

October... Thank you to everyone that has sent us your child's starting points feedback! Key people have been getting to know your children, their interests and needs. We would really love to make a display of photographs of your child with their immediate family members! Please could you send a photo of you all to us. It would also be great if you could take a picture of your front door!

October half term... Please note we break up on October 25th at 3.15. We then have inset days on 4th and 5th of November and return to business as usual on Wednesday 6th November. Please take a look at these two links about keeping children safe at Halloween and Firework night. There is also a link to the Oral Health Newsletter, to support you with all the sweeties! Hopefully you will all have lots of fun!!

Firework safety tips:

<https://capt.org.uk/fireman-sam-safety-tips/>

Halloween Safety tips:

<https://capt.org.uk/halloween/>

Oral Health Newsletter:

<https://oralhealthnewsletter-cds.my.canva.site/childrens-newsletter-october>

I have also been asked to share these with you!



Botley Bridges
Baby and Child First Aid

Would you know what to do in an emergency?

CPR, Choking, Bumps, Bleeding, Breaks, Burns, Febrile Seizures & Meningitis Awareness

MINI FIRST AID

Monday 21 October
West Oxford Community Centre 1-3pm
OR
Botley School, Elms Road 5-7pm

£25 per person or £45 per couple

AS SEEN ON DRAGONS' DEN
IT'S BETTER TO KNOW IT AND NOT NEED IT, THAN TO NEED IT AND NOT KNOW IT!

MINI FIRST AID

Email coordinator@botleybridges.org to reserve your space



Botley Bridges Forest Stay & Play

SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2 - 4 PM

Botley School, Elms Road, Oxford, OX2 9JZ
(car parking available, then follow signs for the field of Botley School)

Suitable for 2 - 8 year olds
No need to book just turn up

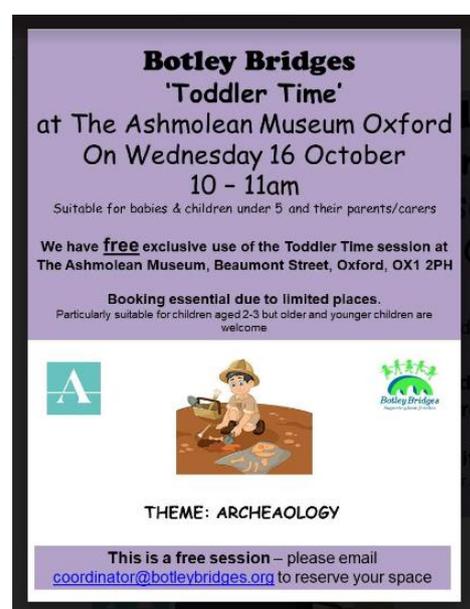
**Campfire cooking
Making bird feeders**

We will be outside in the woods so best to cover arms and legs. Remember to bring a flask of tea or coffee if you would like a hot drink during the session.

Suggested donation £5 per family

Led by Lara Lambert and Sue Dewe
For more information, visit botleybridges.com Registered charity number 1192139

Botley Bridges
Supporting Local Learning



Botley Bridges 'Toddler Time'
at The Ashmolean Museum Oxford
On Wednesday 16 October
10 - 11am

Suitable for babies & children under 5 and their parents/carers

We have **free** exclusive use of the Toddler Time session at The Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street, Oxford, OX1 2PH

Booking essential due to limited places.
Particularly suitable for children aged 2-3 but older and younger children are welcome

THEME: ARCHAEOLOGY

This is a free session – please email coordinator@botleybridges.org to reserve your space

Oxford High Open morning:

<https://oxfordhighschoolgdst.applicaa.com/events/51>

Our Stay and Play is a great opportunity for new parents to meet and chat to the Reception year group team, meet other families and for children who are new to 'school life' to have a good play with our current reception children and see what it's like.- Oxford High reception class.



September- Being outside, making friends, exploring and getting familiar with routines and environments.



September- Inside there has been a lot of large- scale mark making and being creative. Playdough is a favourite and great opportunity to extend language, be creative as well as build the muscles ready for early writing and using tools, all whilst getting to know each other!

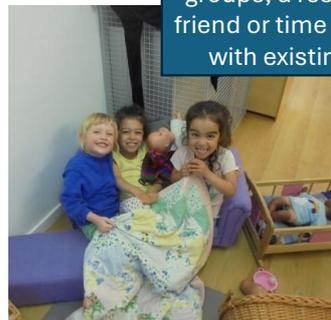




September- Playing with others, requires collaboration, idea sharing, turn taking, negotiating. Sometimes children are still playing alongside others but that's ok too!



September- Stories in small and large groups, a rest with a new friend or time to reconnect with existing friends!



I won't share all of these photos every month but whilst we have been getting to know your children, and reconnecting with children we already know we have also been doing all of this!!

We are currently screening childrens language development and starting small key groups. I know often it is difficult to find out from children what they have been doing all day so this could give you some pointers!

Please let me know if you would like to discuss anything!

Thanks, Ruth.