



Newsletter

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Theme for the Month



In October the theme in both the Rainbow and Sunshine Rooms was Space.

During the month the children in the Rainbow Room enjoyed cooking activities such as making planet biscuits,

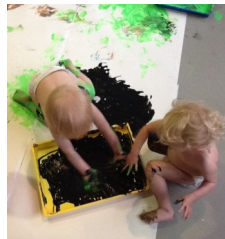
decorated with cereals and mixed fruit kebabs.



For craft they have been making paper plate planets and flying saucers. Some of the children also really enjoyed helping Shannen to make a large cardboard box rocket, which they used to 'fly to the moon'.



In the Sunshine Room the children enjoyed making glitter stars for their room display, they also



enjoyed getting messy during body painting! There was lots of singing and dancing this month, with 'The Hat Song' and 'Heads and Shoulders' being firm favourites. Lots of the children enjoyed copying the actions and dancing during the song!



Staff News



Sadly Izzy from the Rainbow Room left us on 23rd October, in order to work closer to home and further her career in the child care industry. We wish her all the best for the future and know that she will be missed by all here at The Arc!



Lily has decided to move across the road, to work part time at the St Hugh's Preschool, in order to have time for her studies. We know she will be missed by all in the Rainbow Room, but we are sure you will all be very supportive of this change.

No Food & Drink



Can parents please be aware that food and drink is **NOT** permitted to be brought from outside into the nursery.

We have many children with allergies that could be affected by various triggers and on a few occasions food has been dropped, trodden into the nursery flooring and unfairly left for the staff to clear up.

If you wish to bring your child in with food or drink, it must be fully consumed before entering the nursery.

Key people Change

Due to the movement of staff and children within the rooms some of the children have been assigned a new key person.

If you feel any of the staff changes may affect your child please talk to Ashleigh & Helena or Katrina & Vicky.
Thank you!



The Theme for November



The theme in both the Sunshine & Rainbow Rooms next month will be Pirates & Under the Sea.



The Arc Buggy Cupboard Rules—

Sometimes it can be very difficult to access the cupboard, due to the amount of buggies placed at the entrance and because of the size of some of the buggies being stored.

At the Arc we have limited storage space for buggies and as such we ask the following -

All children who are **3 years or older** should be encouraged to walk, ride or scoot to and from the nursery in order to promote physical and social development.

All **buggies** stored are to be an umbrella type, which take up as little room as possible and fold completely. If you would prefer to use a larger buggy then please be aware that it will need to be taken away from the nursery with you once you have dropped off your child.

When storing buggies it is imperative that parents **fill it from the back forwards**, so that it is easily accessible for all. Also can parents please make sure that their buggy is empty so that it can collapse fully.

If there are no hooks left to hang a buggy up on, then all parents need to neatly place their buggies against the wall opposite or lean them in between the hooks. In order to leave a walk way throughout the cupboard to allow everyone to have easy access.

Please can all parents bear in mind that we do not have to allocate a space for buggy storage, and as such the limited space supplied needs to be used to maximum efficiency in order for it to be fairly allocated to all children throughout the nursery.

Thank you!

Christmas & New Year Opening Times

Monday 21st December 8am—6pm
Tuesday 22nd December 8am—6pm
Wednesday 23rd December
CLOSED For Inset Day
Thursday 24th December CLOSED
Friday 25th December CLOSED
Monday 28th December CLOSED
Tuesday 29th December 8am—6pm
Wednesday 30th December 8am—6pm
Thursday 31st December 8am—6pm
Friday 1st January CLOSED

Open as usual from Monday 4th January onwards.



Christmas Jumper Week ...



The Arc will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Fundraising scheme again this December, by having a Christmas Jumper Week.

The week will run from **14th—18th December** and give all the staff & children at The Arc a chance to take part by wearing a Christmas jumper for the day and donating £1 to charity Save the Children when doing so. Last year we raised £100 for this great charity—hopefully this year the event will be just as successful!

IMPORTANT SAFETY RULES: Please Read

Please take note of the following rules which are for the safety and wellbeing of all children in the nursery.

- Please do not allow your child to press the exit button for the front door, and **please ensure you close all doors and do not prop doors open for those behind you** - these are important safety issues.
- Please ensure you **close the gate** at the top of the stairs to the Sunshine room properly - shake it to check it has latched.



- Please do not allow your children to run in the corridor.
- Please leave your own toys at home, to avoid them getting lost or broken.