

Welling Newsletter



October 2023

Welcome to our October Newsletter!

Our theme for this month is Mythology! This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn all about Mythology and explore different mythical creatures.

Theme of the Month:

Mythology

■ Our theme book for this month is:

“See You Soonicorn”

■ The sound of the month is:

“F for fairy”

■ And our theme sign is:

Unicorn



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In addition to our theme of the month, we will be carrying out random acts of kindness to support our staff and children as they transition to their new rooms and form new relationships and friendships.

Celebrations in October

We have several exciting celebrations lined up this month. Which day are you looking forward to learning more about?

1st October- 31st October: Black History Month

1st October- 31st October: The Big Draw festival

4th October- 10th October: World Space Week

5th October: National Poetry day

5th October: World Smile day

5th October: World Teacher's day

10th October: Grandparents day

21st October: World singing day

31st October: Halloween

Communication

We wanted to remind you that Bexley Borough has made some changes to their 2-year review process. As a result, there are 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.

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Welcome New Staff Member

We would like to welcome our new member of staff, who joined our Monkey Puzzle family this month! She has had a great start jumping straight into our amazing, caring, and fulfilling environment.



Employee of the Month

We would like to extend a big congratulations and a heartfelt thank you to Saskia, who has been named our Employee of the Month! Saskia has been taking on additional responsibilities as the Third in Charge, supporting the management team whenever needed. She has also been very much involved in the day to day running of baby room, welcoming our new babies and families. Saskia has done a brilliant job with all her additional training and taken to the roll fantastically.



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.

Some of Our Favourite Learning from September

Celebrating Roald Dahl at our nursery in Welling!

We've been having an absolutely scrumdiddlyumptious time at our nursery as we dived into the magical world of the incredible author, Roald Dahl!

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Our little bookworms started off by delving into the enchanting story of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. They used their imaginations to discuss the book, sharing sentences and single words to describe the captivating illustrations.

But it didn't stop there! Our curious minds then embarked on a journey of healthy eating as we explored different food groups. The children had a blast sorting a variety of foods into categories, comparing the deliciousness of chocolate and sweets with the goodness of vegetables and fruits.

And that's not all! We took our learning a step further by exploring the importance of oral hygiene and looking after our teeth and tummies. Our little ones discovered just how vital it is to take care of our pearly whites and keep our tummies happy and healthy.



Our little superstars in Mini preschool have been on an amazing adventure of learning and discovery!

They recently embarked on a fun-filled game of pairs to explore their maths and literacy skills. And boy, did they shine!

Imagine a table filled with a delightful array of objects, just waiting to be matched with their corresponding cards. Our children eagerly took on the challenge, using their sharp minds and keen eyes to find the perfect pairs.

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But it didn't stop there! Once they triumphantly found their matches, they put their math skills to the test. Counting each object they had paired with the cards, they showcased their incredible ability to understand numbers and quantities.

And that's not all! Our little geniuses also identified the letters in the words for each object. With their growing literacy skills, they confidently recognized and named the letters, taking their learning to new heights!

But wait, there's more! To extend their knowledge and creativity, our Mini preschoolers used their artistic flair and mark-making tools to draw their favourite objects. Their imaginations soared as they brought their beloved items to life on paper, showcasing their unique perspectives and talents.



Ideas for home learning

These activity ideas are a great way to support your child in their new transitional stage and extend their nursery learning experience within the home environment.

- **Make your own Mythical creatures:**
 - Flying Dragon
 - Unicorn puppet
 - Draw your own mermaid

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- **Make your own fairy potion!**
- **Make your own fairy garden.**
- **Make your own Gnome house.**
- **Make a Greek mythology Medusa mask.**
- **Dress up as a Greek god/goddess and act out a mythological story.**
- **Create a family tree of mythological creatures.**
- **Research and learn about different mythological creatures from different cultures.**
- **Write your own mythological story and illustrate it.**
- **Learn about constellations and create your own star map.**
- **Have a mythological creature scavenger hunt in your backyard or local park.**
- **Watch movies or read books about mythology and discuss them with your child.**
- **Visit a museum or art gallery that has exhibits on mythology.**
- **Have a mythological creature-themed dress-up day at home.**
- **Create a mythological creature puppet show.**
- **Learn about different mythological heroes and their stories.**
- **Have a mythological creature-themed cooking or baking session.**

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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 sealed - 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.

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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.



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