

THE BULLETIN

BROUGHAM STREET NURSERY SCHOOL



MESSAGES

Christmas Holiday
Open: 5th January

February Half Term
Close: 18th February
Open: 28th February

Easter
Close: 8th April

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. Please 'like' and comment so we know you have seen posts.

Share your news with us too!

DOES THE SHOE FIT?

During the our last half term, our project was 'Does the shoe fit?' We began by sharing the stories of the 'Elves and the Shoemaker' and 'Cinderella'

We created a shoe shop in the nursery school classroom. Role play is a brilliant way to step into someone else's 'shoes' and enjoy a learning experience from a new perspective; whether that be as the customer or the shopkeeper. As all of our children have got new shoes in the past, they are also able to apply their real life experiences to their play.

Some of our learning activities:

Later the role play area turned into Cinderella's kitchen complete with fireplace. It was a great space to spark our imaginations.

We explored every part of the EYFS through shoes. Size and pattern linked to maths. Andy Warhol's 'Shoes' inspired our own creations. We watched dancers and visited a cobbler. We matched pairs and we had the opportunity to literally walk in the shoes of others from firemen to ballet dancers. So many great learning opportunities and all delivered through play.

I wonder whose footsteps we will follow in?

THE PLACES WE GO & THE PEOPLE WE MEET



Please don't throw me away

We are always busy creating and planning exciting projects. Please help us out by not throwing away any of these items. We would love any you may have. We just ask that you make sure that items are clean and free from residue. If you ever come across anything else at home or work that you think we might find useful, please pop us a message on Tapestry. We love to be resourceful and use as many natural or recyclable materials as possible. Thank you very much!

- Bottle tops
- Toilet of kitchen roll tubes
- Wrapping paper tubes
- Ribbon
- Scraps of material
- Interesting packaging
- Craft feathers
- Pom poms
- Pipe cleaners
- Foil tins
- Flowers (even the ones that are past their best – old bouquets are brilliant)
- Artificial foliage/plants
- Egg boxes
- Buttons



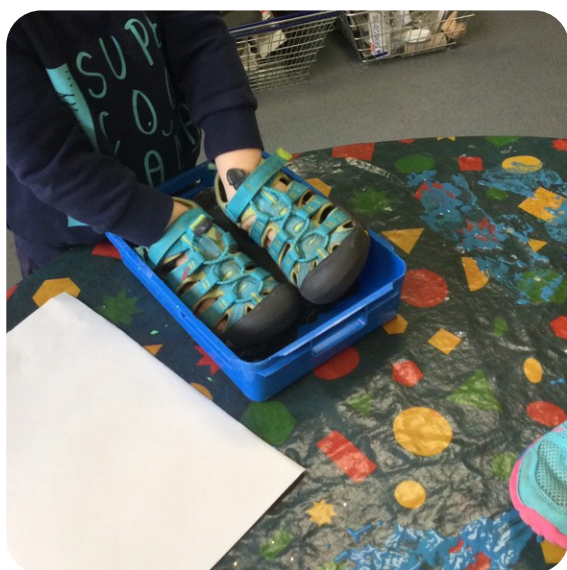
- Wool/yarn/twine/string
- Newspaper
- Old magazines/brochures or catalogues
- Old CDs
- Bubble wrap
- Wooden spoons, utensils, pots and pans
- Unwanted rolls of wallpaper
- Wrappers from chocolates such as Quality Street
- Hats, scarves or jewellery for dressing up
- Tissue paper
- Greeting cards
- Conkers
- Pine cones
- Shells and drift wood
- Wooden logs/slices or branches
- Corks



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STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER?



All parents who have a preschool (n2) age child should have received a letter from North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) about how to apply for a Reception place. The application window is now open and the deadline to apply is 15th January 2022. The letter provides a link to the admissions area of the NYCC website where all of the information needed to apply electronically is available at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/apply-place-primary-or-secondary-school>

Parent/carers of pupils who live who live outside North Yorkshire must obtain information from their home authority regarding their application process and apply to them. If they want their child to attend a NYCC school, they still need to make the application to their home authority and information will be shared between other Local Authorities, as part of the LA's co-ordinated admissions scheme.

Please be aware that if all of your preferred schools are oversubscribed, then your child will be offered a place in a school which is not on your choice list. In previous years, due to demand, a local school has not been able to offer a place to all children living within its catchment. In this case, distance from the school was a key factor in offering a place.

We recommend that parents/guardians visit prospective schools with their children before making a decision. Many of our local schools will have open days and many have a presence on social media too. North Yorkshire County Council provide guidance on applying for a primary school place here <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/find-school>

The final date for parents to express a preference for a reception school place is 15th January 2022. If you require any further information please email schooladmissions@northyorks.gov.uk or tel 01609 533679.

