

Welling Newsletter



January 2024

Hello Everyone!

It's time for our first newsletter of 2024 and we are super excited to share all the amazing things happening at our nursery!

This month, our theme is Science! We have planned some incredible activities for the children to learn all about space, the weather, and planets. It's going to be an out-of-this-world experience!

Our theme book for this month is "How to catch a rainbow." We can't wait to dive into the magical world of colours and rainbows with the little ones.

The sound of the month is "I for investigate." Let's encourage our little detectives to explore and discover new things around them.

And our theme sign is Space! Get ready for some intergalactic fun and learning.



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Now, let's talk about the exciting celebrations lined up for January! Which day are you most looking forward to learning more about?

4th January – World Braille Day

15th January – Martin Luther King Day

18th January – Winnie the Pooh Day

24th January – International Day of Education

25th January – Burns Night

26th January – Australia Day

27th January – 4th February – National Storytelling Week

28th January – International Lego Day

31st January – International Zebra Day

Important communication alert!

We also wanted to inform you about some changes to the 2-year review process in Bexley Borough. 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. We're here to help!

Now, let's take a moment to celebrate our amazing Employee of the Year, Nicola! She has been an outstanding nursery practitioner and has received Marvin awards from team members, management, and parents for her kindness, caring attitude, and engaging activities. Thank you, Nicola, for your dedication and hard work!

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Remember, we recently had a fun-filled Christmas Jumper Day! The children looked adorable in their festive jumpers, spreading holiday cheer all around.

Medication reminder

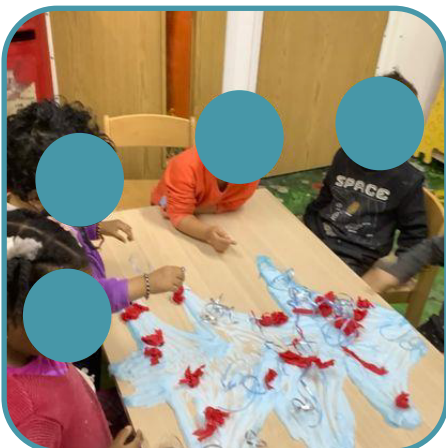
With the winter season upon us, coughs and colds are more common. Just a quick reminder that if you administer Calpol to your child at home in the morning, please keep them at home for the day. This is to ensure their safety and well-being, as we cannot administer a second dose if needed. If you have any questions, feel free to call us or check out our policies and procedures on the website.

Lastly, let's take a moment to appreciate some of our favourite learning moments from December! The children had a blast learning about different Christmas traditions around the world. They created beautiful decorations and cards for their loved ones and danced their hearts out with their friends.

We hope you're as excited as we are for the upcoming month filled with science adventures and learning. Let's make 2024 a year to remember!

Home learning ideas

Are you looking for some exciting and educational home learning ideas for your little ones? Look no further! Today, we're diving into the fascinating world of science with some fun activities perfect for nursery-aged children.



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1) Sensory Exploration: Create a sensory bin filled with different materials like water, sand, or rice. Add some colourful objects, like plastic animals or magnets, and let your child explore and discover the different textures and properties. Encourage them to describe what they feel and observe!

2) Nature Walk and Scavenger Hunt: Take your little scientist on a nature walk in your backyard or a nearby park. Encourage them to observe and collect items like leaves, rocks, or flowers. Later, you can discuss the different shapes, colours, and textures they found, fostering their curiosity about the natural world.



3) Sink or Float Experiment: Fill a basin or bathtub with water and gather various objects from around the house. Let your child predict whether each item will sink or float before testing it out. This hands-on experiment will introduce them to the concept of buoyancy and encourage critical thinking skills.

4) Rainbow Science: Create a rainbow using a glass of water, a white sheet of paper, and sunlight. Place the glass of water in direct sunlight and position the paper behind it. Watch as a beautiful rainbow appears on the paper! Explain to your child how sunlight is made up of different colours and how water can bend the light to create this magical phenomenon.

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5) DIY Volcano: Get ready for some explosive fun! Create a volcano using playdough or clay and place a small container in the centre. Mix vinegar and baking soda in the container, and watch as the volcano erupts with fizzing lava! This experiment will introduce your child to chemical reactions and the power of gases.

Remember, learning can be both educational and fun! These science-themed activities will not only engage your little ones but also nurture their curiosity and love for exploring the world around them.

Share your experiences and any other science-related activities you've tried with your nursery-aged children in the comments below. Let's inspire each other and create a community of little scientists!

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 from 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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