

City College Nursery

Spring Term 2021

Welcome to the Nursery at City College

A warm welcome to all families and children that have joined us during the Spring term. We hope your children have settled into nursery life and are enjoying the time they spend with us. Please also take a look at our Nursery Webpage www.ccn.ac.uk/nursery-city-college-norwich for information on the nursery and our Policies and Procedures.

Severe Weather policy

When snow or hazardous road conditions make the closing of the Nursery necessary, the procedures outlined below will be followed:

- If the College is closed, then the Nursery will automatically close.
- Information on the closure of the College can be accessed via the College web site www.ccn.ac.uk
- Alternatively, the local radio stations will also be informed of the decision.
- Although the Nursery will endeavour to open at all times in conjunction with the College, a situation could arise where not enough staff are able to travel into Norwich. In the event of this happening we will implement our Emergency Staffing Procedure.
- If for any reason we need to close the Nursery early due to a change in circumstance, we will again notify you at the earliest opportunity.



Thank you for helping support Nursery staff in keeping everyone safe during this difficult time. We appreciate parents/carers wearing face coverings when dropping off and collecting children and keeping distance if possible. Nursery will continue to be open from 9am to 5pm during lockdown.

Tapestry - "All about me"

If you access Tapestry through the web site rather than the phone app, you are able to see many more features that may be of interest to you.

One of the useful features available on Tapestry is 'All About Me'.

We would be grateful if you could fill this section in to help us to get to know your child better and the things that are important to them, for example language used at home, family, (including pets!), favourite foods, interests and preferences, festivals you may celebrate and also any goals you may have. This helps us to follow your wishes and give the best care possible to your individual child. We would be grateful if you could fill this section in and update it as your child develops through the year.

Rainbow Room – have been busy making a beautiful interactive display around the room about the weather. The children can touch and feel the various representations of the different seasons and enjoy this very much.



The theme for the term has been 'All About Me', starting specifically with 'Our Faces'. We have done a few different activities to embed learning about where our features are and what they are called. A few of these activities have included making collage faces, looking in mirrors and creating 3D playdough faces. When creating the collage faces the children were encouraged to make their own choices about the colour of their skin, their eyes, nose and mouth from looking in the mirror.



We talked about our similarities and differences, for example the colour of our eyes and how many teeth we have at the moment! To extend our learning, the children made their faces in playdough using loose parts and utensils to make marks. Again, we used mirrors to identify our features and help us choose which loose parts to use to match the shape of our eyes, nose and mouth. You can imagine how much they enjoyed the sensory experience of the playdough on their hands!

The following week, the topic was 'Our Home' – being anywhere that we feel safe and loved. The children were given the opportunity to use any media they choose to decorate their own 3D house. We have talked about the different places people live, and how our homes can be all different shapes and sizes!

The week commencing the 8th February, we would like to cook some food, ideally from the children's family recipes. These would be snacks for us to cook and send home.

We would really appreciate any recipe suggestions sent in via Tapestry or email.



Farmyard Room – This term we welcome Nikki to our team and 8 children from Rainbow Room moving over to us in the Farmyard Room. They have all settled in really well and we have been getting to know their interests, likes and dislikes.



Our nursery rhyme theme this term has been very popular, with children learning some new songs, as well as their favourites. We will be learning about shapes soon, and celebrating the Chinese New year and St. Valentine's Day.



After half term we will be talking about our own families and learning about families from around the world and how they might differ from others. We will then move on to seasons, looking at winter, spring and the changes we will see. So a fun packed term of activities and learning through play!



We will also be creating different role play areas in the room for the children to engage in imaginative play based on experiences they may or may not have had.

This month it will be a winter/forest scene where we will make a campfire for the children to pretend to cook on, talk about what they're cooking and fire safety.

Next month we will be basing the area on families and food from around the world to link in with our theme. Please could you send in some pictures of your family for us to display in the area to create discussion with the children. In April and May we will be creating a garden centre for the children to talk about planting, growth and decay.

