



Golden Manor Nursery Newsletter

February 2021

OUR SELVES

Welcome to our monthly Newsletter. We would like welcome all our new children and their parents/carers who have joined our family of learning and playing together.

In January we have been learning "All about Me", my body, my senses and feelings, Big Garden Bird watch week, St Dwynwen's Day (Welsh Valentine's Day) and Australia Day.

Upcoming Events & Important Dates:

National story telling week
1st -7th February

World Cancer Day
4th February

Safer internet Day
9th February

Chinese New Year: Year of the Ox
12th February

Valentine's Day
14th February

Shrove Tuesday
16th February

Flying Start Closed
Monday 15th - Friday 19th
February

Ash Wednesday
17th February

World thinking Day
22nd February

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Happy Birthday:

**Nell, Archie, Amelia, Clara, Aubree
Ruben,
Staff: Jenna**

May all their wishes come true!

We will be holding a Teddy Bears picnic on Friday 5th February 2021 at lunch time to celebrate.

Parents Board

Closure Days at Golden Manor in February

Flying Start Sessions

Monday 15th February –
Friday 19th February 2021

Polite Notice

Dear Parents/ Carers,
Please can you allow up to 7 working days for requests such as contracts, tax credits letters, holiday entitlement requests and other admin queries. Many thanks.



We would like to thank all the parents for their generous gifts to all staff at Golden Manor.

Clothing.

Please can we ask that you provide the following items of clothing labelled with your child's name which can be kept at nursery at all times -A coat, welly boots, sun hat, a full set of clean clothes (in a bag labelled) and a bottle of sun cream (labelled). Many thanks.

Parent's Evenings

Please complete the slip if you would like to attend a parents evening via zoom with your child's key worker and return to your child's playroom to arrange a suitable date and time.

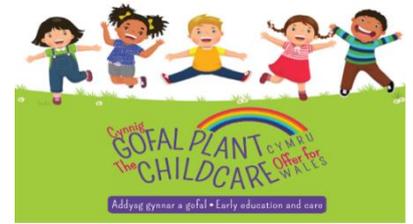
I would like to attend a parents evening via zoom with my Child's key worker at Golden Manor nursery

Child/Children are:

Signed By

Parent /Carer

Date_____



The Childcare Offer Important Update

For parents whose child becomes eligible for the Childcare Offer in Pembrokeshire you will now be able to apply for January 2021 and can take up a funded place once Ceredigion Childcare team have processed and approved their application following eligibility checks.

Applications will take up to 28 days to process due to the expected volume of applications. Parents are encouraged to submit an application with ALL the correct evidence. This will speed up the process.

Further information and online application form is available here - <http://orlo.uk/ysip4>

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Meet our Reserve Practitioner Sian

This is Sian Crane, Sian has been working at Golden Manor for 10 years. She has had a few roles while with us but is now our reserve staff. She started off working in the woodlands room as a step up supervisor and then moved to help in the Barafundle room. After a while Sian decided to become a reserve staff as she likes her holiday a lot.

Sian was born in December 1983 and was born in Cardiff where she lived until she moved to Pembroke Dock in 2011. Sian was very ill for the first few years of her life but managed to fight for what she wanted to become and is now exploring her dream and visiting places she wishes.

Sian is one of 4 children, two older sisters and a younger brother. Sian has two nieces and two nephews who she is very fond of and enjoys spoiling a lot and lots. Sian went to school in her local area of Dinas Powys and then

went to collage in Cardiff where she studied Health and Social care and then moved on to study childcare for two years. Sian finally managed to reach her goal in 2003 where she qualified with a CACHE Diploma in childcare.

Sian first started working in a cafe at her local leisure centre and when a job came up in the crèche Sian took it up and soon became one of two staff in charge. Sian worked there until she moved to Pembrokeshire. Sian enjoyed looking after one of her nephews for six months and taking him to work with her, then spending the afternoon playing and watching him grow.

