

# The Dolls House



# Autumn Newsletter 2025

## WELCOME AUTUMN

Well it's that amazing time of the year again. We love autumn at The Dolls House.

Leafy New Walk turning vibrant colours, conkers falling, so much to see and do!

iits lovely to see the children outside in the Autumn sunshine, picking up the fallen sticks and placing them into different containers depending on size. Such a simple activity but so many learning opportunities and so much to talk about. We watch with such awe and wonder at what the different seasons bring to us.

## **STAFF NEWS**

A warm welcome to Avesha who has joined our Baby Room as a Level 3 practitioner. Ayesha did her work experience here whilst studying her Level 3. We're enjoying working along side her as her calming nature makes her perfect for the baby room.

#### **EVENTS**

**Autumn Open Day** 

<u>Saturday 27th September 2025</u>

from 10am to 1pm

This is a real opportunity to discuss your child's progress and development whilst meeting other parents of children at our nursery. You will have been invited to make an appointment with your key person. We look forward to seeing you.

#### **Autumn Forest Discovery**

<u>Wednesday 29th October 2025</u>
The trip is now free for all 2's and Preschoolers but if your child does not attend Wednesday's, we charge a reduced fee of £60 for "special event' all day childcare. On this day the children will take part in den building, stream paddling and wildlife studies in Charnwood Forest.

#### **Christmas Parties**

Wednesday 17th December 2025

The children will enjoy an afternoon of fun with a special visit from Santa!

Please lookout on Tapestry for any photographs and videos of our celebrations leading up to the end of the year.

#### WHATS ON IN LEICESTER

Please see the link below for Visit Leicester, events and festivals. www.visitleicester.info/whats-on

# **DAY NURSERIES AWARD**

Thank you for your wonderful reviews. We are proud to have been awarded 'Top 20 rated nursery in the East Midlands', though we have it on good authority that we are, in fact, Number 1.

This can only happen with the hard work of our staff team with Chris and Farhana's careful leadership. We enjoy providing a high quality service to parents living and working in Leicester. Thank you!

### **CHANGING ROOMS**

Our children don't stay the same so why should our rooms. We love restyling our rooms to meet the interests and needs of our children using them. We have such a diverse nursery and so many rooms to create safe, exciting spaces.

We are always looking for empty containers of different cuisines that children can use in the home corner.

# **PUPPY SPONSERSHIP**

We have been sponsoring a puppy from Guide Dogs UK for a number of years.

The children will look forward to their 'pupdate' publications where they can see how the puppy is doing and what training they have had.

Its a great thing to do and the children will learn a lot from it. We look forward to Octobers 'pupdate'!



#### PHYSICAL LITERACY

#### What is Physical Literacy?

Put simply, instead of letter recognition leading to the development of words and then later sentences, children build a vocabulary of movement. This can take a lot of time and children do not develop this just through free play. The best way we can help our children with this is by giving them different experiences. At nursery we have been looking at Physical Literacy and purposeful physical play in our staff meetings.

Physical Literacy has five core principles:

- Knowledge
- Understanding
- Motivation
- Confidence
- Physical competence

We have been working on the following things:

**Stability** ~ turning, twisting, stretching, curling, pivoting and freezing.

**Locomotive** ~ Walking, running, jumping, skipping, galloping, bounding and hopping.

**Object Control** ~ Throwing, catching, bouncing, striking and collecting.

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#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Chelsie took Avaleigh to an amazing Forest School activity. Please visit the website below for further information:

www.natures-play.com

## **WEEKLY SESSIONS**

Our Preschool children enjoy weekly sessions of French lessons, dance lessons and singing with Nigel. These extra curricular activities are essential to their development and forms an intrinsic part of communication development and confidence.

# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**Toys from home** - Please refrain from bringing toys from home for safety reasons. Please ensure you check pockets so that they are free from small items which can cause choking.

**Food from home** - Please do not arrive with your child eating snacks as introducing unmonitored food to the nursery can have serious consequences for some members who have allergies.

**Appropriate clothing** - Please ensure you send your child in with appropriate clothing for all weathers. Sun hats are provided.

An unwell child - If your child has been unwell with a tummy bug or they are on prescribed antibiotics, they will need to stay at home for a minimum of 48 hours to take the antibiotic and display no reactions. Once they are better, they can return to nursery and we can continue to administer the medication if needed providing a form has been completed. Please let us know if your child is unwell and will not be coming into nursery. You must also inform the nursery via email of any new health issues, concerns, checks/visits or admissions to the hospital. The number to call is

**0116 2236357** and our email address is **thedhnursery@hotmail.com**. **Parking your car** - Members of the nursery may park their cars in the pedestrian part of Kings Street before 10am by driving carefully up to the bollards from the Belvoir Street end. The barriers will lower to let you through. The road is one way

and you have **5 minutes**. Please ask for a parking slip. **Membership fees** - Fees are based on 52 weeks of the year. All members are required to pay fees during the Christmas week and bank holidays. Good news for parents is that we only close on Good Friday and Easter Monday at Easter time.

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Opening times - Please remember we open at 7:45am and cannot admit parents or children until that time as we are not insured for the children's safety. Collection of children should be no later than 5:45pm as staff must carry out health and safety checks before securing and leaving the nursery at 6:00pm.

**Tapestry** - This Is our main way of communicating with parents. Tapestry itself, is a great two way conversation between home and setting. We can then discuss with your child about the things you share. Invaluable!

**Change of circumstances, addresses and numbers** - If you have changed any of your details, please let the nursery manager know or alternatively send an email to us.

Please see our website for our terms and condition.



