

# THE BULLETIN

BROUGHAM STREET NURSERY SCHOOL



## MESSAGES

Summer Holiday  
Close: 23 July

Welcome Events  
7th September  
10.30 - 11.30  
1.30 - 2.30

Autumn Term  
Open: 8th September

Uniform is in stock in the  
office. Polo shirts £6.50,  
jumpers £9

Keep up to date with news by  
regularly checking Tapestry  
and our Facebook page.  
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we know you have seen posts.  
Share your news with us too!

## CHANGES

This half term our focus has been on 'Changes'. We have kept caterpillars and watched them turn in to chrysalises and then butterflies. We have looked at the frog lifecycle.

We have explored ice as it has changed into water. We have also read lots of great stories which feature change, our key one being 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.

Our topic has inspired us to create beautiful butterfly paintings with Pauline. We have listened to Vivaldi's Four Seasons and we have tried to guess which piece of music represented which season.

We've played the violin and learnt new songs. We have also had a hairdressers where we changed Lorraine's hair from dry to wet to dry again.

We've explored the butterfly lifecycle in Shabang with Beccy and June. Created caterpillar art and brought the outdoors inside with Ann.

Our inspiration for this topic is the change that will take place in September, either when our children move to primary school, or as they become preschoolers instead of antepreschoolers. What we do know is that their change will be a successful one.

## FISH DISSECTION

Thank you very much to Kilnsey Park Trout Farm for supplying us with two magnificent, female, rainbow trout. We always follow children's interests and there has been an enthusiasm for all things aquatic recently. We have measured out the length of a blue whale and a basking shark. We have looked for prehistoric fish and fish skeletons have been drawn on the nursery school playground.



Alison did the fish dissection and we were all fascinated and learned a lot. We saw that the fish had teeth, not only in its jaws, but on its tongue and down its throat! We discovered that unlike the lenses in our eyes, the fish lens is a perfect sphere which is very hard to the touch. Unlike us who have two kidneys, trout have one kidney and it runs down the length of its backbone. Trout also have swim bladders which are a bit like long balloons inside the trout so it can change its position in the water.

As soon as the dissections were finished, rainbow trout chalk drawings began to appear on the nursery school playground. They were very bright and colourful!

## GRANT SUCCESS

Nursery School is celebrating its recent success in a recent round of Learning Through Landscapes grants, securing £500 which they have used to purchase ten sets of very snazzy waterproofs and wellies, nature resources and outdoor training for staff.

Being outdoors gives our children the opportunity to express themselves freely, build self esteem and to develop language and communication skills, plus lots more. Imaginative play outside can take you anywhere, and can incorporate elemental play using water, earth and air, we even use fire to cook.

Daily opportunities to play outdoors is vital for our children's mental fitness and physical well-being and thanks to Learning Through Landscapes, we can continue to do this, whatever the weather :)



# THANK YOU

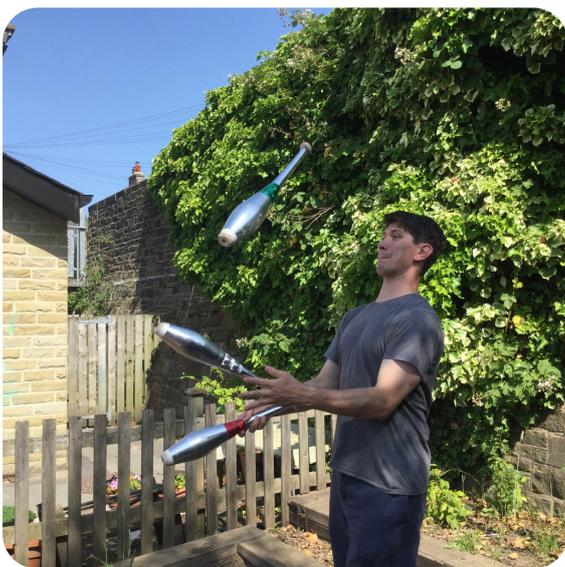


# INVITATION



# CIRCUS WEEK

To ensure that as many children of possible get to celebrate the end of the academic year our celebrations last a week and is something completely different to what we usually do. This time we have had a 'Circus Week' - made all the more special by the regular visit by 'Juggling Jack'. He has made balloon animals, ridden a unicycle, juggled balls, scarves, rings, clubs and apples. Demonstrated contact juggling with a green glass ball, and shown us how to use a diablo. It has been brilliant!



# NEWS FROM OTHER PARTS OF BROUGHAM STREET



**BROUGHAM ST**  
Nursery School

June  
2021

## Baby room and toddlers

### Baby room

Thanks to some beautiful weather we have been able to take our children on a number of walks including to Aireville Park and Skipton Woods.

The children enjoy our mini trips and it is hugely beneficial to their development also.

Benefits of outside play include;

- \*Improved motor skills
- \*Interaction for all 5 senses
- \*Appreciation for the outdoors

### Makaton

Makaton is a language programme that uses signs together with speech and symbols, to enable people to communicate.

It supports the development of essential communication skills such as

- \*Attention
- \*Listening
- \*Comprehension
- \*Memory

## NEWSLETTER

### Toddler room

This month in toddlers we have been focusing on water play, both indoors and outdoors, we have had lots of fun splashing in the tough trays outside with our feet and making lots of bubbles and indoors we have experimented with sliced citrus fruits and different smells in the water tray.