Sian loves to spend her holidays traveling with her family and has traveled a lot, she now enjoys traveling with her nieces and nephews and sharing the memories with them. Sian has been to many places and lots of memories of camping in



America with her family. A few places Sian has been lucky to visit are lots of parts of America including Hawaii where she walked on lava and experienced large earthquakes, Switzerland, Iceland, Norway. If she carried on naming them she would fill the page!!

Sian enjoys spending her time with her family and exploring with them. Sian loves working at Golden Manor and being with the children. She enjoys helping them develop, watch them grow and having lots of fun.

What's Happening in February 2021 - Under 2's	
Day	Activity
This Weeks Topic: My Family/Our homes/ My favorite things	
Monday 1st	Creative: Using pictures from magazines make a collage picture of our favourite things
Tuesday 2nd	Personal and social: Look at different flashcards of different families, match the play people to the pictures
Wed 3rd	Physical: Using the lego blocks make a house
Thursday 4th	Cooking: Make people shaped biscuits and decorate them.
Friday 5 th	Sensory: Teddy Bears Picnic Explore items from the sensory room.
This Weeks Topic: Chinese New Year : Year of the Ox (12 th),Valentine's Day(14 th)	
Monday 8th	Sensory Activity: Explore the Valentines tuff tray filled with lots of red objects.
Tuesday 9th	Cooking activity: Cook and taste noodles and other Chinese food.
Wed 10th	Physical Activity: Dance to Chinese music, pretend to be dragons
Thurs 11th	Creative Activity: Make Valentines cards for someone special
Friday 12th	Forest School session: Explore forest school and g a hunt looking for hearts.
This Weeks Topic: Friendships/Equality and Diversity/Mardi Gras- Pancake Day (16 th)	
Monday 15th	Creative Activity: Make and decorate Mardi Gras masks.
Tuesday 16th	Physical Activity: Explore bubbles with your friends and participate in Positivity yoga.
Wednesday 17th	Forest School: Explore the multi-cultural play people in the mud kitchen and garden
Thursday 18th	Sensory Activity: Explore gloop play with the multi- cultural play people
Friday 19th	Cooking activity: Make face on pancakes using different fruits
This Weeks Topic: Spring/ colours	
Monday 22nd	Creative: Make a cotton wool sheep or a chick using feathers (childrens choice)
Tuesday 23rd	Forest school- Look for signs of spring in forest school and garden area
Wednesday 24th	Cooking- Make fairy cakes, decorate with spring colours
Thursday 25th	Knowledge and understanding : Learn how colours change when mixed together
Friday 26th	Physical: Participate in a spring dance along, pretending to be flowers that grow, rabbits hopping.

What's Happening in February 2021 – Over 2's	
Day	Activity
This Weeks Topic: My Family/Our homes/ My favorite things	
Monday 1st	Creative Activity: Make a house out of different shaped card whilst discussing what type of house we live in.
Tuesday 2nd	Forest School session: Explore Forest school area, go on a bug hunt or cook some yummy food in the mud kitchen. Children to choose their favorite thing.
Wed 3rd	Cooking activity: Make our own edible house using biscuits, icing and decorate them with cake decorations.
Thursday 4th	Physical: Develop our hand eye coordination whilst using the hockey sticks and a ball to move around the cones.
Friday 5 th	Sensory/science Activity: Enjoy exploring the science box and make slime, discuss how it feels.
This Weeks Topic: Chinese New Year : Year of the Ox (12th), Valentine's Day(14th)	
Monday 8th	Sensory/science Activity: Participate in a science experiment making noodles dance.
Tuesday 9th	Cooking activity: Make chinese Moon cakes.
Wed 10th	Creative Activity: Make Chinese lanterns using a variety of craft materials
Thurs 11th	Forest School session: Go on a Hunt for objects red and gold, whilst learning positional language eg Above, below, under, behind,
Friday 12th	Physical Activity: Teddy Bears Picnic Lets develop our movement of our bodies whilst listening to Chinese music.
This Weeks Topic: Friendships/Equality and Diversity/Mardi Gras- Pancake Day (16th)	
Monday 15th	Creative Activity: Make Mardi Gras mask using a variety of sequins, feathers and glitter.
Tuesday 16th	Physical Activity: Role play making pancakes whilst saying our Pancake Rhyme, using pans, bowls, and spoons to mix, see if you can catch a pancake in the pan.
Wednesday 17th	Forest School: Participate in a PATHS session in the woods talking about how to be a good friend.
Thursday 18th	Personal and social Activity: Play our equality and diversity lotto game whilst discussing how we may look different however we are all equal.
Friday 19th	Cooking activity: Let's make our very own smoothies using a variety of different fruits.
This Weeks Topic: Spring/ colours	
Monday 22nd	Physical: Plant seeds and bulbs in our garden.
Tuesday 23rd	Language and literacy: Listen to Elmer the colourful elephant discuss what colours are on him.
Wednesday 24th	Sensory: Explore colours whilst mixing paint, discuss the changes that happen then paint a picture using them.
Thursday 25th	Forest school: Let's go on a hunt around forest school and the grass to see what signs of spring we can see and tick them off our sheet.
Friday 26th	Cooking Make fairy cakes, decorate with spring colours