OUR CURRENT LEARNING PROJECT

Is there such a thing as a Gruffalo?

We have lots planned:

- Sharing stories by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler
- If you go down to the woods today...
- Myths and monsters
- RSPB Birdwatch
- Animal handling
- Owls in flight
- Who would live in a house like this? Log pile houses and underground houses included
- Will you ever see a Nessie in the zoo? - Burns night
- Dragons - Chinese New Year
- Terrible lizards - Paleontology
- Where are the wild things?
- What could hatch from an egg like this?

Do you have something that would be a good addition to our project? Please get in touch through Tapestry or speak to a member of our staff team. We would love to hear your ideas.

READING TOGETHER

We read every day in nursery school and we hope that you read together every day at home too. At the end of this Bulletin you will find a bookshelf containing books linked to our topic 'Is there such a thing as a Gruffalo?'

We hope that you enjoy them. Remember that Skipton has a brilliant library, with lots of children's books which you can borrow for free! For more information click this link <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/skipton-library>.



THE BEST SHOES FOR HEALTHY FEET

DO YOUR CHILD'S SHOES "MAKE THE GRADE?"

TAKE THE 1•2•3 TEST

1

LOOK FOR A STIFF HEEL

Press on both sides of the heel counter. It shouldn't collapse.



2

CHECK TOE FLEXIBILITY

The shoe should bend with your child's toes. It shouldn't be too stiff or bend too much in the toe box area.



3

SELECT A SHOE WITH A RIGID MIDDLE

Does your shoe twist? Your shoe should never twist in the middle.



Brought to you by **stride rite.**

Can your child put their own shoes on by themselves or do you struggle to do it?

The best type of footwear are well fitted, breathable, velcro fastened shoes. They give children the confidence and independence to self care and dress themselves, as well as being the best option for the development and growth of healthy feet.

Wellies are great for outdoor play, especially in the rain, but they are not designed for indoor, everyday use and may cause harm if used long term.



PHYSICAL ACTIVITY GUIDELINES FOR UNDER-5S

Physical activity for early years (birth – 5 years)

Active children are healthy, happy,
school ready and sleep better



BUILDS
RELATIONSHIPS
& SOCIAL SKILLS



MAINTAINS
HEALTH &
WEIGHT



CONTRIBUTES TO
BRAIN DEVELOPMENT
& LEARNING



IMPROVES
SLEEP



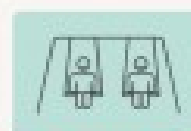
DEVELOPS
MUSCLES
& BONES



ENCOURAGES
MOVEMENT
& CO-ORDINATION

Every movement counts

Aim for at least
180
Minutes
per day
for children 1-5 years



PLAYGROUND



JUMP



CLIMB



MESSY PLAY



THROWCATCH



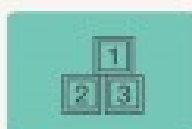
SKIP

Under-1s

at least
30 minutes
across the day



TUMMY TIME



OBJECT PLAY



DANCE



GAMES



PLAY



SWIM



WALK



SCOOT



BIKE

Get Strong. Move More. Break up inactivity

UK Chief Medical Officers' Physical Activity Guidelines, 2019



GET TO KNOW OUR TEAM



Hi, my name is Beccy and I have been working at Brougham Street Nursery school since January 2016 as a Special Educational Needs Learning Support Assistant. I can honestly say I have loved every minute of working here. When the opportunity arose to become one of the teachers here at nursery school, I just could not refuse! I am so excited about all the things that we will learn together and getting to know you all that I think I actually might burst! I can't wait. I have lots of exciting and fun ideas planned that we will explore together such as "why did the turnip grow so big?" I will be sharing green group with Alison which I am equally excited about. Before I get to know you all, I think it is only fair that you find out a little bit about me!

I grew up in Boston in Lincolnshire with my parents and older sister Rachael. I moved to Essex University to study for a BA in

Psycholinguistics, which is where I met David, who has now been my husband since 1999. When I had gained my degree in 1998 I moved to Reading University where I studied for my PGCE in primary education and qualified as a teacher in 1999. I taught in a primary school in Jaywick, Essex for a few years before moving to teach in Letchworth, Hertfordshire. I put my career on hold for many years to raise my family. I have 3 children: Andrew who is 17, Hannah who is 15 and Jessica who is 10. They keep me very busy! So do my 4 cats. I have several hobbies including running, cycling and cake decorating. One of these days I hope to run the distance of a marathon, to date I have run 18 miles but I know that with practise I will get there!

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, Amanda, Ann, Ayesha, Beccy, Bev, Fiona, Gene, Katie, Lorraine, Madiha, Pauline and Michael

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