



STEP UP

Spring 2024



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Welcome



First Steps Embraces Enhanced Early Years Entitlements

First Steps is delighted to announce our support for the Government's recent increase in early years entitlement payments. This initiative is a boon for working parents, providing a much-needed lift to family incomes. As a dedicated charity, our mission is to guarantee that every child has access to early education and that all families are afforded the chance to pursue further education and employment opportunities.

To achieve this, we maintain flexible session options for children and for low income families offer complimentary meals and waive additional charges. These efforts ensure that our services remain inclusive and supportive, helping to lay the foundation for a brighter future for our community's children.



Exploring Our World, One Step at a Time!

Hello, Twerton families!

This month, our little explorers have embarked on a delightful journey through our local community, embracing the beauty of nature and the warmth of familiar faces. 🌸👧👦

Our children's eyes sparkled with curiosity as they observed the magic of spring. The flowers bloomed like a painter's palette, and the trees stretched their branches, welcoming the season's change. The symphony of colours and life reminded us all we are part of the natural world's wonders.

Fruitful Encounters.

A highlight of our excursions was the visit to the neighbourhood fruit stall. The children's senses were tickled with an array of tastes, from the tangy burst of citrus to the sweet melodies of berries. 🍓🍊 Their laughter and joy were infectious as they threaded their favourite fruits onto skewers, creating rainbow-hued fruit kebabs that were as delightful to look at as they were to eat!

Community Connections

Each outing was more than just a walk; it was a chance to strengthen our bonds with the community. We met friends, shared stories, and felt the unity that makes our neighbourhood truly special.

With joy, The Twerton Community Nursery Team

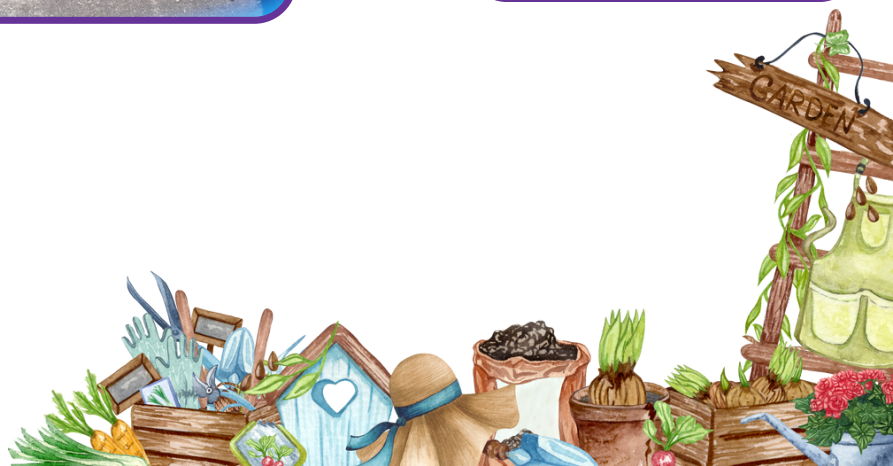
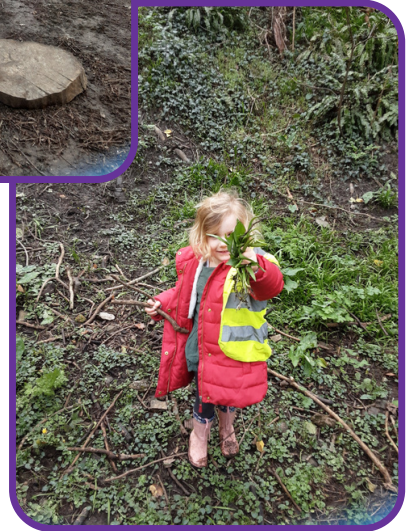


As the season changes, so does our exploration! Our pre schoolers embarked on a delightful nature walk, guided by our enthusiastic staff, to discover the wonders of spring. Their little hands touched the softness of moss, their eyes spotted the vibrant yellow of daffodils, and their ears delighted in the cheerful tweets of birds.

A Culinary Twist: With pockets full of wild garlic and chives, our little chefs put on their aprons and baked scrumptious scones. The aroma filled our nursery, and the taste was a savoury reminder of nature's gifts.

Crafting Memories: The children's creativity bloomed as they used pine cones, leaves, twigs, and more to craft unique feeling face collages. Each piece of art is a story of their sensory journey and a celebration of the new life spring brings.

We're thrilled to see the children grow just like the buds on the trees, and we can't wait to see what they'll learn next!



Exciting Enhancements at Bop: A New Chapter in Our Learning Environment

We're thrilled to share the latest enhancements to our learning environment at BOP. This term, after a period of acclimation to our new setting, we've implemented thoughtful adjustments to enrich the space for our children. Our goal is to foster a more engaging sensory area and to create abundant opportunities for communication and choice-making.

Sensory Area Transformation Our sensory area has undergone a transformation to cater to children with visual and auditory impairments, as well as those in search of sensory experiences. We've decluttered the space, allowing non-mobile children ample room to explore safely. The addition of diverse light sources, aromatic scents, and a variety of sounds has created a stimulating and inviting atmosphere. We're delighted to report that this revamped area is a resounding success!

Main Hall Reconfiguration In response to the unique needs of our children, we've divided the main hall into two distinct zones. This strategic division ensures that each child can utilize the space effectively. Despite the reduction in individual room size, the children are engaging with their environment more peacefully and with greater purpose. Enhanced access to resources and the implementation of clear labels empower the children to express their preferences and engage with the resources they desire.

These improvements mark a significant step forward in our commitment to providing an optimal learning environment. We look forward to witnessing the continued growth and development of our children as they interact with these new features.



Trustee Update

We're thrilled to announce that three incredible individuals have answered our call for new trustees! 🎉👏 These amazing folks have generously offered their time and expertise to join our board at First Steps. 🌈🌟

Let's give them a warm welcome and look forward to their valuable contributions in shaping the future of our organization! 🤝🌟

Thank you for your continued support! 🙏🌸



Become a First Steps Trustee

We are currently looking for new Treasurer to join First Steps Trustee Board at an exciting stage of its development. We'd love to hear from anyone passionate about the work we do, and particularly from people with characteristics that are often underrepresented on charity boards, including people from minority groups and people who have experience of being a parent.

If you would like more information do contact Roz Lambert Chief Executive, e-mail roz.lambert@firststepsbath.org.uk phone number 01225 444791.

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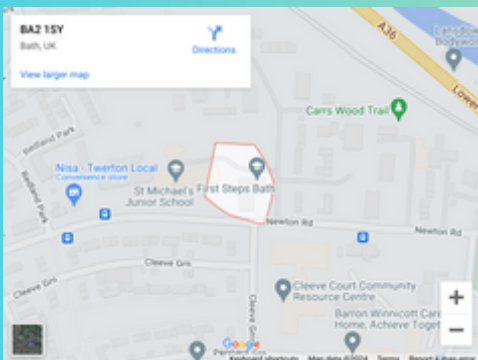


Closing Date: 12 noon on Friday 26th April 2024

We are still searching for a treasurer please do share with your work colleagues, friends and family.



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