



## Boddam E.L.C.C Newsletter- Term 1

### Hello!

A very warm welcome to all children, parents/ carers and their families. If your child has recently joined us, or is returning back to our nursery setting we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you into our Boddam Nursery Family. We hope both you and your child have found the settling in period both exciting and a positive experience. We have definitely enjoyed seeing all the children's faces again as they start their magical nursery journey with us.



### Getting To Know You

Throughout the first term our staff team will be 'Getting to know your child' really well. As part of our induction process you may have already met your child's keyworker, who will be the first point of contact regarding the care and support we provide. Our staff team are approachable at dropping off and collection times alongside Mrs Higgins (Lead Practitioner) if you would like to discuss any issues.

### Meet the Team

We recently have had a change in staff and welcome Mrs Scott to the school, who has taken over from Mrs Turnbull for the year as Head Teacher. Mrs Ainscough joins the nursery as Senior Practitioner along with Mrs Higgins our Lead Practitioner. They join Mrs Alexander, Mrs Valdor, Mrs Grant and Mrs McWhinnie who also work in the nursery. As a team we strive to make each child's day memorable and exciting as they learn and develop in our care.

## Snack Money

Snack money is payable every term and can be paid in either weekly or termly instalments. For those wishing to pay weekly we request £2.50 per week. Fees for this term will vary for each child depending on their start date. Please see a member of staff for your child's fees. Snack can be paid either by cash or cheque (made payable to Boddam School) payment should be made by placing fees in an envelope marked clearly with your child's name.



## Wellbeing Indicators

We are starting off this term learning how to stay 'Safe'. Within the setting staff have created and used the Wellbeing Indicators linked to GIRFEC and created a Happy Gang. By supporting children to recognise each member of the Happy Gang within their play and daily routines, staff will encourage children to recognise how we can stay safe with the character 'Sally Safe'. We will be encouraging children to wash their hands frequently throughout their session with us and Sally Safe will help all children to carry this task out independently.

## Clothing

As you may already know due to the COVID19 restrictions we have made the difficult decision to stop bags going home each day. We ask that you provide a bag (with a change of clothes) along with a pair of wellie boots for your child to use each day. Waterproofs will be provided for children at your request and will stay on their pegs for their use only.



## Self-Registration

Every morning we encourage each child to find their own name pebble as a way of self-registering. The idea of the name pebbles is to help encourage each child to recognize their own name. We also hold a daily registration sheet, and a member of staff each morning will ask who is collecting at the end of each session. This simply allows staff to record the information. We ask if ever there is a change of plans which means the person recorded on our sheet is unable to collect that you contact the school office to let us know in advance.

