

Bluebell Lodge Newsletter



October 2017

Learning Curve Awards Evening:

In December all four of our nurseries are coming together to celebrate a fantastic and successful year. During this celebratory evening we have the chance to win some awards and you as parent/carers can help us with these, these awards are as follows:

Community Connector award:

The first award will recognise a nursery team or practitioner that has reached out into our local community and made a difference. Whether that is pre-school children visiting a local nursing home or grandparents/families being invited in to read stories. It would be lovely for everyone to hear how this made a difference to everyone involved.

Nursery of the year award:

This award will recognise all four nursery teams for the hard work and dedication throughout the year. Is there something we have done here at Bluebell Lodge that has made a difference or impacted your child and family in a positive way? The winner will receive a trophy for the nursery team of the year. Be sure to fill out a nomination form and explain why you feel our nursery should win the nursery of the year award.

Inclusive practice award:

This award will look at how nursery teams and practitioners support children that need additional support. This could be how practitioners support children with additional needs or children with English as an additional language etc. This award could also be for a practitioner who has supported your child to adjust to nursery life and adapted parts of the nursery routine to help children settle in. Tell us if you feel that a practitioner from our setting is doing this particularly well.

Healthy lifestyle award:

This award will look at how the nursery team or an individual practitioner has supported children and individuals to develop a healthier lifestyle. This could be a practitioner whom has supported your child with their eating? or helped a child with bedtime routines? Again, it would be lovely to hear from everyone with success stories.

Each one of these awards are a huge achievement and vital recognition for our staff team, we would really love for our parent/carers to get involved and support us with these, if you feel we qualify for any of the above awards please fill out a nomination slip. Nomination slips for these awards can be picked up from the main building corridor or from the office with Anne or Vicky. Thank you for your continuing support through this year.

[Tapestry.](#)

Tapestry is now up and running within the nursery and we are delighted to be able to provide this service to our parents. By now you should have received a form to fill out and return to us, this form provides us with the correct details for us to add you on to the system. If you are yet to receive a letter, please mention this to your child's key person and we can get one to you. We have had lots of positive feedback regarding tapestry, which is fantastic. Additionally tapestry provides you with the opportunity to let us know what you have been up to at the weekend, we love hearing about your weekend stories and discussing these with the children.



[Tempest Photos and Macmillan Coffee Morning.](#)

Tempest photos will be here on Saturday 14th October 2017 from 9.30 am until 1pm. Appointments for this are now being taken in the office with Anne or Vicky. Along with the photos we are also holding a Macmillan coffee morning. We would be grateful for any help with cakes and biscuits for this coffee morning, all proceeds will go to Macmillan Charity. We hope you can all come along and join in with this event for a worthwhile charity, family and friends are also welcome to come along.



**COME FOR
COFFEE AND
CAKE**



[Pumpkin Competition.](#)

October is here!! Therefore, we are holding our annual pumpkin competition. All entries are to be in at nursery for Tuesday 31st October. All children's entries will be displayed down the drive and each child will receive a prize and a certificate for entering. We can not wait to see all your entries. Good Luck to all our entries.



Nursery bag.

To assist us with a smooth nursery day please could you ensure your child has equipment in their nursery bag, i.e nappies/wipes, suitable outdoor clothing, changes of clothes and hats/gloves etc. Thank you

Water bottles:

As you will have seen throughout the nursery over the past few months we have really been focusing on and enhancing our physical/outdoor curriculum. We are aiming for each child to take part in around 3 hour's physical activity each day at nursery. This can be achieved through interactive story time, a game of dodge ball, team games and many more. Due to your child taking in part in lots of different fun sports activities, please could you provide your child with a labelled water bottle for them to use at nursery. Thank you

Dates for your diary

8 th October	Five a side football.
10 th October	Open evening for parents
14 th October	Tempest and Macmillan coffee morning
16 th October	Preschool Harvest Festival
31 st October	Fancy dress for Halloween
16 th November	Nursery Story Time 6.15pm– 7.15pm
22 nd December	Nursery closes at 18:00 for the Christmas period.
2 nd January	Nursery reopens at 08:00.