

**Newsletter Issue 26 – May 2017**

**Welcome**

A big welcome to Freddie, Dylan, Yousef, Lily-Rose, Presley, Theo, Julian F, Julian N, Joshua P, and Grayson who have all recently joined us at Caerleon Child Care.

**Happy Birthday**



**May**

Happy Birthday to Skye, Freddie, Isla, Toni, Mollie, Laurence, Indie and Hugh Who will be celebrating their birthdays during May

**June**

Happy Birthday to Joey and Hughie who will be celebrating their birthdays during June

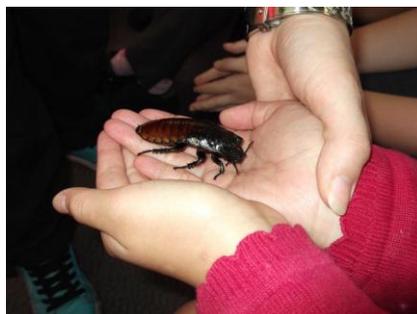
**We hope you all have a lovely birthday**

**Don't forget to use your Personal Caerleon Discount if you book a party for your child in jump**

**What's happening?**

**Zoo Lab**

Zoo lab will be visiting with some mini beasts on Wednesday 31 May at 9.30am. If your child does not normally attend on a Wednesday you are welcome to join us for the session, but please note you will need to stay with your child.



## Lumière Photography

Lumier photography will be coming in to Caerleon to take children's photos on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

They will be taking graduation photos of all children that are going to school. If your child is not normally in on a Monday and you would like them to be included please book an appointment slot in the office.

### **Graduation party**

We will be holding a graduation party for everyone who will be heading off to school in September that will take place on the morning of 20<sup>th</sup> July. We will provide you with more details nearer the time.



### **Family day**

We will be holding our next family day on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am-1.00pm, we hope you are all able to join us with your family and friends.

### **Staff News**

We are pleased to welcome Becky Edwards to Caerleon as our new Administrator. Becky will be based in the office supporting Rachel with administrative tasks while Beckie Jones is on maternity leave.

Hannah will be moving to the Tots Room from May 2017. As an established Room Leader, the staff in this room will benefit from Hannah's experience and I know the children will enjoy the fun activities Hannah has planned for them.

We are currently recruiting a new room leader to work alongside Roxy and Karen in preschool1. In the meantime Jane will be taking on a key group of children and supporting both Roxy and Karen within the room.

**Massive congratulations to:**

Roxy Pritchard for achieving her NVQ level 2 Qualification with us at Caerleon

Lauren Coombs for completing 10 years of service within the company

Emma Hollyman for winning Employee of the Year 2017. Emma will be enjoying a break in Madrid as her prize.

**Staff Training**

Zoe Stevens is due to finish her NVQ level 2 in the next month, she will then be beginning her Level 3.

Gemma Harasim has began her NVQ level 2

Lauren Coombs has begun her NVQ level 3

Sophie Newman and Roxy Pritchard will be beginning their NVQ level 3 within the next month

**Curriculum and planning**

**During May our theme is – Mini-Beasts**

<b><u>Some of the activities offered in Pre School 2</u></b>	<b><u>What will we learn?</u></b>
Ladybird potato printing	Experimenting to create different textures
Mini beast hunt around the garden	Observing natural things and finding mini beasts in the garden and talking about their features
Mini beast face painting	Choosing particular colours for a purpose
Mini beast yoga	Moving in different ways like mini beasts
Butterfly symmetry	Use of mathematical language through art
Mini beast shortbread	Creating simple representations of mini beasts, using icing pens

<b><u>Some of the activities offered in Pre School 1</u></b>	<b><u>What will we learn?</u></b>
Creating spider sandwiches	Working on our motor skills while spreading
Making junk modelling bug houses	Learning about their habitats and environments
Symmetry butterflys	Using mathematical language through art
Bugs and soil in the mud kitchen	Exploring mini beasts and talking about what we have found
Making mini beasts with jelly sweets	Burying mini beasts in the jelly and hunting for them

<b><u>Some of the activities offered in Nursery Room</u></b>	<b><u>What will we experience?</u></b>
Painting with mini beasts	Exploring how to make different marks
Exploring our bug hotel	Matching how bugs live and how they move around
making yoghurt pot spiders	Counting how many legs and eyes our spiders have
Making pom pom caterpillars	Using different textures to make our own caterpillars

<b><u>Some of the activities offered in Tots Room</u></b>	<b><u>What will we experience?</u></b>
Bug hunt	Playing with other children to achieve goals
Making caterpillar shapes	Exploring different shapes
Mud sensory play	Exploring different textures and environments

**During June our theme is: Summer**

<b><u>Some of the activities offered in Pre School 2</u></b>	<b><u>What will we learn?</u></b>
Teddy's holiday matching game	Discussing what item we need to take on holiday and why and what we may leave at home.
Beach themed role play area	Observing and discussing our experiences of going to the beach, crating our own beach in the role play area
Sand playdough with shells	Experimenting to create different textures
Fruit smoothies	Describing different fruits textures and their appearances creating our own ice smoothies to keep cool,

<b><u>Some of the activities offered in Pre School 1</u></b>	<b><u>What will we learn?</u></b>
Making our own beach sea shells, sand buckets and spades	Experimenting with different textures
Fruit skewers- encourage healthy eating using strawberries banana and grapes	Eating a healthy range of food
Planting flowers	Showing care and concern for living things
Body painting using summer colours	Choosing particular colours for a purpose

<b><u>Some of the activities offered in Nursery Room</u></b>	<b><u>What will we experience?</u></b>
Making our own weather pictures	Describing different textures and weathers
Beach themed sensor tray	Exploring everyday events via small world
Discussing how to look after our bodies in the heat	Gaining an understanding of the importance of caring for ourselves
Splashing around in the paddling pool	Learning about water safety with others
<b><u>Some of the activities offered in Tots Room</u></b>	<b><u>What will we experience</u></b>
Fruit ice lollies	Experiencing different tastes and textures
Going to the beach – role play	Beginning to make believe and reliving experiences
Sand pictures	Exploring different textures
Ice cream playdough	Feeling and smelling different textures

### **Reminders**

#### **Warmer weather**

Now that the warmer weather is approaching could we please ask that parents provide hats and sun creams to be used at Caerleon.

#### **Nursery Clothes**

Could I remind all parents to return any clothes that they have borrowed from nursery and return them to Caerleon, we are currently running really low on trousers and underwear.

#### **Email list**

If you have not been receiving our emails and you would like to please provide the relevant email address and we will be happy to add you to our list. Alternately email [rachel@caerleonbristol.co.uk](mailto:rachel@caerleonbristol.co.uk) to request to be added to the mailing list.

#### **Follow Us:**

You can now follow us on our new Twitter account: @Caerleoncare

You can also view all our photographs, video's and nursery updates on our Facebook site: Caerleon Child Care Cardiff – Just like the page and follow us to see all the exciting activities and days we have at Caerleon with your children.

#### **Recommendations**

We feel it is very beneficial to prospective parents to see what our current parents really think about Caerleon Child Care and would like to thank all of the parents and carers that have taken the time to write a review for us on the internet.

If you have not yet written a recommendation and would like to do so, you can use the websites listed below:

[www.daynurseries.co.uk](http://www.daynurseries.co.uk)

[www.netmums.co.uk](http://www.netmums.co.uk)

There are also recommendation cards in the entrance hall if you would rather write by hand.