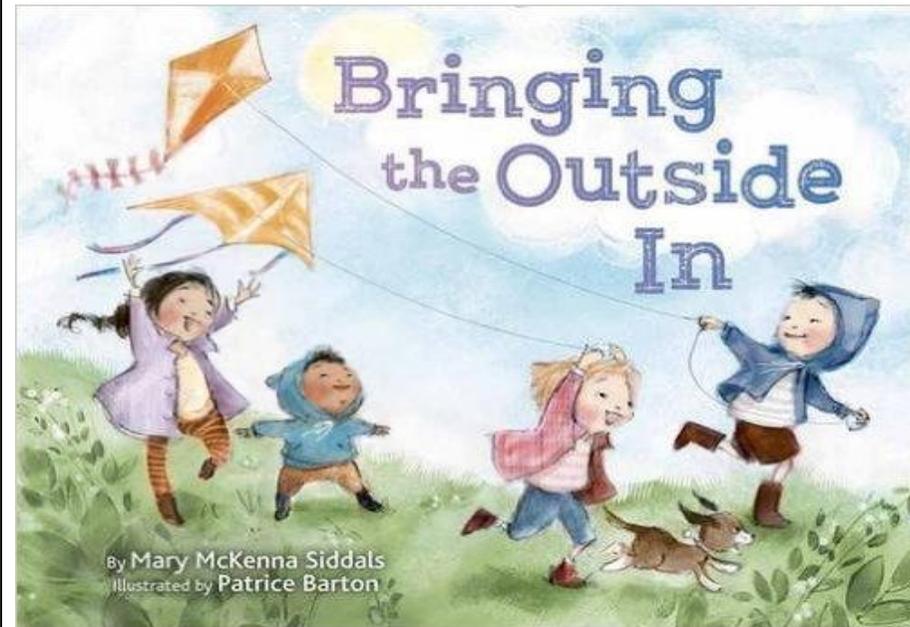
## Profiles

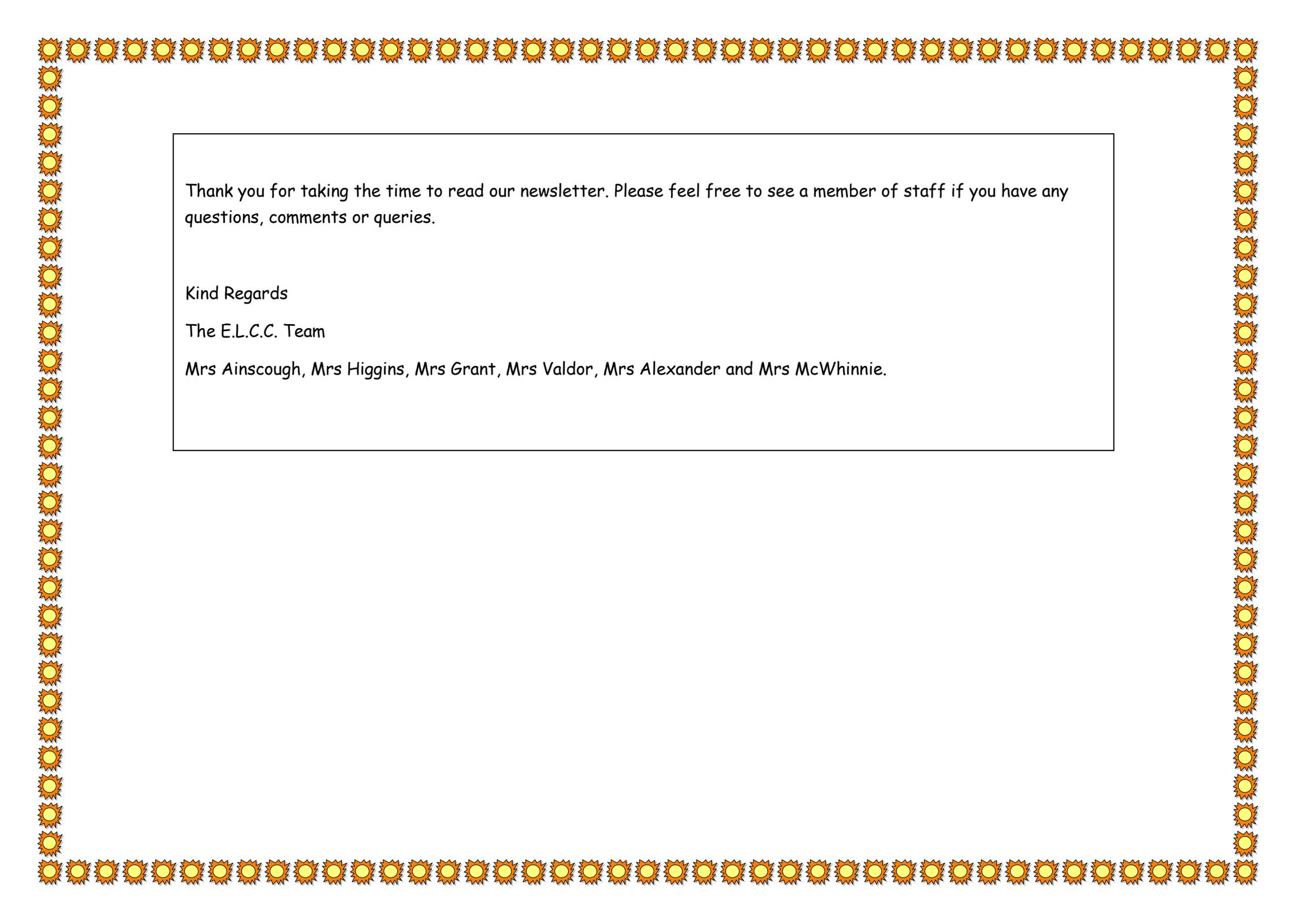
Each child now has their own profile kept in their tray. Profiles are used as a way of recording your child's time with us. Observations are regularly made by staff either in the form of photos or written notes. We usually would encourage parents/ carers to spend time looking at profiles within the setting, but under the current circumstances we cannot offer this. The team will continue to build your child's profile and evidence their learning journey and we hope to be able to send these home very soon



## Indoors and Outside

You may be aware that the nursery garden has recently been updated and we are very excited to now have a shelter to explore and play in. Children will be encouraged to choose where they wish to play and outdoors will always be available no matter what type of weather. Please dress your child in warm clothes (if appropriate) or apply sun cream when needed. We will be encouraging children to change their shoes and find their own jackets as they become familiar with playing in the different areas.





Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. Please feel free to see a member of staff if you have any questions, comments or queries.

Kind Regards

The E.L.C.C. Team

Mrs Ainscough, Mrs Higgins, Mrs Grant, Mrs Valdor, Mrs Alexander and Mrs McWhinnie.