

# ALLENS CROFT

NURSERY SCHOOL



# NEWS

The Summer Term has got off to a great start! The children have returned to Nursery with excitement and confidence. Many of our children have transitioned to the next stage in their learning journey; either from Tiny Nursery to Little Nursery or from Little Nursery to Big Nursery. We are so very proud of how well they have managed this transition.

We are delighted to welcome our newest cohort of children; many of whom will begin their Allens Croft journey in the coming weeks. There are a lovely combination of families that are returning and those that are new to Allens Croft. We would like to welcome you all to our school community.



## Parental Engagement

Thank you to all of our families that attended our Toilet Training Workshop and Parent's Breakfast, which focused upon 'The Wonderful Outdoors,' earlier this week.

If there are any aspects of your child's learning and development that you would like support with or an area of our curriculum that you would like to know more about, then please let Laura or Amanda know. We use your feedback to plan future sessions.

## SEN/D Coffee Mornings

**Tuesday 23rd April - 09:30 - 12:00**

Makaton 'Taster Session'

**Thursday 16th May - 09:30 - 12:00**

Making Family Decorations



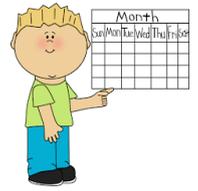
## Super Staff

We would like to congratulate a member of our team...

**Paulinne** has successfully completed her BA Honours in 'Working With Children and Families'. She has been studying for this in her own time for several years, whilst fulfilling her role as a full-time member of staff.

*We are very proud of her and our whole team!*

## Important dates for your diary



\*Parent Consultations will take place in June.

\*'Meet Your Teacher' Stay and Play - July 2024 - for our children that will be returning to us in September. This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to meet their child's new teacher.

\*Open Evening - July 2024 - for the children that will be new to Allens Croft in September. This will be an opportunity for our brand-new children and their families to visit their new learning environment and meet the staff team.

*Further detail and the dates for these events will be shared in our next Newsletter.*

## Allens Croft Nursery School Promotional Video



We have been delighted with your responses to our video, which showcases some of the learning experiences that your child accesses during a typical nursery day.

Please share this with your friends and family. We could be the perfect Nursery School for a family that you know.

## Nursery Places

We still have funded Nursery School places for a September 2024 start for children that turn 2 or 3 on or before 31st August 2024. If you have a friend or family member with a child of this age, who would like a place for their child, then please ask them to complete an application form.

## Primary School Places

If your child turns 4 on or before 31st August 2024, you will have received an offer for a place in the Reception class of a Primary School this week. Please tell your child's teacher which school your child will be going to, so that we can prepare for transition work, which will begin after half term. If you haven't been offered a school place, please see Laura or Amanda ASAP.

Further information regarding our curriculum and how this impacts upon your child's learning and development can be found on our Nursery School Website: [www.allenscn.sch.life](http://www.allenscn.sch.life) and our Social Media pages:



## Loose Parts Resources Needed

Placing and arranging with 'Loose Parts' is an excellent way of children developing their creativity and critical thinking skills. All of our children have access to these open-ended resources, both indoor and outdoors, everyday.

We are always in need of additional resources. These are items that you will find around your home and can be almost anything. Including—buttons, bottle tops, corks, cotton reels, curtain rings, clothes pegs, unwanted CDs or DVDs, cassette tapes, VHS tapes or unwanted jewelry. They can also be things that you find when you are 'out and about', such as shells, pine cones, conkers (if you've kept any from Autumn).



*Any donations will be greatly appreciated.*

# Allens Croft Attendance Awards



This week, we have been celebrating the children's attendance achievements. Many of our children received awards for their attendance during the Spring Term.

High levels of attendance at nursery has a huge impact on children's learning and development and is a fundamental part of all of our children fulfilling their potential.

Well done to all of the children that have received an award. We are excited to see how many children will achieve an attendance award at the end of the Summer Term!

## Community Cohesion

We are privileged to serve such a strong and caring community. We would like to share with you the excellent recent and upcoming work from two of our community partners:

### **The Brandwood Centre**

They provide a range of services for families and can provide practical advice and support to families that are struggling financially. More details regarding their debt advice and 'train to gain' services, will be shared with you next week.

### **Empowering Parents Empowering Communities**

This is an exciting new learning opportunity for parents and carers. Sessions are being held in one of our rooms in school and are being led by our Children's Centre partners. The details of this are on the next page of this newsletter.

## Home/ School Learning

Thank you to all of our parents that have been sharing children's home life on their Tapestry Learning Journals. We use these images as a provocation for discussion with the children, which has a fantastic impact upon their Personal, Social and Emotional Development and their Communication and Language Development.

Please continue to share as much as you can, as often as you can.

One example of a photograph that you could send is of the seed that you child brought home for Mother's Day.

*If you are unsure of how to upload photos and videos onto Tapestry, please see Laura or Amanda.*





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## **Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities** **(EPEC)**

### **Being A Parent Group (BAP)**

**BAP is an 8 week programme for parents and carers with children aged 2-11 years old. The sessions are for up to 2 hours, one day a week.**

**Come and join this peer led virtual group where parents are empowered to share experiences and develop connections within the community.**

#### **Topics covered in the group:**

- Valuing and Understanding Child's Needs and Behaviour
- Feelings
- Play
- Discipline Strategies
- Listening and Reflective Skills

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**If you are interested in attending a BAP Group, please scan the code below to join**

Please feel free to contact the EPEC team at [EPEC@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:EPEC@barnardos.org.uk) or call 0121 477 6440 for more information



**Start Date:** Friday 10th May 2024

**Time:** 9:15-11:45

**Location:** Allens Croft Nursery School,  
Allens Croft Road, Birmingham, B14 6RP