

From the Office

Hi Everyone,

Here we are at the end of the first term and what a wonderful time we have had - time really does fly when you are having fun and I think we are all wondering where the last 4 months have gone! For us as a staff team the first term is always the hardest, helping both the children and parents adjust to their new environment but it's also the most rewarding. Seeing the change in the children from the beginning to the end of the term is wonderful and no matter how long I do this job, it never fails to amaze me!

I cannot write this message without mentioning our amazing National Day celebration. What a wonderful 2 days of celebration we had. A HUGE thank you to all of the parents who so generously donated different items, we really couldn't have done it without you. Falcons, live cooking stations, henna, necklace making, balloons and delicious Emirati food, we had everything covered!

We are now coming to the end of our Winter Wonderland week, which has been another great event. It's hard to feel 'cold' in Abu Dhabi but I think we managed to achieve it the best we could. These events are always a lot of work to put together and I am extremely lucky to have such a wonderful team behind me. Seeing how much the children (and the staff) enjoy them makes it very much worthwhile.

So, all I have left to say is have a very happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in January!

Emma and Honeyleen

A Few Reminders:

If you are travelling over the Winter break then please make sure you are fully up to date with our child travelling policy and what we will be requiring before your child returns to Nursery.

A gentle reminder that Term 2 fees are now due. Many thanks to those who have already paid them.

Monthly topics

January

Ladybirds, Grasshoppers & Fireflies: On The Farm

Caterpillars, Butterflies & Farashat: Weather

Dragonflies: Weather



Don't forget!...

Events - January

Monday 3rd:
Nursery closed for Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 4th:
First day of the Spring Term

Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th
Teddy Bear's Picnic

Monday 24th - Friday 28th:
Let's Get Active Week

Monday 31st - Thursday 3rd Feb
Individual and Class Photos

Happy Birthday!

in December...

Look Who's 1!

Noelle Farrell

Look Who's 3!

Youssef Qaddi

Jasmeena Yoxall

Fox Swanson

Look Who's 2!

Emma Bayti

Albie McDonnell

Zayed Al Mehairbi

Mila Beckley-Vithane

Lizzie Kealy

Ra'ad Tanvir

Abdulla Al Suwaidi

Noah Bernon

Look Who's 4!

Sahasya Shetty

Aisha Al Muhairi

Doyoon Lim

Under Fours...



At Bright Beginnings Nursery, we are advocates of the importance of recognizing the fact that EVERY child matters.

We aim to achieve the following outcomes in the following ways:

Staying safe

- Complying with the UAE child protection legislation
- Staff training, rigorous vetting and recruitment procedures
- Children are encouraged to learn about safety through various activities, such as - car and road safety, staff role modelling activities to encourage them to protect themselves, calling for help and being self assured
- Rigorous risk assessment
- Promoting safety as part of planning
- Encouraging children to take safe risks in their play

Being healthy

- Encouraging children to be aware of healthy practices and lifestyles
- Regular hand washing opportunities
- Role play - dentist, hospital, doctors etc
- Healthy lunch boxes
- Promoting positive self image and identity
- Promoting positive self-esteem
- Healthy feelings
- Sharing stories from home
- Promoting physical development and exercise
- Gardening
- Walking
- Daily outdoor provision

Enjoying and achieving through learning

- Children are encouraged to attend and enjoy their nursery experience through the offering of stimulating activities and experiences in an environment which is child led.
- Children's progress is monitored across age appropriate developmental milestones, ensuring all children are progressing towards Early Learning Goals.
- Staff meet out of nursery hours to discuss all children's developing needs and interests, observations and the planning of activities.
- Children are encouraged to develop healthy independence through all activities and routines during the day.

Making a positive contribution to society

- Putting together an end of year performance
- Helping those children younger than themselves
- Developing caring relationships for each other
- Taking part in events celebrating cultural diversity
- Promoting the idea of global citizens
- Welcoming parents and visitors to the nursery
- All children are confident and secure enough to welcome new ideas and activities and to have a go at something new.

Achieving economic well being

- Role playing with money at nursery market stalls and grocery stores
- Visiting and listening to people who work in our community such as fire officers, chefs etc
- Visiting real life places where goods are bought and sold (vegetable markets, fish market etc)
- Investigating where food comes from and cooking with fresh produce.

There are numerous opportunities daily, weekly, monthly, termly, annually, that arise in our setting, these are just a sample.

Please note we have a number of Nursery Policies with regards to how we operate and do things at Bright Beginnings. You are also most welcome to read them - please ask the Office staff.

