

# Welling Newsletter



**March 2023**

Welcome to the monthly  
edition of the monkey news

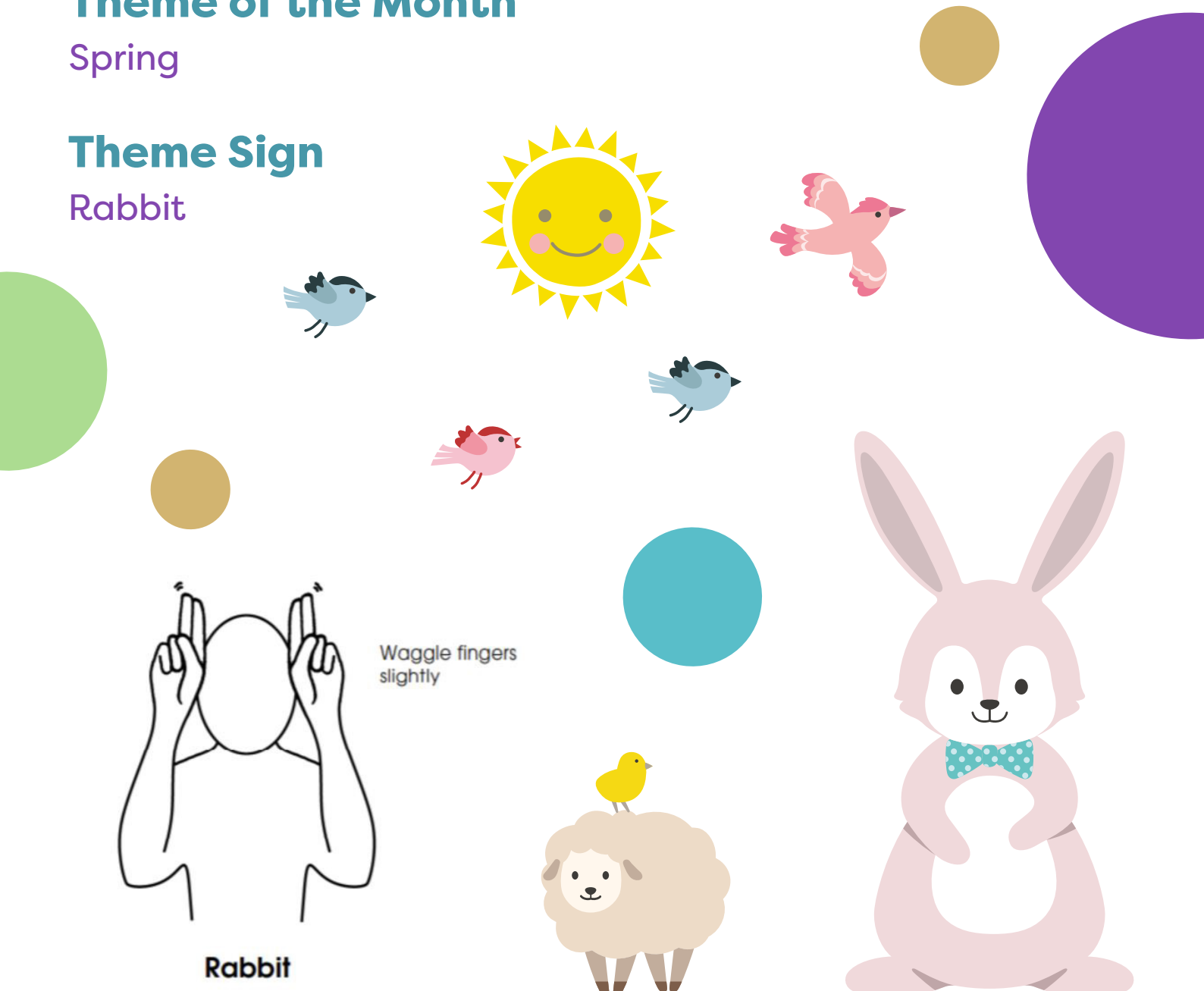


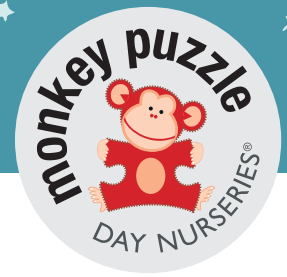
## Theme of the Month

Spring

## Theme Sign

Rabbit





## Celebrations in March

**1st March 2023**

St David's Day

**2nd March 2023**

World Book Day

**3rd March 2023**

World Wildlife Day

**8th March 2023**

International  
Women's Day

**17th March 2023**

Red Nose Day

**17th March 2023**

St Patrick's Day

**19th March 2023**

Mothers Day

**20th March 2023**

First day of Spring

**20th March – 26th**

March Shakespeare Week

## Things you can do at home to support your child's learning.

**Growing beans** - All you need for this easy activity is a glass jar or bottle, some cotton wool balls/wads and a bean!

First of all stuff cotton wool balls into a glass jam jar or plastic jar. Then place one bean on either side of the jar so that you can watch 2 growing at once. You can use butter beans straight out of the packet that you can buy in the dried beans and pulses section in the supermarket. Make sure you water it until the cotton wool was damp but not too wet, and place the jar in the window. Watch the changes as the bean grows.

**Get creative** – Painting some plant pots

**Herby play dough** – Make some play dough to strengthen your child's hands add some fresh smelling herbs to excite their senses. (Ingredients – flour, water, herbs of your choice.)

## Price Change

New prices apply from 1st April. Please check parent section of the website. Please change your tax free and voucher payments accordingly.

