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Nursery News

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Dates for the diary:

January is RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch month!

25th January - Burns Night

Staffing news:

Long service awards:

January proves a successful month in terms of staff recruitment as we celebrate the lengths of service of those below. A huge thank you to all for their hard work, commitment and dedication over the years.

- A mahooooosive congratulations to our Nursery Manager **Hannah** who celebrates a **whole decade** with us this month! Hannah is an inspirational leader and exceptional role model to both adults and children. Hannah is the face of the nursery and her professionalism and passion for the Early Years sector does not go unnoticed. Thank you for being you… **Happy 10 years Hannah!!**
- A huge congratulations to Abbie who celebrates **9 years** with us this month. Abbie was part of the original Bluebell staff team all those years back and since then has gained experience working will all ages. Abbie is extremely creative and always forms positive relationships with her children and families. **Happy 9 years Abbie!!**
- **Happy 5 years Kate!**
- **Happy 5 years Becky!**
- **Happy 2 years Millie!**
- **Happy 1 year Rachael!**

Nursery updates:

There have been a few staff changes within the Bluebell and Sunflower classrooms which were noted via the Famly app.

We are super excited to welcome Callie to the Nursery team. Callie is joining us as a super-numery apprentice in the Preschool room. Callie is passionate about working with young children and since leaving school has spent her time looking after her nieces and nephews! Please join us in welcoming Callie to the team later this month.

You've been mugged:

Congratulations to Michala who has been mugged this month. **Michala, you are such a responsive and caring teacher to all the children… "Nothing is ever too much trouble and you are sunshine" - From Rachael.** You are loved by all children and staff here at Charlton, thank you for all you do!

A decade of Hannah!

Congratulations on your length of service Abbie and Millie!

Michala, you've been mugged!

Polite Reminders

- **Sickness – this time of year is rife for bugs and germs so please adhere to our sickness policy before sending your children to nursery to try and prevent the spread.**
- **Spare clothes – Please pack several changes of clothes for your child's session, in particular socks!**
- **Please be mindful of your session times. If your session starts at 8am, 8:45am, 12.30pm or 1pm please do not arrive before this time.**
- **If you would like a handover with regards to your child's nursery day, please arrive at least 10minutes before their session is due to finish. This includes the sessions which finish at 1pm too.**

Dates for the diary

January is RSPB Birdwatch month - Join us in becoming Ornithologists for the week whilst we create bird feeders and watch for birds!

Burns Night Thursday 25th January - The 25th January marks the birthday of one of Scotland's important cultural icons, Robert Burns. Just in case you're not already aware, Robert Burns was one of Scotland's national poets, and is still admired today. Burns Night is celebrated by relatives and friends coming together to have a Burns Supper in honour of this national treasure.

Staff holiday

w/c 1st
Aimee, Nat, Shannon

w/c 8th
Georgia

w/c 15th

w/c 22nd
Emma, Nat and Kelly

w/c 29th
Emma, Jack and Millie

Meet the Sunflower Team

Meet our Preschool Room Leader, **Jack Bird.**
"My name is Jack and I have worked with children since 2014 and have been at Charlton Nursery and Preschool since 2019.
A fact about me is that I am originally from North Petherton. I enjoy using my imagination to inspire the children through story telling.
I hope for all children around me to be confident, inquisitive thinkers."

Meet our Deputy Room Leader, **Gracie Condon.**
"My name is Gracie and I have worked with children since 2020 here at Charlton Nursery and Preschool.
A fact about me is that I have a twin brother. I enjoy taking part in creative activities with the children.
I hope for all children around me to feel loved and to be happy."

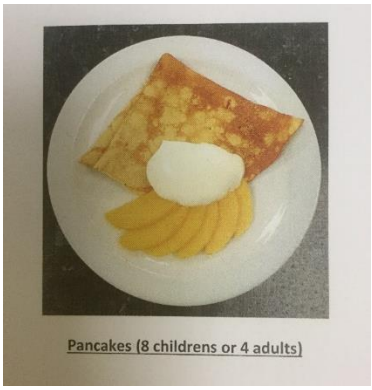
Meet our SENco, **Georgia Rodman.**
"My name is Georgia and I have worked with children since 2014 and have been at Charlton Nursery and Preschool since 2018.
A fact about me is that I have a Shetland pony called tiddler. I enjoy bucket time with the children to support their listening and attention.
I hope for all children around me to be /feel loved and cared for."

Meet our SEND Support Practitioner, **Aimee Kendall.**
"My name is Aimee and I have worked with children since 2016 and have been at Charlton Nursery and Preschool since 2022.
A fact about me is that whilst at university I created a children's YouTube channel for autistic children and their families. I enjoy providing inclusive learning opportunities for all children and engaging in creative play experiences.
I hope for all children around me to feel that they are able to achieve anything."

Claire's Recipe of the Month

Claire's Pancakes

(In preparation for Shrove Tuesday)



Ingredients:

100g Plain Flour
260ml Milk
2 Eggs
1 x Mango
Greek Yoghurt

Method:

1. Mix eggs and flour until smooth
2. Slowly add milk until combined
3. Heat a large frying pan, when it's hot, very lightly coat the pan with oil
4. Add batter mixture to the pan and cook for approximately 2minutes
5. Flip the pancakes until both sides are golden brown

Serving suggestion: Fresh sliced mango and greek yoghurt.

Serves 8 children or 4 adults

DJ Bird's Tune of the Month

"Dem Dry Bones"

Kind regards

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What would you like to see in next month's newsletter? Please send your suggestions through! Holly.