

## From the Office

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our December Newsletter!

It is hard to believe that we have now reached the end of our first term of nursery and what a term it has been! We have all so enjoyed watching your children grow in confidence and now as we move through December it is hard to remember the tears of September!

We also hope that you, like your children, have settled into Nursery life and are happy and established as they are!

We have had so many highlights this month starting with our 50th UAE National Day Celebrations. "WoW" What a fabulous 2 days of celebrating. The children and staff had a wonderful experience. A huge thank you to our Emarati parents who really made our National Day celebrations a memorable occasion with their generous contributions of food, face painting and so much more. We even saw a real falcon! We couldn't have done it without you!

We are now coming to the end of our Winter Wonderland week of activities. It has been a lovely experience as the children discover everything to do with cold weather and winter holidays. We even took the opportunity to explore Arctic animals and their habitat! The concept of feeling and being cold is a tricky one for some of our lucky little ones who have never experienced true winter weather so we do hope that they have enjoyed the chance to dress in their winter woolies!

Wishing you all a wonderful winter holiday.

Until January,

*Lillian & Angel*

### 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.

The last day of this term will be **Thursday 16th December** and we will return for the new Spring term on **Monday 3rd January**.

## Monthly topics

### January

**Baby Bees, Ladybirds & Fireflies: On The Farm**

**Grasshoppers & Butterflies: Weather**

**Dragonflies & Asafeer: 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:**  
Individual and Class Photos

**Monday 17th - Thursday 20th:**  
Teddy Bear's Picnic

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

### Happy Birthday!

in December...

#### Look Who's 1!

Yonas Amin

Arya Amin

#### Look Who's 2!

Ariya Wadhwa Sreenivasan

Olivia Al Ali

#### Look Who's 3!

Laith Eraiqat

Ivy Rokers

Selina Kanaan

Ahmed Almutawaa

Darragh Lynch

#### Look Who's 4!

Betsy Simmonds

Eloy Bowen

Arlen Konyrbayev

## 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.

