



# Busy Bees Biggleswade

## April 2021 Newsletter

**W**ould you like to contribute to our newsletter? Simply speak to Amy!

### Term Times (funded only children)

**Easter Holidays:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March to Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

**Summer Half-term:** Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 1 to Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> June.

**Summer Holidays:** Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021.



For all the children celebrating their birthdays this month we wish you a very **Happy Birthday!**

### Parent Partnership:

Please find below a letter from one of our Parent Partnership Committee Members, Jacqueline.

*"I am mum to two very energetic, funny little boys - Zachary and Ethan. We have lived in Biggleswade since 2018 having moved from London where we still work. I work for an Events company, I've been in this industry for 12 years.*



*As a family we enjoy exploring the countryside, visiting our Grandparents, having day trips to wildlife parks and farms and watching the planes at Shuttleworth.*

*My hope is that we can utilize this Parent Partnership Committee to make meaningful connections with the staff team and parents. To create a healthy relationship that means the nursery is always moving forward, we are able to see what happens day to day ensuring the children are constantly developing and doing well."*

The Partnership gets together and meets up once a term. Their next meeting will be in May as they welcome a new committee member, Becky. Please forward on any questions you may have for your committee members through to [ParentPartnership.SaxonCentre@gmail.com](mailto:ParentPartnership.SaxonCentre@gmail.com).

Please note that this email is monitored by myself and that any concerns or queries relating to the nursery should be brought to my attention in the first instance.

### Events and Dates:

- ✓ **Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> April – World Heritage Day**
- ✓ **Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> April Bicycle Day**  
If you live local to Biggleswade, why don't you cycle into nursery?
- ✓ **Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April – World Creativity and Innovation Day**  
All rooms will be taking part in creating fun innovations and crafts.
- ✓ **Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April – St George's Day**
- ✓ **Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> April – World Penguin Day**
- ✓ **Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> April – International Dance Day**  
The rooms will be taking part in dance-athons, dressed in their disco best!

## Staff and Room News

Marcus has returned to the centre following a month of shielding. Welcome back! Marcus has eagerly joined the Bumbles team as he prepares our Rising Threes for their new Pre-School adventures.

Movement of the staff team is always something that involves a robust and thorough thought process as it has to be the right fit for the children and the team and it should be for the right reasons. Please find below a list of the rooms and the team members based in each room:

- **Bombos:** Victoria (Room Manager), Emily, Erin and Danielle
- **Bumbles:** Laura (Room Manager), Viki, Carol-Anne, Marcus
- **Buzz and Foundation:** Bev (Room Manager), Courtney and Jess
- **Relief Team:** Maria, Karen and Chrystal

### Bombos:

Bombos have been enjoying playing in the garden as the weather gets warmer, looking for birds and aeroplanes flying past, pointing and waving to them.

We have also been exploring the home corner, cooking using the pots and pans making our own concoctions. We have been enjoying having a Teddy Bears picnic, this helps us to gain hand-eye coordination and new vocabulary too. We have also started making a bear cave with our den, we are going to start to explore the different parts in the We're Going on A Bear Hunt book using all of our senses.

Please keep an eye out on your ParentZone App for updated room photos.

### Bumbles:

Bumbles have found an interest in transportation, we have made a car table which includes roads that we have made with paint and paper, we have also included numbers to introduce counting and grouping.

We have also enjoyed exploring shapes, so we have made a shape sorting activity, this helps us to differentiate. Carol-Anne has made a castle ready for English Heritage Day, so that the children can learn about this historical day. Some Bumbles have visited the zoo recently so we will be recreating a Zoo Role play. This will give the children an opportunity to learn about new species of animals, baby animals and their needs as well as animal conservation.

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### Pre-School & Foundation:

Buzz have been enjoying their Bear Hunt role play, we have been sharing the different characters, and spotting the different places on the map making links. We have been looking for mini beasts in the garden, ants and ladybirds have been the most popular bugs we have found. We have been talking about what habitats bugs live in and what they eat. We have even made a minibeast tray where we can make our own habitats for the bugs.

We have been enjoying ice cream role play in the garden due to the warmer weather. We have been discussing our own favourite ice creams, which supports opinions and ideas being shared and listened to. We have also discussed the cost of their ice creams.

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## Staff Member of the Month

Has a member of the team gone above and beyond for you and your family recently? Has a member of the team delivered fantastic handovers day in and day out? Have you found your child has settled and transitioned well due to the efforts of a room or team member?

Please email across your nominations for Staff Member of the Month for April to [biggleswade@busybees.com](mailto:biggleswade@busybees.com). Entries close on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021.

I cannot wait to see who will join Laura and Chris's photos on the Staff Member of the Month photo board in the coming weeks. Let's celebrate Team Saxon.

## Focus of the Month: Home Observations

Please do share your family adventures with myself and the team.

We use these Home Observations to extend the learning and interests of your children within the nursery.

You as parents are the primary teacher in a child's life, influencing their thoughts, feelings and experiences in the world. By supporting your child's learning at home and at nursery, it will have a positive effect on their continuous development. We create and form a bond that works towards achieving common goals and targets.

The Early Years Foundation Stage supports parents' involvement in their child's development, bridging the link between setting and home learning. Parents that work full time may find it difficult to play an active role in their child's learning, however the setting can build this involvement through good communication and regular updates such as through ParentZone as well as handovers and termly parents' evenings.

I have attached to the newsletter a **What To Expect When** document that explains how we use the EYFS to your children's benefit. There are many ways you can extend and support you child's continuous learning at home. Minimal input of resources and time can still heavily influence their learning. Easy low cost activities such as regular reading at home or singing nursery rhymes can support children's basic language skills; whilst offering experiences such as exploring the local community can build a child's understanding of the world and support a range of areas such as maths and physical development. You can also use UP to support your child's interests at home.

**Source and Further Reading:** <https://www.earlyyearscreers.com/eyc/learning-and-development/influence-home-learning-development/>

## Unleashing Potential

UP has a wide range of reading and research materials that may help ease some anxieties and trepidations that we may feel.

If you do not yet have UP on your phone, please use your smartphone's App Store and search Busy Bees UP. The parent app is teal coloured. Please use the email address that receives the invoices to gain access to UP.

