



# Welcome to our... December newsletter

## From the Office

Dear Parents,

It's a special time of year to celebrate together and enjoy experiences with the children. November ended with a very fun National Day Celebration which the children really enjoyed and learnt so much from. They loved watching the live cooking stations, enjoyed petting the falcon, some did Henna and all the children enjoyed dancing and participating with the Yola dancers. In this regard, we would like to extend a huge thanks to our local families who helped make this happen. Thank you so much for your support and your generosity. You truly made the National Day experience very special!

Chilly weather found its way into the Nursery as we celebrated 'Winter Wonderland'. The children were invited to dress up in their winter woolies and we all had tremendous fun dancing in the snow! It was a truly magical experience. The Nursery is now full of sparkling snowflakes, arctic animals and brightly decorated trees. A surprise visitor made his way to the Nursery and brought surprise gifts for the children to share! We also had a special visit from Mrs Claus who Zoomed her way into the classroom and gave the children the chance to hear her read a story and tell them all about what happens at Santa's village right after Christmas Day.

The teachers have finished their developmental child observations for this Term. This report should have been sent to you via our Family App. Please note that if your child just recently joined a new class that his/her report will be issued in the next term. Please remember that every child will reach their developmental milestones at different rates. To quote the words of Robert John Meehan,

**"Every child has a different learning style and pace. Each child is unique, not only capable of learning but also capable of succeeding"**

We hope that you enjoyed meeting your child's teacher via zoom and found this process helpful. The feedback from our teachers was fantastic and they are already looking forward to their next one. Always remember that every child is gifted, they just unwrap their packages at different times!

Finally, we wish you all a happy relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

### 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.

*Joud, Henna and Yvette*

## Monthly topics

### January

**Ladybirds & Fireflies: On The Farm**

**Caterpillars, Butterflies, Zuhour, Yaraqat & Coccinelles: Weather**

**Dragonflies, Libellule, Toyour & Farashat: 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**  
Let's Get Active/Bike Ride

**Tuesday 18th - Friday 21st:**  
Individual and Class Photos

**Monday 24th- Friday 28th:**  
Teddy Bear's Picnic

### Happy Birthday!

in December...

#### Look Who's 2! Look Who's 3!

Hamdan	William
Julia	Gideon
Afra	Owen
Fares	Gabrielle

#### Look Who's 4!

Mahmoud	Adrian
Ameer	Ateeq
Yassin	Laila
	Thani

## 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.

