

WEEK COMMENCING 3RD MAY 2021

PLAYDAYS NURSERY

SOUTH WOODFORD

What have we been up to?

0-18 months – Buttercups

Our babies have enjoyed lots of sensory play this week, using wet paint and glue to make hand prints and sticking with different textures.

We have also enjoyed learning about animals, using an animal identifying activity, with role play farm animals, and animal flash cards; we have loved hearing, copying and learning about animal sounds!

In our circle time, we have been using puppets and using our own created musical instruments. We made these using items such as lentils, stones, rice, pasta and water; we loved to hear the different sounds, they made- why not try this at home!

We welcomed a new friend into our buttercup room – Welcome!

18-30 months - Bluebells

This week we have enjoyed sorting colours and recognising colours in the environment.

We have also been working on our fine motor skills with activities such as paper roll threading and playing with playdough

We have also loved hand painting, which initiated the 'Fingers All' song- looking at our Tommy thumb, Ruby ring etc.

We have also really enjoyed listening to traditional Asian music in celebration of Eid, which we will be celebrating next week

2-5 year old's – Sunflowers

This week in our Sunflowers room we have enjoyed exploring what happens when we mix colours! Using a range of resources such as food colouring, paints, pens and playdough to explore this.

We have really enjoyed planting flowers in our growing area. We are also growing strawberries and will be taking it in turns each day to be 'the growing garden warden'. The warden will water our plants and fruit! We are really looking forward watching them grow then eating some strawberries for a snack

This week we have been learning about floating and sinking, using flowers, stalks and petals in water – we loved watched them float along the water we then watched to see what happened if we pushed them down and talked about what parts of the flowers float and sink.

We have had lots to do in our circle time this week, including; yoga time, learnt about and discussed Eid, practising our Makaton signs and I spy, which is great for colour and letter recognition.

We have developed our understanding of technology, as well as learning our numbers, letters and shapes on the tablet.

We have also enjoyed dressing up as many different occupations, which led us to discuss all the people who helps us and how.

We welcomed two new friends into our 2-5 room - Welcome!



Our Makaton Sign of the week is
'Yes'



Don't forget to check out Tapestry, Facebook and Instagram for more of the fun things we have been up to this week !

Upcoming Events

- **May Bank Holiday**- we will be closed to all sessions on Monday 31st May
- **Half Term**- Monday 31st May- Sunday 6th June- No sessions for term time only children
- **Week commencing 10th May**- Eid celebrations
- **Monday 17th May**- School Leavers transition meeting. A meeting to discuss the transition to school for children attending school in September 2021.
- **Tuesday 1st June**- Elmer day. A celebration of reading and accepting ourselves and others despite our differences- just like Elmer the Elephant
- **Friday 18th June**- Father's day – Football in the park. More details to follow
- **Thursday 8th July**- Concept photography in to take pictures of the children

Reminder

True to British weather, one minute we are having lovely sunshine and the next rain! With this in mind, can we please ask all parents to provide a new bottle of factor 50 sun cream as well as ensuring your child has a suitable outdoor coat with them- this will ensure that your child can take part in all outdoor activities, without these, they may be restricted.

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GET TO KNOW THE TEAM!



Leshanna



Giuli

Leshanna started at Playdays 8 months and is based in our 2-5s room. Leshanna is undergoing a level 2 in childcare and education apprenticeship. The children love spending time and playing with Leshanna, and her caring, patient nature helps to build the children's confidence and encourage their social skills. Leshanna enjoys painting, construction, reading, singing songs (all activities really!) Leshanna loves to make the children laugh! Leshanna is fantastic at supporting the children's learning and development and really encourages the children who are potty training through the use of praise and fun games. In Leshanna's spare time she enjoys spending time with her younger brother and sister.

Giuliana started at Playdays in April, has 9 years experience working with children and holds a Level 4 in childcare and education. Giuli is originally from Spain and speaks Spanish and English, we can't wait to introduce some Spanish to the children as part of their continued learning and development! Giuliana enjoys finding different approaches to teaching and feels that, as adults, we learn a lot from children so takes this approach when teaching the children; taking their lead when planning activities and learning opportunities. Giuli works in the 18-30 month room and has already, alongside her team, created a beautiful environment for the children to learn and enjoy.

Giuli is a Zumba instructor in her spare time so really enjoys physical activities with the children, building up gross motor skills and being outside.

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