



## What is the fuss about High/Scope? Social Learning

The HighScope approach gives adults the tools they need to help children develop strong and positive relationships with adults and peers. The staff team create a positive climate in each of the rooms as a foundation for social learning. The social skills children develop in HighScope programmes contribute to their readiness for school and their ability to meet a variety of challenges throughout their lives.

### Nurturing Social Environment

Creating a warm and nurturing environment in Puddleducks not only helps children form trusting relationships with others but also promotes learning in all areas. Surrounded by a positive and supportive climate, children are likely to become engaged and motivated learners.

## Parents Forum

The 1st Parents forum meeting took place on Tuesday 13th Jan. Thank you to those who attended. The minutes of this meeting are available on our website. The next meeting is scheduled for 14th April 2015 from 4:15-5:30pm

We want your thoughts.



## Policy Review

We review our Policies on an annual basis. If you have any suggestions for amendments to our current Policy document, please advise Sharon before 31st Jan 2015. Some additional copies of the document are available in the entrance hall.

## We are getting a New Room!

We are delighted to announce the opening of a new baby room in March 2015. The new room will be on the Ground floor of the HQ building and cater for 9-12 children aged between 0-2yrs old. We have had a waiting list of approx. 1 year for the 0-2yr group for some time and it is great that we now have the opportunity to offer additional children a Puddleducks experience! This room has been used by the Room Hire department and work has now begun to make it 'baby proof'!



## Puddleducks Closure Days 2015

New Years Day 1st Jan 2015

St Patricks Day 17th March 2015

### Good Friday Close at 5pm

Easter 6th & 7th April 2015

May Day 4th May 2015

July Holidays 13th & 14th July 2015

Bank Holiday 31st August 2015

### Christmas Eve Open 8am - 1pm

Christmas 25th December—31st December

Please remember to send your child in with suitable clothing so they can enjoy the outside play times regardless of the weather. An additional change of clothes is recommended to be kept on your Childs peg.



### Chicken Jalfrezi

2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1 onion, grated  
2 cloves garlic, chopped  
675g boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut in half  
3 teaspoons ground turmeric  
1 teaspoon chilli powder  
1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
1 (400g) tin chopped tomatoes  
2 tablespoons ghee (clarified butter)  
3 teaspoons ground cumin  
3 teaspoons ground coriander  
2 tablespoons grated fresh root ginger  
25g chopped coriander leaves

**Prep:20min > Cook:55min > Ready in:1hr15min**

1 Heat the oil in a large deep frying pan over medium-high heat. Add onions and garlic, and cook for about 2 minutes. Add the chicken, and season with turmeric, chilli powder and salt. Fry gently, scraping the bottom of the pan frequently and turning the chicken.  
2 Pour in the tomatoes with their juice, cover the pan, and simmer over medium heat for 20 minutes. Uncover, and simmer for another 10 minutes to let the excess liquid evaporate.  
3 Add the ghee, cumin, ground coriander, ginger and fresh coriander, and simmer for another 5 to 7 minutes. Serve the chicken pieces with sauce spooned over the top.



Quote of the month

"The first five years have so much to do with how the next 80 turn out."

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- Bill Gates Sr., Co-Chair  
of the Bill and Melinda  
Gates Foundation

### Children's

Puddleducks

Hoodies are

available at a

cost of £15

per hoodie. Ask any of

the senior team to get

your hands on one!



### VOTE PUDDLEDUCKS...(If you haven't already!)



Some of the team will be attending the Families First Awards in the Stormont Hotel on 6th Feb. Puddleducks is up for the "Best Nursery" Award and we need your votes! You can Vote on line at [https://www.familiesfirst.ie/service\\_link.html](https://www.familiesfirst.ie/service_link.html) . We will of course let you all know how we get on! **\*\*Fingers Crossed\*\***

### Welcome to Carrots!!

We are delighted by the gift that Santa left for the Children in our Cygnets room! "Carrots" our rabbit (as named by the children) was a welcome surprise after returning to Puddleducks from the Christmas break! The children in the Cygnets room feed her and help to clean her out, and of course give her lots of cuddles too! She is a very gentle and placid little friend in the room and the children (and staff) already adore her. Thank you to Scarlett and Thea's mum and dad for providing the hutch! If you haven't met Carrots yet, feel free to nip into Cygnets to say hello!



WE ARE NOW ON PINTEREST  and Remember ...

You can Like us on  or follow us on  and make sure you (if you haven't already) add a recommendation for Puddleducks to [www.daynurseries.co.uk](http://www.daynurseries.co.uk) (where we are currently No.1 in Belfast & Co. Antrim!!)

*Remember if you have any ideas or suggestions for the newsletter or anything we do in Puddleducks, don't be shy in letting us know!*

**KEEP CALM AND QUACK ON!**