

Welling Newsletter



August 2023

Welcome to our August newsletter! We hope you and your children are enjoying the summer season. Here's what's happening at our nursery this month:

■ Theme of the Month: Summer

We're embracing the sunny season with our theme of the month. Our children will be learning all about summer through various activities and discussions.



■ The Theme book is: "Curious Questions About Our Planet,"

which will spark their curiosity about the world around them. The song of the month is "The Flower Song," and we'll be focusing on the sound of the letter S for Summer. The theme sign for August is the Sun..

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■ The sound of the month is: S for Summer

■ The theme sign is: the Sun



SUN

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Sun

Celebrations in August:

August 1st - Yorkshire Day

August 4th - Owl Awareness Day

August 7th - learning about sea serpents

August 8th - International Cat Day

August 10th - World Lion Day

August 12th - World Elephant Day

August 14th - learning about lizards

August 14th - International Dog Day and International Bat Night

Communication

We wanted to inform you that Welling has made some changes to their 2-year review process. As a result, there will be some changes to how we conduct the 2-year review at our nursery. We have emailed all parents with the new process, but if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Employee of the Month

We would like to extend a big congratulations and a heartfelt thank you to Jerly, who has been named our Employee of the Month! Jerly is a new member of our team and has made an incredible start to her Monkey Puzzle career.



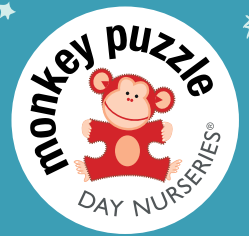
Breakfast Reminder:

Just a quick reminder that breakfast is served until 8:30 am. If you would like your child to have breakfast at the nursery, please ensure you arrive with enough time for them to enjoy their meal.

Exploring Creatures:

This month, we've been exploring pollination. The children learnt how insects collect pollen and distribute it to other flowers to continue the life cycle. The children then used their creative talents, using natural resources to create pictures to go with the mini-beasts book. The children then planted their own sun flowers and are continuing to watch them grow.

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The children at the nursery have been using their knowledge of books and stories to share their own ideas and create their own stories. These stories have been brought to life by the children when they performed the stories for their friends.



Ideas for home learning

1. **Outdoor Scavenger Hunt:** Take your child on a nature walk and create a scavenger hunt checklist of summer-themed items to find, such as flowers, butterflies, and sunshine. Encourage them to observe and discuss what they find.
2. **DIY Sun Prints:** On a sunny day, gather some objects with interesting shapes, like leaves or toys. Place them on light-sensitive paper and leave them in the sun for a few hours. Watch as the sun creates unique prints!
3. **Summer Sensory Bin:** Fill a large container with sand, water, seashells, and small toys. Let your child explore and play, encouraging them to describe the textures and sensations they experience.
4. **Flower Art:** Collect flowers from your garden or a local park and press them between heavy books. Once dried, use the pressed flowers to create beautiful artwork or decorate homemade cards.
5. **Summer Reading:** Visit your local library or explore online resources to find books about summer and the natural world. Read together and discuss the themes and illustrations.
6. **Fruit Salad Fun:** Get your child involved in making a delicious fruit salad using summer fruits like watermelon, berries, and pineapple. Talk about the different colors, textures, and tastes of each fruit.
7. **Shadow Play:** On a sunny day, go outside and have fun creating and playing with shadows. Use your bodies or objects to make different shapes and see how the shadows change throughout the day.
8. **Summer Science Experiment:** Fill a jar with water and drop in a few drops of food coloring. Place a white flower in the jar and observe how the petals change color as they absorb the colored water. Discuss the science behind it.

9. Summer Collage: Provide your child with magazines, scissors, and glue. Encourage them to cut out pictures of summer-related items and create a collage. Discuss the different elements they chose and why.

10. Beach Day at Home: Set up a mini beach experience in your backyard or living room. Use a small inflatable pool or a large blanket as a beach towel. Bring out sand, water, beach toys, and even play beach-themed music for added fun.



We hope these ideas inspire you to continue the learning and exploration of our summer theme at home. Enjoy the rest of the summer season!

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 out, 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: Parv@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 (whichever is higher), plus an administration charge of 25 pounds unless stated otherwise.



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