

Welling Newsletter

November 2023



Exciting News from our Nursery!

Welcome to our November Newsletter, filled with all the amazing things happening at our nursery this month!

Theme of the month:

Our theme for November is Homes and Habitats

■ Our theme book for this month is:

"The Journey Home"

■ The sound of the month:

"S" for snow

■ The theme sign is:

Home



November Celebrations

November is packed with exciting celebrations! From World Ballet Day to Diwali, Remembrance Day to Children In Need, there's something for everyone to look forward to. Which celebration are you most excited about? Let us know

Speaking of Children In Need, we have a special treat for you! Our little bakers will be running a Biscuit Booth, where you can indulge in delicious homemade biscuits made with love by our children. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our pyjama days on 16th, 18th, and 20th November. It's going to be a cozy and fun-filled time!!

We also wanted to inform you about some changes to the 2-year review process by Bexley Borough. We have emailed all parents with the new process, but if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us. We're here to help!

Let's give a warm welcome to our new staff members who joined our Monkey Puzzle family in October! Kayleigh, with her level 3 qualification and experience, is already making a positive impact on our Tweenie children. Isabell, our new apprentice, is excited to build strong relationships with our children in Tweenies and start her apprenticeship training. We're thrilled to have them on board!

Employee of the Month

A huge congratulations and thank you to Chloe, our Employee of the Month! Chloe has done an incredible job leading Mini-preschool, and the children have been thriving under her care. Her dedication and creativity have brought joy to our little ones every day. Thank you, Chloe, for your outstanding work!



Highlights of Our Learning Journey

Let's take a moment to celebrate some of our favourite learning moments from October. Our Preschool children learned about kindness and teamwork through the magical story of "Pumpkin Soup." They discovered the joy of inclusivity and working together towards a common goal. Our Mini preschoolers had a blast learning about the Moon Festival and creating their own moons. And our babies and Tweenies unleashed their creativity with vegetable superheroes and animal race tracks. We're so proud of their progress! !



Home Learning Ideas

Looking for some fun activities to do at home? We've got you covered! Check out these ideas to support your child's learning about homes and habitats:

- Make mini sensory animal habitat tubs
- Create shoe box gardens
- Take a trip to the farm or go on a nature walk
- Explore your local community and discuss different types of homes
- Build a den for a hedgehog in your garden
<https://www.gardenersworld.com/how-to/diy/how-to-make-a-hedgehog-house/>
- Make bird feeders and watch the birds come to feed
- Visit the library and find books about animals in different habitats
- Read "The Gruffalo" and follow the tale at Jeskins Park



Let's make this November a month filled with learning, exploration, and joy! Stay tuned for more updates and exciting news from our nursery. Have a fantastic month, everyone!

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: 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

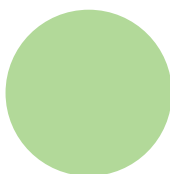
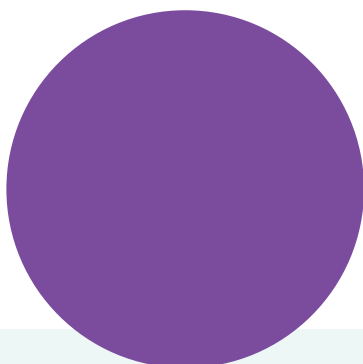
A gentle reminder about Two-year checks. Please could parents inform the nursery when you are given a date for your child's two-year check. This will allow us to complete the two-year progress check so that you can take it along to your progress meeting.

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 (which ever is higher), plus an administration charge of 25 pounds unless stated otherwise.



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