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Latest News

As the nights begin to draw in and the light fading ever earlier, the cool breeze blowing the leaves from the trees, the memories of summer become ever distant as autumn comes into full view. The change in season brings with it the next exciting chapter in the Always Growing Nursery. September has seen us welcome a number of new families to Always Growing, and we are excited about our family getting even bigger!

We have a couple of important announcements below:

- ▶ Christmas Closure will be Tuesday 24th December 2019 to Wednesday 1st January 2020 inclusive.
- ▶ Our INSET days, where the nursery will be closed are:
 - ▶ 17th February 2020, 29th June 2020 and 29th October 2020

We are introducing these inset days as part of our commitment to developing and improving all the wonderful Teachers who work with us. This will give us the chance to put in place training and support as part of our commitment to excellence. Thank you for your support.



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Update from the Butterfly and Sunflower Rooms

The children in Butterfly Room are being very helpful by helping to set the table ready for mealtimes. Whilst the children are helping to set the table, they are involved in counting how

many plates and bowls we need for each meal. They are learning how to carry the crockery and glasses safely and where to put the cutlery in relation to the plate or bowl. We also enjoy talking about what food might be served at the meal and what their favourite meal is at home.

It may only look like the children are setting the table but there is a whole lot of learning going on! We are sure they will be keen to practice their new skills at your dining table too!



We have been working closely with Sunflower Room so that the new children moving up to us no longer need a dummy or a bottle of milk whilst at nursery. We have also supported the children already in Butterfly Room to move away from these comforters during the day and all of the teachers have noticed how much more the children are talking. There is a constant hum of chatter around the classroom which is great to hear.

To help with talking and listening the children recently reorganised the book corner and picked out some bear stories to go alongside our Goldilocks and the 3 Bears story. We have also introduced story spoon props to go alongside our stories. By using story spoons to accompany a well know story encourages the child to deepen their understanding and love of books and helps bring the books to life. It also helps to develop their vocabulary when the children join in with parts of the story. They can then learn to recite longer phrases of the story and then add in their own imagination and opinions



Important notices

- ▶ Please be mindful of collecting your child on time. This must be at 6pm to avoid late fees and staff staying beyond their working hours.
- ▶ Please bring in wellies and wet suit. We go out in all weathers!
- ▶ Referral information

Parent Poll

We have two new play spaces outdoors for the children, we would love to know what you think these spaces should be. Have your say by voting by email, text or Famly for:

- A - A Workshop
- B - Cafe
- C - Cozy Den
- D - Something else



What's Growing at Always Growing?

We are very pleased with our new garden where we can exercise, explore and experiment.

It's a lovely space to discover plants, trees and wildlife. We can wonder about the weather and spot insects, birds and animals. We can play on the tyre swing, run around or just sit and enjoy being outside.

We have three big raised beds to grow vegetables, fruit and flowers. We have already planted 100 daffodil bulbs which are sleeping until the spring time. If we managed to put them in the right way up, we should have a colourful display in the spring time. We hope the squirrels won't dig them up; we found that they had buried lots of acorns in our soil which we learned they will dig up in the winter to provide much needed food when nothing is growing.



We have grown some wildflowers too. Our favourites are the pink clover and the ragged robin. They attracted bees and butterflies in the warmer weather but now they attract Daddy Long Legs and some sleepy wasps.

We have planted some herbs and strawberries and we look forward to watching them grow and tasting them. We have some colourful pansies and violas too which smell lovely. Look out for them when you call.

We are having fun linking our outdoor activities to indoor ones: each month we are finding out about a different plant. This month, we are tasting, touching and smelling the herbs we are growing.

We can test the natural things we find in the garden like leaves and sticks: do they float or sink? Do they absorb water? How do they grow? We can do some art activities too like leaf printing and collages.

Do come and enjoy our garden as we do.

Refer a Friend

Love what we do at Always Growing? Know someone looking for a nursery place?

This month we have introduced a Refer a Friend scheme.

If you refer someone to our Nursery, and they register and book, we will give you two free days at nursery! These will be deducted from your monthly bill for the month following sign up.



Looking forwards...

We have some exciting events lined up over the next few weeks in the nursery. Find out what we will be getting up to below:

- 14 October ~ **National Library Day** gives us the opportunity to celebrate books and role-play. We will read different books throughout the week and encourage children to retell stories in their play.
- 16 October ~ **World Food Day**, the children will get to explore a variety of foods from different cultures and backgrounds
- 21 October ~ **Apple day** which marks the importance of nature, spreading the environmental awareness and a great extension to our garden project. The children's fine motor and hand strength will be challenged as they chop and prepare some apples to make some apple crumble.
- 28 October ~ **Diwali** festival and celebration of light. The children will be crafting diyas (tea light candle holders) and practicing their mark making skills by creating their own rangoli prints (traditional Indian prints). We will also be experimenting with the concept of light and dark, using torches and creating dark den spaces, stretching our children's understanding of these concepts.
- 31 October ~ **Halloween** party with a spooky buffet. We look forward to welcoming little monsters as the children can come dressed up if they wish to do so!

Children will be exploring sensory activities, discovering textures and materials using their senses by carving pumpkins feeling the textures of the inside of a pumpkin, creating small world scenes and baking pumpkin cakes.

These themes and events will enhance the children's awareness of colours as we transition through this autumn season noticing the leaves change colour. It is so beautiful and fascinating to see change in nature, allowing our children to be able to define these changes as they understand the world around them.

What's new?

Since our last news letter we have:

Installed a new garden space

Developed our planting and growing

Moved our After School provision into its own space

Incorporated rotating space in the Butterfly Room with different themes

We are hoping to join the local library so we can go and visit them for story time



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