

# NEWSLETTER

## for Blackwell First School - Nursery



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!! We hope you all had a good and germ free Christmas. Did you enjoy the Early Years Nativity show? We all thought they did such a wonderful job. I am sure you would agree - to perform on a stage at the age they are is a huge thing. A BIG thank you for all your cards, gifts and most importantly kind words from all the staff. ☺

### CIRCLE TIME FUN



A few photos to share from our outdoor learning from last term.

### INVOICES

The nursery invoices for the Autumn Term (September-December 2022) will be coming out in the next few weeks. This will be made up of lunches, two daily snacks and any extra sessions attended outside your allocated universal/additional hours. These invoices **do not** include any Breakfast and After School club sessions attended as these are run by and raised separately by Mrs Edney.

If there are any queries about these bills, please do come and see Mrs Mander as all the relevant registers and totals are kept in the nursery.

### FINE MOTOR

During the Autumn term, our focus was the use of the "tripod" grip when holding **any** writing tool. Most have this now and we will continue to work individually with the children who find this tricky. During the Spring term we move on to holding and using a knife and fork during lunchtime. Please do support us at home by encouraging children to use these tools by cutting their own food (where appropriate) during mealtimes. This helps them when they enter BIG school in September if we can get this skill in place.

### COMMUNICATION

Please do come and chat to us if you have any questions, queries or concerns about your little one. For those after school children, email in to the nursery@ email address. Please do check the weekly website and parentapp blog on a Friday as this will give you a taster of what we have been doing every week and give you ways that you can support at home. We have our termly "Parent Consultation" in March to talk in more detail about children's progress from Autumn to Spring.

### GERM FREE

The germs in December really wiped out lots of us (children and staff) as we battled to get to the end. As per Mrs Moss' Newsletter, please help support us by keeping children away from school with any covid symptoms for 3 days and taking children with symptoms of scarlet fever to the GP.

### TOPIC

This half term our first topic is Winter. We will be spotting and talking about the signs of Winter. Mrs Allen is looking forward to sharing some of her favourite stories and Mrs Franklin is looking forward to her Winter art activities in the afternoon. We then move on to the topic of Lifecycles where we will be learning about the frog, butterfly and finally, human lifecycle. **Can we ask for a baby photo to be sent in to the nursery@ email address ready for our (favourite) lifecycle display!**

### INDOORS - Cabin

We will be moving on with our learning indoors too with our daily circle times, music, phonics, listening, maths, C&L. Our morning Write Dance will continue but we will be adding in the mark-making element - be prepared for some colourful hands. Our Dough Disco at the end of the day still needs some song choices! Please talk to your little one about a favourite "disco" song that will get us moving so we can make a dough routine to it.

### OUTDOORS - Forest School

We will be continuing to enjoy our "Play and Explore" in our Forest School, even when the weather is cold. Please can you ensure your child comes in daily with:

- . a bag with spare clothes in;
- . suitable layers of clothing (double up on everything!) and
- . a warm hat/gloves (wearing on arrival is always best) .