

# Welling Newsletter



## February 2024

### Exciting news from Monkey Puzzle Welling!

This month, immerse yourself in our food-themed world with “Veg Patch Party.” “F” is the sound of the month, and our catchy theme song is “I like to eat apples and bananas.” Look for our hungry theme sign too!

Now, let’s take a look at the exciting celebrations lined up for February. Which day are you most looking forward to learning more about?

**National Storytelling Week: January 27th - February 4th, 2024**

**World Ukulele Day & National Hedgehog Day: February 2nd, 2024**

**Safer Internet Day: February 6th, 2024**

**Charles Dickens Day: February 7th, 2024**

**Chinese New Year: February 10th, 2024**

**Pancake Day: February 13th, 2024**

**Valentine’s Day: February 14th, 2024**

**Random Acts of Kindness Day: February 17th, 2024**



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## 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!

## Medication reminder

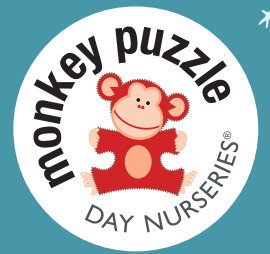
With the winter season here, coughs and colds are more common. If you administer Calpol to your child at home in the morning, please keep them at home for the day. This is to ensure their safety and well-being, as we cannot administer a second dose if needed. If you have any questions, feel free to call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

Now, let's take a moment to celebrate the incredible achievements of our little ones on their learning journey.





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## Home learning ideas

- Try tasting new fruits and vegetables.
- Make pictures with vegetable peeling and offcuts.
- Visit the supermarket choose some food, pay for it, take it home, cook and eat.
- Plant some peas (soak some dried peas in water, plant then watch them grow).

Looking for some fun activities to do at home? Why not try making delicious smoothies or a warm soup using leftover fruits or vegetables?

[Click for delightful winter soup recipes](#)



## Fruity Hooty Owls

Get creative at snack time with these delicious Fruity Hooty Owls! These feathery friends are a fun yet simple snack to make with little ones in your setting.

### Ingredients- makes one owl

- 1 plain rice cake
- 1/2 an apple or peach
- 1/2 a banana
- 2 blueberries
- Topping of choice, e.g. smooth nut butter, cream cheese, plain/ natural/ Greek yoghurt
- Low sugar multigrain hoops

### Equipment

- Child- friendly knives for chopping
- Child- friendly knives for spreading
- Chopping boards

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## Staff Member of the Year

**We are delighted to announce that Nicola is our staff member of the Year.**

In her first full year with us, Nicola has proven to be an amazing carer, teacher and colleague. Nicola is always willing to go over and above to ensure the children and their parents get the very best attention. Nicola is a great team player, supporting colleagues in all rooms with her calm and happy demeanour. Thank you Nicola for your engaging activities that inspire our little ones to learn and progress.



If you would like to nominate a team member, please email [manager@monkeypuzzlewelling.co.uk](mailto:manager@monkeypuzzlewelling.co.uk) with the reason why.

## Polite reminder

We close for our Christmas break on Friday 20th December 2024 at 18:30pm and reopen Thursday 2nd January 2025 at 7:30am

**Stay tuned for more exciting updates and adventures from Monkey Puzzle Welling!**

## 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 sealed - 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.

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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](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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