Fun at Home:

Frozen flower sensory play.

How to make frozen flowers.

First ask your son or daughter to go and look in the garden to see what flowers, leaves or grass they can find.

Then find either some plastic cups, containers or you could use a fairy cake/muffin baking tin.

Ask your child to place what they have found into your chosen containers.

Add water to the container and then place in the freezer.

Leave over night or if using a shallow container at least 4 hours.

Take out of the freezer and containers and place on a plate.

Get the children to look at how different the flowers are once frozen, discuss the texture of the ice.

Frozen Flowers Sensory Ice Play



You can also do this with other toys, children will spend hours trying to free them from the ice.





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Our Welsh Key words for February

Week of the 1st February 2021

My Family/Our homes/ My favorite things

Family- Teulu

- Brother- Brawd
- Sister- Chwaer
- Mum- Mam
- Dad- Dad
- House- Tŷ
- Favourite- Hoff

Week of the 22nd February 2021

Spring/colours

Spring- Gwanwyn

- Blossom- blodeuo
- Lambs- Cigoen
- Flowers- Blodau
- Colours - Lliwiau

Week of the 8th February 2021

Chinese New Year:

Year of the Ox, Valentine's Day

- Ox- Ych
- New Year - Blwyddyn Newydd
- Chinese - Tseiniaidd
- Love - cariad
- Heart - Galon
- Red - Coch
- Dragon - Ddraig
- Lantern - Llusern

Week of the 15th February 2021

Friendships/Equality and Diversity

Mardi Gras- Pancake Day

- Friends - Ffrindiau
- Equality - Cydraddoldeb
- Pancake – Crempog
- Shrove Tuesday – Dyddve tuveday
- Batter – Cytew

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Heuristic Play for 1 to 3 year olds.

Heuristic play is rooted in young children's natural curiosity. As babies grow, they move beyond being content to simply feel and ponder objects, to wanting to find out what can be done with them. Toddlers have an urge to handle things: to gather, fill, dump, stack, knock down, select and manipulate in other ways. 'taken from www.communityplaythings.co.uk/learning-library/articles/heuristic-play'

This type of play allows young children to explore and be curious about natural everyday materials by using their five senses.

It helps to build their concentration skills, confidence and allows them to make their own choices.

Heuristic play helps to stimulate creativity and develops the child's imagination and supports their overall development.

Have a look around your home and see what natural materials you have that can be put together in a basket, cardboard box or washing up bowl for your children to explore and play with.

Remember to check each item to ensure that they are safe to use. Adults should always be near the child when they are playing with these objects but allow your child to explore on their own unless they ask you to join in the play.

Some suggestions of the types of materials to use:



A selection of wooden items from around the house. Including: Pegs, rolling pin, brushes, egg cup, dice, Cotton reals, Curtain rings with ribbons attached.



Some metal pans, sieves, pastry cutters and spoons from the kitchen.



Different types of boxes and bags, don't forget to Recycle any large cardboard boxes into items your Child can play with such as a car, house, and kitchen.



Collection of materials with a range of textures