

Arlesdene Nursery School and Pre-school

Newsletter 5

May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of another half term it's a lovely time to reflect on all the wonderful learning that has taken place. The children have thoroughly enjoyed all the preparation for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and are very much looking forward having a royal party.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely half term. We look forward to seeing you all back in June as we prepare to transition the children to their next setting.

Best Wishes

Claire Cobain Headteacher



MaD Awards

Making a Difference

Our MaD award last month went to **Katy Granville** our lead practitioner for SEND. Katy has recently set up Rainbow group for some of our children with additional needs. Rainbow group is in a smaller room, which is quieter, calmer and has far fewer distractions from the main classroom. We are extremely lucky to have this additional provision at Arlesdene and a massive thanks needs to go to Katy and the other staff for setting this up in such a short space of time.

All staff can be nominated for an award when they have made a difference. Remember you as parents can nominate staff at any time when they have made a positive difference to you or your child.

Slips are available in either the Nursery or Pre-school office or you can email a nomination to:

mad@arlesdene.herts.sch.uk

Watch this space for our MaD awards.

Pre-school

Curriculum goals

1. To be happy, independent and confident
2. To be able to talk about their experiences, and confidently ask and answer questions
3. To be able to ride a balance bike
4. To be able to write their own name
5. To be able to create a 3D model
6. To be able to re-tell a story (in pictures, words or writing)
7. To be able to play a board game
8. To be able to perform in an end of year performance

Curriculum goals

In September 2021 the Early Years Curriculum changed, giving schools the ownership of designing their own curriculum suited to the needs of their children and opportunities available to them. At Arlesdene staff designed 8 Curriculum goals. Each child will be taught skills which will enable them to reach milestones towards each of the goals.

You can read more about our curriculum on our website.

Focus weeks

Each child in Nursery will have at least 3 focus weeks a year. Your Key Person will inform you by writing the week before your focus week so that you can talk about what your child is enjoying at home and this can feed in towards their focus week. At the end of the week or the following week your child's Key Person will meet with you either by telephone or in person to talk about what your child has learnt and how you can help them at home. This is a new way of working at Arlesdene and we are still adapting to this. However if you are concerned or not made aware of your child's focus week or learning, in the first instance please make contact with Lynda Lodge our Lead Teacher for Nursery.

Pre-school



Parent concerns

It has come to my attention from a few parents that they are hearing 'playground gossip' which is causing concern and upset. If you do hear something that concerns you please do come and speak to me. My door is always open to parents and often discussing something together quickly can alleviate fears.

Transition

We are currently preparing the children to move onto Nursery. Lots of visits will take place through June and July and all Key People will ensure that any information about your child is passed to the Nursery team. You will find the Nursery experience slightly different from Pre-school. The groups of children will be bigger and your child will be encouraged to be more independent. Please do speak to your child's key person though so we can alleviate any concerns. We will be holding a new to Nursery meeting on the 28th June. This is a great opportunity to hear all about Nursery and to meet the team.



Pre-school

Family Centre services

Our onsite family centre offers many services to families, some are held at Arlesdene and others at some of the other centres in Cheshunt and Hertfordshire.

Saturday Rhyme Times

Do you have a child aged from 6-18 months? Have you tried our Active Rhyme Time at Arlesdene Family Centre on from 11 – 11.45 am. This session is for children from 6-18 months and includes fun, active rhymes and songs for babies and toddlers which support your child's speech and language development. There is no charge for the session and no need to book. Older siblings are very welcome too.

We hope to see you there soon.

For information about the range of services on offer for families, please visit our [website](#) or give our friendly team a call on 0300 123 7572.

SEND Drop In Sessions



Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Drop-In

1st Thursday of the month - Beane Valley Family Centre, SG14 3QA

2nd Thursday of the month - High Trees Family Centre, EN10 6AE

3rd Thursday of the month - De Havilland Family Centre, AL10 8TQ

All sessions are 12:30 - 14:00

These sessions provide an opportunity to discuss any concerns or issues you may have, an opportunity to meet families within your local area, find information about local support groups and provide a friendly ear.

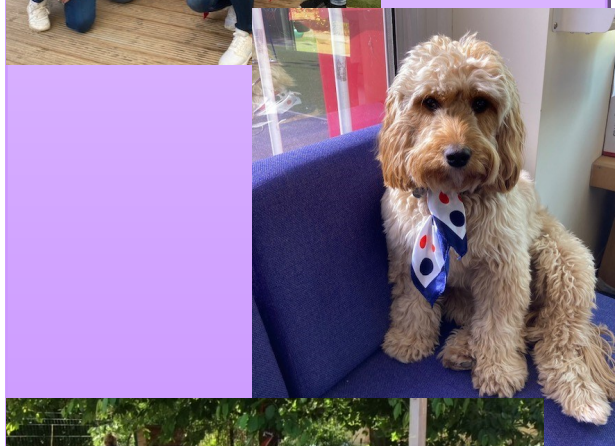
This is a drop-in session, however if you want to let us know you are coming, please give us a call on 0300 123 7572. If you're not able to attend these sessions but would like some support, please get in touch.



Pre-school

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The children have had a wonderful time joining in with the celebrations today. Look out for our photos on Facebook. You will even see that the Queen was able to join us for the day.



Important dates

Friday 27th May – End of 1st half of summer term

Monday 6th June – INSET day – school closed

Tuesday 7th June - Children return to school

Friday 22nd July Pre-school leavers celebration (save the date)

Friday 22nd July—Last day of term