Woodland Room – This term we have been looking at the seasons, particularly winter. The children have been enthusiastic, creating art and craft in the room and enjoyed the timely flurry of snow last weekend.

We will be developing science this term, investigating the garden with bug and nature hunts, identifying what we find.

Each week we try to do a cooking activity with the children and hope you enjoy eating items taken home.

The children have been making soup, preparing the vegetables and talking about what they like and what was going into soup. The

vegetables were only used for children to develop chopping skills/conversation purposes and unfortunately could not be eaten due to everyone touching.



We have been outdoors in the garden a lot this term and the children been weeding a small area to plant new vegetables. They have enjoyed finding insects and worms and learning about plants and wildlife.



Forest School – The Farmyard Room children that attend on a Tuesday morning are taking part in Forest School sessions this term with Nikki and the team.

This term at Forest School we are doing a number of different activities: making bird feeders, printing on playdough, nature faces and stick crowns. We will also be playing a lot of group games which sees us working as a team, for example Sardines, Our Special friends and Simon Says.

The children have been doing a lot of exploring in the Forest School garden, from looking at plants and wildlife, to hiding in dens, finding fairies and a fairy house, peeling sticks and searching for bugs under the logs.



Meet the Nursery Staff

This term we have had some changes with staff moving to different rooms. We hope to be able to introduce ourselves to you in person once this is possible.

Managers: Lisa Thomas (Mon - Wed); Lesley Barber (Wed - Fri)

Deputy Manager: Michelle Goose

Rainbow Room Senior Nursery Nurse: Salina (Mon & Tues) & Sadie (Wed, Thurs & Friday)

Nursery Nurses: Rosie - Lauren - Hayley - Madeleine (Apprentice)

Farmyard Room Senior Nursery Nurse: Jill

Nursery Nurses: Jade - Nikki

Woodland Room Senior Nursery Nurse: Kiaya

Nursery nurses: Katie Liz (Apprentice)

Support Nursery Nurses: (All Nursery): Lynette, Lucy



Lucy
All Nursery



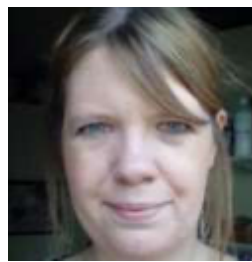
Nikki
Now in Farmyard



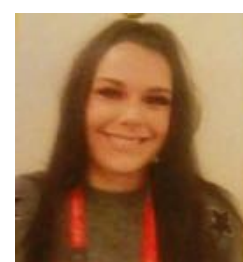
Hayley
Now in Rainbow



Katie
Now in Woodland



Liz
Now in Woodland



Madeleine
Now in Rainbow



Events this term



- Chinese New Year - 12th February 2021, Year of the Ox
- Martisor - 1st March, Celebration of the start of spring in Romania
- World Book Day - Thursday 4th March 2021
- Mother's Day - 14th March 2021
- Red Nose Day - Friday 19th March 2021
- Nowruz - Iranian New Year 20th March 2021
- Holi Festival - 28th March Hindu festival of colour/spring
- Easter Day - Sunday 4th April 2021



Spring Term Dates

Half Term: Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February 2021

Term ends: Friday 26th March 2021

Summer Term Dates

Term starts: Monday 12th April 2021

Half Term: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021

Term ends: Friday 9th July 2021



Just one reminder... All-weather Coats and Wellingtons - As it is important that the children can be taken outside in all weathers, we would be grateful if you could provide waterproof outdoor clothes and wellingtons, hats and gloves, and a spare set of clothes (so it doesn't matter if they get messy) for nursery use.

Could we ask for donations of the following when children have grown out of them?

Pants - knickers - socks - vests - hats - gloves Thank you

Please note: Children on College contracts will need to request a place for vacation periods if needed. Booking forms will be emailed to you.

Please let us know if your contact details change.