



Turn taking and sharing has also been a focus this week when using the bikes and pushchairs and playing cooperatively with others with rolling tyres across the tables. The children have also had so much sensory fun exploring gloop which we made using cornflour and conditioner. Again, this enabled the Practitioners to introduce new vocabulary to the children as they described the texture and smell whilst using their fine motor skills to mould the gloop into different shapes.



This week the Penguin children have been developing their fine motor skills through a range of threading activities and they have continued to be interested in developing their scissors skills. During outdoor play, the children have been using the jumbo vehicles to support their imaginative play. They have also been exploring the ice and frost, transporting the ice to the mud kitchen where they have incorporated this into their role-play.

The children have had an interest in using the arts and crafts area to make crowns and to build models using the junk modelling, using their own thoughts and ideas to create their own structures.

Small group times have also been introduced this week with a focus on developing the children's literacy and mathematical knowledge.

Please remember to check Tapestry for more information on what your children have been learning.

Important Notices

- **Please** can you ensure your child brings a **named** water bottle with the **every** session. It is a legal and statutory requirement that children have access to drinking water during the day.
- **Please** ensure that everything your child brings to Playgroup is labelled.
- If your child has pre-packed fruit in their lunch box, please can you ensure that the grapes are cut in half. Thank you



MAKATON

Each week we will be introducing Makaton signs to the children. Makaton is a unique language programme that uses symbols, signs and speech to enable people to communicate.



With Makaton, signs are used, with speech, in spoken word order. This helps provide extra clues about what someone is saying. Using signs can help people who have no speech or whose speech is unclear. Using symbols can help people who have limited speech and those who cannot, or prefer not to sign. This week our signs are HAPPY and SAD.



We are hiring...!



We are advertising for a Level 3 Early Years Educator required for 13.5 hours per week. This term time only position is on a short-term contract starting February 2022 until July 2022 with the potential of being extended.



The successful candidate will be motivated, creative and enthusiastic with an excellent understanding of the EYFS and a clear knowledge of safeguarding. It is desirable for applicants to have certificates in Paediatric First Aid and Safeguarding. You will need experience of working at Level 3 in Early Years. If you are looking for a short-term opportunity that may have the potential to be extended, then we are keen to hear from you. This position is subject to an enhanced DBS check and suitable references. Closing date Friday 11th February 2022.

Please email bcplaygroup@btinternet.com for an Application Pack or contact Carly Halford/Sarah Rawlings, Early Years Managers on 01594 839436.

Departing Staff Member



It is with great sadness that we are announcing the unfortunate departure of Rachel Hale who will be leaving us at the beginning of February. Rachel has been a long serving member of staff who has worked for Coalway Early Years for too many years to remember!!



She has supported many children and families during her time here, she is a fantastic, experienced practitioner who is valued and appreciated by all and who will be greatly missed. We are sure you will join us in wishing her all the very best for the future!



Dates for the Diary

- **End of term- Friday 18th February 2022**