

Newsletter

June 2022

Lower Covey
Montessori Nursery



Ofsted News

We were absolutely delighted to be able to share the news of our Ofsted Inspection with parents at our Royal Teddy Bears Picnic following the publication of our report. We are OUTSTANDING! Thank you all for the lovely messages and cards we received, it does mean so much to us all. As we said when we made the announcement, it is a team effort and everyone here works so hard to maintain this extremely high standard of care and education all of the time. Thank you to our families for your ongoing support and contributions to not only our setting but also your child's learning and experiences.



Love is Love

This month, we have been celebrating Pride month.

Jane from the Bumblebee room has been explaining why the Pride flag is so many beautiful colours. All colours are colours which makes them the same, but each one is beautiful and different in it's own way, just the same as we are. We should all be proud of who we are, because we are all amazing!



The Bumblebee's book of the week has been "and tango makes three". Please find a YouTube link below to listen at home -<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGZHD4SKmQU>

Royal Teddy Bears Picnic

On Tuesday 7th June, we welcomed so many of you to Lower Covey to help celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. It was lovely to spend the afternoon together, enjoying Kazz's amazing picnic spread.

We hope to have more events over the year where we can all come together, so please keep your eyes peeled for dates!



Staff News

Some of you may have met our two new team members, but if not, please let me introduce you to Tom and Stephanie.

Stephanie will be predominantly based at Lower Covey, supporting the nursery practitioners with the children's learning around animal care. She has a particular interest in the more unusual animals so watch this space as we further develop this area for your children.

Tom has also started back at Lower Covey. Although he is already a familiar face around the building, it is lovely to welcome him back to help support the maintenance and running of our setting and Pear Tree. Over the next few months he will be building a new outdoor classroom space for the children at Pear Tree, as well as completing many lists that have already been made for him at Lower Covey. I am sure many parents have noticed the haircut he gave the tree in the carpark recently!!



Forest School – Next Sessions Through the Summer Holidays

Summer Forest School dates have now been released, for further information or to book a place, please email the office at info@lowercovey.co.uk.

Fiona and the outdoor team have lots of fun activities planned, including den making, animal tracking, campfire cooking and animal care to name just a few!

Employer of the Month

We are extremely proud to have been awarded 'Employer of the Month' by Somerset Skills & Learning for May! Ellie is one of 9 apprentices working for Lower Covey Ltd and is part of a partnership we have had with SS&L for many years.



After-school Club – Ukraine Bake Sale



Our wonderful After School Club children organised a bake sale in May. Through their very efficient sales tactics, they raised over £100.

We have donated this to the Cow and Apple Ukraine Crowdfunder. Gareth has been going over to the boarder regularly, offering support with items needed, visas etc.

Summer Weather – Clothing Reminder!

Hopefully, we will be having this beautiful weather for a while longer!

Please remember to pack a sunhat daily, as well as your child's sun cream if they are not able to have ours.

Thank you



The Big Toddler Tuddle

Last week our children have been taking part in the 'Big Toddler' in aid of Barnardo's. Thank you to everyone who has already donated and Amy C for organising, we have raised an amazing £140 so far!



Important Dates

Visit the nursery website for all of our term date information www.lowercovey.co.uk

12th July	Bumblebee School Leavers Party
22nd July	Last day of term for TTO children
29th and 30th August	Bank Holiday Nursery Closure
5th September	Start of term for TTO children

Coronavirus and your mental health

Instead of our usual Mindful Tip, please follow the link below for information and support about your mental health after the Coronavirus pandemic.

www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/



Summer Term Projects - Adult Led Learning

MAY/JUNE – Magnificent Music & Dance

JULY/AUGUST – Send Me a Postcard

Please continue to send your photos from home to info@lowercovey.co.uk. We love seeing how the children have extended their learning at home.



News from the Farm

Over the course of the past few months, we have welcomed several new additions to the Lower Covey family. We have three new bunnies for the children to help look after, Flopsy, Mopsy and Cottontail, along with dozens of new quail chicks that the Bumblebee children watched hatch.

Animal care is such an important learning opportunity for our little ones, and it certainly



helps when the animals they care for are incredibly sweet!