

Welling Newsletter



May 2022

Welcome to the monthly
edition of the monkey news



Theme of the Month

Food

- **Song of the Month:**
The Vegetable Song
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RE5tvaveVak>
- **Theme book:**
The Hungry Caterpillar
- **Sound of the Month:**
F for Food
- **Theme sign:**
Hungry





Celebrations in May

2nd - 8th May

National sun awareness week

16th - 20th May

Walk to school week

2nd - 3rd May

Eid al- Fitr

18th May

National numeracy day

4th May

National bike to school day

Events which will be taking place for us:

We are very excited to be welcoming back parents evening this month. Wednesday 25th May will be the baby building's parent evening and Thursday 26th May will be the preschool building parents evening. It is a lovely chance to have a catch up one to one with your child's key person in a less busy environment like the day to day conversations.

GRADUATION- Our graduations are back!

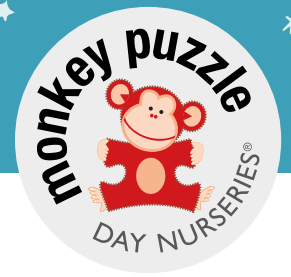
The preschool graduation will be taking place on 18th June

We will also be bringing the first lot of trips back this month. Linking to the theme children from each room will either be having a visit to the local supermarket to buy ingredients for a cooking activity in their room that day or to the library to look at books to do with our monthly theme. As well as other trips which will be organised alongside the theme such as the park.

Lastly one exciting event that we would like to have is inviting parents in to do a cooking activity about different religions and food or simply just teaching our children about different foods from around the world.

Things you can do at home to support our theme:

- Food games and taste tests
- Cooking activities
- Look at healthy and unhealthy foods
- Fruit/ vegetable paint stamping
- Grow fruit or vegetables in the garden



Team member of the month is....

Chloe Dowsett - We would like to say a massive Well done to Chloe for winning team member of the month through our Marvin point awards. Chloe is always willing to help out others and goes above and beyond for the nursery and her job role.



We would also like to Welcome...

Lily McGuire - As some of you may be aware Lily has previously worked for us and will be returning on the week beginning 2nd May to our Mini Preschool room.



Lauren Cull - Lauren has been working at our Bexleyheath branch and has moved to our Preschool room to join our Welling team.

Gas works and road closure

We apologise for the inconvenience of the current gas works going on outside the nursery. The works are supposed to be going on for around 4 weeks and then all should be back to normal. The way to access the nursery road will either be from the other end of Northdown road or from Lynmere road, which is the road next to ours.

New resources in our Preschool building:



Exclusion Periods

Hand, Foot and Mouth	All blisters must have dried out before returning to nursery, usually after 5 days.
Tonsillitis	If prescribed antibiotics your child will be excluded for the first 48 hours of taking them.
Sickness and Diarrhoea	All children are excluded from nursery for at least 48 hours from their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.
Scarlet fever	Excluded from nursery for the first 48 hours of antibiotics.
Eczema	Creams must be new and unsealed- Parents consent is required on medication form
Measles	Excluded for 4 days from the onset of the rash.
Ringworm	Excluded for 48 hours after applying first course of cream.
Chicken pox	All spots must be fully scabbed over before returning to nursery. This is usually around 5-7 days from when the last spot appears.
Head lice	Excluded from nursery until cleared form head lice.
Infant Suspension Calpol/Nurofen	<p>If a child is presenting a fever, we will try to bring it down naturally however if medication is required this can only be administered once during the child's session at nursery. In this case, if a child has longer than 4 hours left of their session we will ask for the parents to arrange collection for the child. This is due to only being able to administer the medication once; if the child has a fever after the medication has worn off we would be unable to give them anymore.</p> <p>If a child has arrived at nursery after having Infant suspension the same day, they will be unable to attend that day's session. This is for the same principles as the previous policy. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.</p>
Conjunctivitis	Children will be excluded till they are fully clear of infection and free of any discharge. Any eye prescriptions may only be administered after 48 hours.
Prescribed Medication	Children must be on medication for a minimum of 48 hours before returning to nursery. Medication can only be administered after the 48-hour exclusion even if your child has previously had the medication.





Reminders

Absence reporting procedure:

Please ensure that you email to confirm all absences including planned days outs, holidays and sickness.

Please explain the nature of the illness in your email so that we can ensure we take necessary steps to safeguard the health of all our children.

When visiting abroad please tell us where you are going including any stopovers on flights as well as your travel dates.

We are legally obliged to record all children's absence as part of our safeguarding procedure.

Please email: manager@monkeypuzzlewelling.co.uk

Invoices and voucher payments please contact - Jenny@monkeypuzzlewelling.co.uk

Invoices will be emailed out to all parents from our management software. Password for invoice will be set as your child's first name in lower case.

Where parents have more than one child it will be set as the eldest child's first name in lower case.

If you would like to change your voucher amount we will need to be notified by the 10th of the month. For example, if you would like to pay in vouchers for May you will need to notify us by the 10th April.

With voucher payments please ensure you set them to automatic release on or around the 27th of the previous month so that the funds clear in time for the 1st of the month.

Two Year Checks

A gentle reminder about Two-year checks. Please could parents inform the nursery when you are given a date for your child's two-year check. This will allow us to complete the two-year progress check so that you can take it along to your progress meeting.

Terms and conditions:

2 full calendar months written notice is required if you no longer require your nursery place.

The notice is also required if you wish to withdraw your child from the nursery or if you wish to reduce the number of days your child attends the nursery. Fees are payable during this notice period.

We reserve the right to charge interest on late fees at the statutory rate calculated daily, or rate of interest set by the court (which ever is higher), plus an administration charge of 25 pounds unless stated otherwise.

Front Door

Please ring the bell and wait for a member of staff to collect your child from the door.

To keep Covid secure we ask that you maintain social distance at pick up/drop off. All children will continue to be taken from the door.



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