## Special Dates for the Diary

**2nd March World Book Day** – Dress up as your favourite book character and bring a book to share with your friends.

**20th March** – Mother's Day breakfast. Bring your mum to nursery with you and share a special mother's day breakfast between 8:00 and 9:00.

(This event is only open to children attending on this date due to room capacity and children's routines. Other events will be done throughout the year on different days).

## 2 Year Check Process

Welling have adapted their 2-year review process. This is the review that you do with your health visitor between the age of 24-30 months. Due to this change there will be some changes to how we do 2-year review at the nursery. Our new process has been emailed to all parents. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

## Marvin Award

Congratulations Ellie for winning our first staff member of the month this year. What a great start. Thank you for your attention to detail, the care you show to the children and the support you give to the staff in your room.



## Parents

Don't forget that you can award Marvin Points too. Simply fill out a certificate, which you will find near the entrance, add the staff member's name and why you wish to award the points. Your positive feedback is important to us.

## First Aid

Congratulations to Jenny, Nicola, Taylor, Leah and our colleagues from Bexleyheath, who passed their paediatric first aid Level 3 last week. We are proud to maintain the standards required for Millie's Mark ensuring all of our staff are first aid trained.



## Welcome!

Please join us in welcoming Leah to the Monkey Puzzle family. Leah has joined us as an apprentice and is delighted to begin her career in early years education. Leah has already passed her First Aid level 3 and has completed a safeguarding course, as well as a number of other basic training courses, as a foundation to begin her career.

Please also welcome Louise. Louise is joining us from Bexleyheath. As well as her experience, Louise joins us as a Level 2 qualified practitioner. She is safeguarding trained and holds a Level 3 Paediatric First Aid Certificate. We are so excited that you have joined us in Welling.

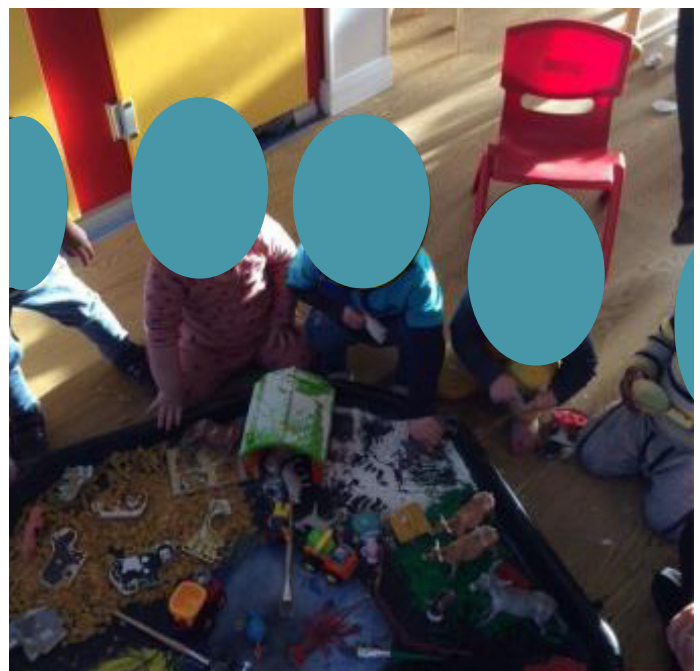
## Communication

Please note, that in the event of your child being absent from nursery, we require an email confirming reason for absence and when your child is due to return (if known).

Please send the email to  
[manager@monkeypuzzlewelling.co.uk](mailto:manager@monkeypuzzlewelling.co.uk)

## Here is what we have been getting up to...

Babies and Tweenies have been using and exploring their 5 senses.





## Pre-School and Mini-Preschool

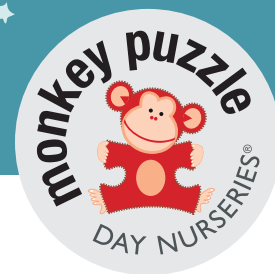
Have been using their scientific skills to explore and investigate colour.



Some of our older children went on a trip to the park to collect some natural resources. They went on the bus, explored the park and brought back a large collection of pine cones, leaves and sticks. The children had an amazing time.

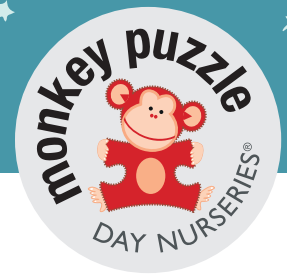


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## Exclusion Periods

<b>Hand, Foot and Mouth</b>	All blisters must have dried out before returning to nursery, usually after 5 days.
<b>Tonsillitis</b>	If prescribed antibiotics your child will be excluded for the first 48 hours of taking them.
<b>Sickness and Diarrhoea</b>	All children are excluded from nursery for at least 48 hours from their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.
<b>Scarlet fever</b>	Excluded from nursery for the first 48 hours of antibiotics.
<b>Eczema</b>	Creams must be new and unsealed- Parents consent is required on medication form
<b>Measles</b>	Excluded for 4 days from the onset of the rash.
<b>Ringworm</b>	Excluded for 48 hours after applying first course of cream.
<b>Chicken pox</b>	All spots must be fully scabbed over before returning to nursery. This is usually around 5-7 days from when the last spot appears.
<b>Head lice</b>	Excluded from nursery until cleared from head lice.
<b>Infant Suspension Calpol/Nurofen</b>	<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>
<b>Conjunctivitis</b>	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.
<b>Prescribed Medication</b>	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](mailto:manager@monkeypuzzlewelling.co.uk)

### **Invoices and voucher payments please contact - [Jenny@monkeypuzzlewelling.co.uk](mailto: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.



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