



Newsletter - October

As we continue to welcome many new families and children to Meadow Brook, I wanted to go over some general information that will be useful to you all whilst your little one attends Meadow Brook.

Our Ethos - *"children are at the heart of everything we do"*.

Observations, planning and assessments - The EYFS framework sets the standards to make sure that children aged from birth to 5, learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. The framework is for all Ofsted registered early years providers in all settings.

Meadow Brook is a Curiosity Approach setting that uses In the Moment Planning alongside the Birth to 5 Matters as our supporting document of the EYFS.

You can find the document here [Birthto5Matters-download.pdf](#) pages of interest 8, 18, 28, 30, 42 and 51 onwards.

Staff will complete a one-page profile for each child after they have been with us for 6/8 weeks depending on the number of days they attend. This helps to give us an overview of your child and allows for any early intervention required. If we identify an area of learning that needs further development, we will monitor this and review again 6 weeks later until the child is making progress.

Every half term staff will record on Tapestry up to x3 teachable moment observations and x1 focus child observation.

Staff will also carry out 2-year checks, this is typically done around 30 months – depending on how regularly they attend.

Staff will complete a final one-page profile for each child in June. This assessment will be used by other professionals as the children transition onto the next room/school.

Any questions regarding children's planning and observations – please speak to Lisa our Early Years Lead office@meadowbrookplaycare.co.uk

Star of the month

Our star of the month for October is... **Alice!** Alice has just started her SENCo training and is looking forward to supporting our children and families here at Meadow Brook. Congrats Alice!



Change in weather!

We are now officially in Autumn! The mornings are darker, and the air is colder, with that in mind we would like to remind you to dress the children appropriately. Some extra layers would be ideal. All items of clothing need to be labelled.

Packed lunches

Please may we remind you to pack a healthy and varied lunch for your child. This should include at least one portion of their 5 a day. Please refer to the [5 A Day – Food Facts – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families) for more information.

Sunflower room (only)

Now is the time to start looking at primary schools for your little ones. You must apply before 15th January 2024. For further information please visit [Apply for a primary school place 2024/2025 - Suffolk County Council](#). Alternatively, Lisa would be more than happy to have an informal chat with you.

Dates for your diaries

Curiosity open morning – celebrate the changing season! Please wear something that reflects the autumnal colours.

Tuesday 31st October 9:15-10am

Christmas jumper week, bake sale and festive draw – week commencing Monday 11th December

Term dates for 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

PD Day – Friday 1st September – *Nursery closed*

Start of term – Monday 4th September

Half-term: 23rd – 27th October

Start: Monday 30th October

Term time only children finish: Friday 15th December

Stretched finish: 20th December

Christmas closure 21st Dec – 2nd Jan

Continue reading for some Autumn fun...



GO BONKERS FOR CONKERS!

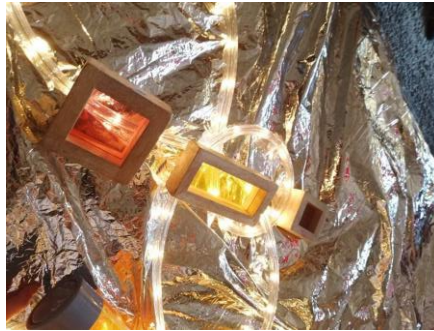
With the seasons changing we can now enjoy what Autumn brings. So, we at Meadow Brook challenge you to a nature hunt to see what you can find.

We'd love to receive your conkers, acorns, brightly coloured leaves, and anything else you can find that you wish to share with your friends! Grab your coats, take a bag, and go collecting.





Curiosity Open Morning



Join us to celebrate the changing season!! We will have some curious play opportunities igniting awe and wonder for you and your little ones to explore.

On Tuesday 31st October 2023
From 9:15-10am

