

Butterflies Creche and Montessori Newsletter

September 2017

Welcome to the September Newsletter

As the children gradually settle in and begin to explore the environment they will start to enjoy a range of fun activities and make new friends. Some children may find the new environment challenging and will settle more slowly. For those children that are still settling in don't worry as this can take a little longer for some and is perfectly normal! If you have any worries or concerns please tell us.

Remember to keep checking out the parent's notice board for information and we have copies of our policies and procedures available for parents to read. Finally, to help our service run smoothly please support us in paying your fees as required and collecting your children at the correct time. We quite understand that sometimes a parent is unavoidably delayed when coming to collect their child however you should call us to let us know so to avoid your child being upset. We have included a short article about active play in this month's newsletter and this month's Noticeboard is about the early stages of friendship to give you an idea of what to expect in their early years.

Hi All!

A very big welcome to all of the new children coming into Butterflies, and a great big welcome back to our children from last year. We look forward to a busy year and it's wonderful to see our children change and grow.

For all our newcomers, our newsletter is a place to share current news and past and upcoming events.

We have spent the last couple of weekends training and renewing our Pediatric First Aid, Fire Awareness, Manual Handling and practical training in the use of fire equipment. Hopefully we'll never have to use the equipment but it's always good to be prepared.

Just a few reminders:

Please use the fee envelopes that we provide. We have a system in place that helps us keep track of all payments.

Please do not arrive too soon before your child's start or finish time.

The area outside is strictly for drop-offs and collections and we ask that you drive out as soon as possible as we have had some incidents of parents chatting while children run about the car park. This is extremely dangerous with cars arriving and departing and you are putting your child's safety at risk.

Cathy x

Montessori

A very big welcome to our preschool children. We have been enjoying getting to know each other over the past few weeks. This month, we started off with elementary practises such as how to close a door, how to carry a chair or our work, we also discussed manners and classroom rules.

We have since introduced colours, shapes, some practical life and mixed materials. The practical life materials are an extension of the home environment, such as using links, clothes pegs, threading beads and opening and closing lids, to name but a few. We will continue to update parents through Facebook and we are sure you will look forward to receiving your children's work folder at the end of each month. Charmaine and Mairéad

Pre-Montessori

A new year has just begun.

Faces new to everyone,

New friends for us to play.

Now we have settled,

Work can begin.

Learning to do things for ourselves, soon we won't need so much help.

Over the next little while we will be learning all kinds of new things, numbers shapes and colours too, to name just a few.

A new season is upon us, weather will change and leaves will fall, and soon we will be telling you about it all.

Outdoor play, fresh air we love it, but please remember a coat we don't want to get cold.

Loads of new memories to be made, exciting times and art displays. So listen closely for you will never know when little butterflies might just share with you what they know.

Maria and Louise

Caterpillars

A new term has begun and we are busy adapting to our new environments. Our room is a play based room for our full time children. This term we will be focusing on Sensorial activities such as play dough, art and crafts, jigsaws and other fun exercises. This type of play helps the child to develop their concentration and fine motor skills such as grasp and pincer grip. This will help with the child's preparation for Montessori/ Pre-Montessori. Before the bad weather begins we will be wrapping up and having outside play as much as we possibly can.

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The Benefits of Music to Children

Children will be as fit and healthy as they can be. They will discover, explore and refine gross and fine motor skills. Music encourages children to be creative and spiritual. It boosts brain power, and stimulates the part of the brain related to reading, maths, and emotional development. It improves memory, and fosters creativity. It helps with social development, and is a confidence builder. It improves self-esteem, and helps children express themselves. In a nutshell, children will develop a broad range of abilities and interests, making music very beneficial to them!

Busy Bees

New season and new beginnings. The children have been adapting very well to their new Busy Bee classroom, with some of the children moving on and new children joining the Busy Bee group. They have been using their art skills a lot to enhance their imaginative skills and to get a sense of independence. Their communication and verbal skills have enhanced over the Summer and their friendships with one another are growing and starting to show within the Busy Bee class.

Shannen

Toddler Room

New Wobblers and Toddlers have joined me this month, and they have settled in great. At the moment they are getting to know their surroundings with lots of exploring, but over the next few weeks we will be doing lots of art and crafts for Autumn and Halloween.

Gillian

Baby Room

September has arrived and with it some new little Butterflies have joined our group.

Each day brings new surprises as crawlers become walkers and ever more inquisitive minds start to explore, developing sensory, motor skills, balance and language skills.

As Summer leaves us and Autumn approaches, please ensure your child is wrapped up nice and cosy, especially something warm on little feet to protect them from the cold.

Maggie & Sam

September Facts and Festivals

September 1 is Eid al-Adha an Islamic festival. Muslims around the world observe this event. At Eid al-Adha, many Muslims make a special effort to pray and listen to a sermon at a mosque. They also wear new clothes, visit family members and friends. In the period around Eid al-Adha, many Muslims travel to Mecca and the surrounding area in Saudi Arabia to perform the Hajj pilgrimage.

September 8 is International Literacy Day. This year, the theme is 'Literacy in a Digital World'. A great day to talk about reading and writing and the importance of literacy in our lives!

September 20 - September 22 is the Jewish New Year celebration. From sunset on the 19th September to sunset on the 22nd, Rosh Hashanah, literally the "head of the year" is a time of inner renewal and divine atonement. It is customary to have big feasts on both nights of Rosh Hashanah.

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