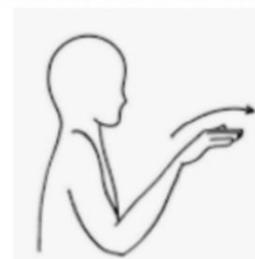
Why is water play important?

\*It allows the children to explore all of their senses.

\*Provides opportunities to develop early maths skills such as filling and emptying and pouring.

Allowing children the opportunity to experience water play helps to encourage language and social development as it provides the opportunity to ask questions and take turns.

### MAKATON SIGN OF THE MONTH



Outside

## Meet... Mairead (Toddler Room)



My Name is Mairead Pearson. I am currently an Early years educator based in the toddler room. I have worked here at Brougham Street Nursery for almost 12 years now and initially started employment because they were so supportive with me completing my BA Hons degree in young children's learning and development.

I am very honoured to be a part of such a wonderful team here at Brougham Street. It is a pleasure to be a part of providing care and education to so many wonderful children and families within this community, watching them develop and grow throughout the setting. I am a proud member of the Brougham Street family and take much pride in my role here. I have worked in every room within the setting, providing me with lots of experience. I love the challenge of adapting my practice through the age groups and working with some exceptional practitioners too.

I live in Barnoldswick with my partner Dan, our nearly 4 year old son Teddy, cat Lana and tortoise Stuart. Our son Teddy has attended brougham Street Nursery school since he was 9 months old and he loves it. I too am a parent with a child here at Brougham Street nursery and I wouldn't have wanted my son's first experiences in education to have started anywhere else. It's lovely to introduce myself to you all.



### Home focus this month...

## Pincer Grip

#### What is a pincer grip?

The pincer grasp is the coordination of the index finger and thumb to hold an item.

#### How can I encourage pincer grip?

Put small items in a bowl (such as raisins) and ask your child to pick one up at a time.

## A NEW ACTION SONG TO TRY!

# The Sharks in the Sea

(Tune: Wheels on the bus)

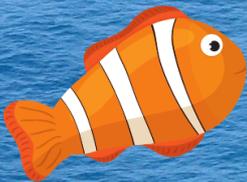
The sharks in the sea go chomp, chomp, chomp.

Chomp, chomp, chomp,

Chomp, chomp, chomp

The sharks in the sea go chomp, chomp, chomp.

All day long!



The lobsters in the sea go pinch...

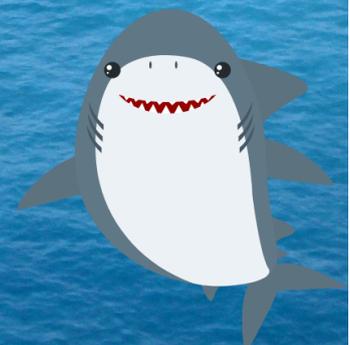
The fish in the sea go swim...

The clams in the sea go open and shut...

The octopus in the sea goes wriggle...

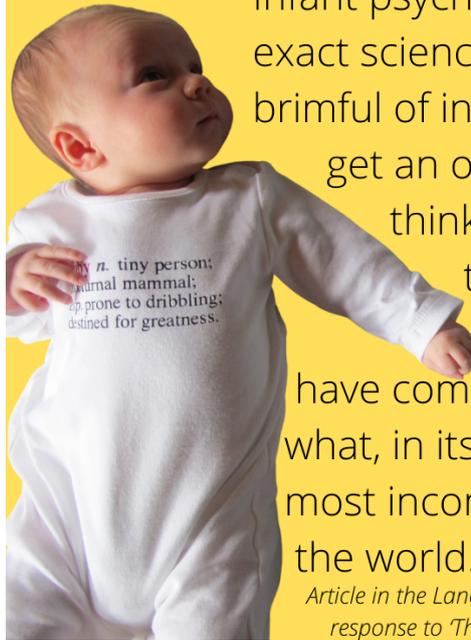
The seahorse on the rocks goes back & forth...

The kids in the waves jump up and down...



# LOOKING TO THE PAST

## Infant Psychology (A late Victorian perspective)



Infant psychology will never be an exact science, but it is certainly brimful of interest. Even if we only get an occasional glimpse – or think we get a glimpse – of the working of a child's mind, it is something to have comprehended a part of what, in its totality, is perhaps the most incomprehensible thing in the world.

*Article in the Lancashire Evening Post - 05 November 1895 in response to 'The New Study of Children - Professor Sully'*

## GET TO KNOW OUR TEAM



Hello my name is Bethan

I am a student at Burnley college doing my level 3 childcare. I have been on placement in the Brougham Street Nursery School classroom since March. From September I hope to continue my placement within Childcare.

My hobbies include taking walks down the canal and spending time with my family. I am eager to learn about children and experience lots of new experiences that the nursery has to offer.

*We love to hear from parents/guardians throughout the year and have an open door policy for you to contact us with any questions or concerns. Afreen, Alison, Amy, Ann, Ayesha, Beccy, Bethan, Bev, Gene, June, Lorraine, Madiba, Pauline and Michael*