

Bexleyheath Newsletter



May 2022

Welcome to the monthly edition of the monkey news



Theme of the Month

Food

- **Song of the Month:**
The Vegetable Song
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RE5tvaveVak>
- **Theme book:**
The Hungry Caterpillar
- **Sound of the Month:**
F for Food
- **Theme sign:**
Hungry



Celebrations/Festivals in May



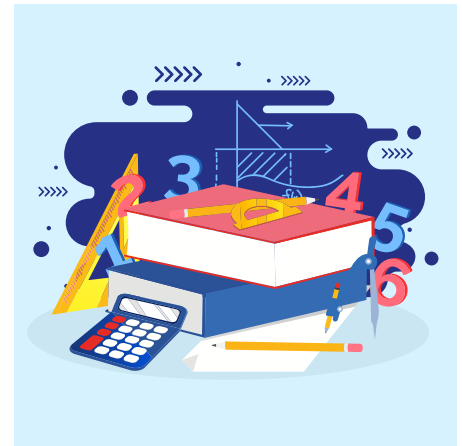
2nd - 8th May
National sun
awareness week

2nd - 3rd May
Eid al- Fitr



4th May
National bike
to school day

16th - 20th May
Walk to school week



18th May
National numeracy day

GRADUATION- Our graduations are back!

The preschool graduation will be taking place on 18th June

Things you can do at home to support our theme:

- Food games and taste tests
- Cooking activities
- Look at healthy and unhealthy foods
- Fruit/ vegetable paint stamping
- Grow fruit or vegetables in the garden

Celebrations in May:

1st May

May Day

2nd May

May Day Bank Holiday (nursery closed)

2nd- 3rd May

Eid al-Fitr

4th May

Star Wars Day

5th May

Cinco De Mayo

12th May

International Nurses Day

15th May

National Children Day

18th May

National Numeracy Day

25th May

Africa Day

28th May

Elmer Day

New Staff

We would like to introduce Sky and Katie to our team.



Marvin Award

Congratulations Robyn (pictured right side above) for winning staff member of the month. We are so proud of you!

Life Cycles

Here are some pictures of the children taking part in activities from our last Theme 'Life Cycles.'

Our children loved watching the chicks hatch and grow. They were able to visually see the life cycle of a chick and they very much enjoyed caring for the chicks.

Our children have been enjoying planting various things from cress to cucumbers. Again, the children have been able to watch the growth from a seed to a fruit or vegetable.



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 from head lice.

Infant Suspension Calpol/Nurofen

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.

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.

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: manager@monkeypuzzlebexleyheath.co.uk

Invoices and voucher payments please contact - Jenny@monkeypuzzlebexleyheath.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.

Front Door

Please ring the bell and wait for a member of staff to collect your child from the door.

To keep Covid secure we ask that you maintain social distance at pick up/drop off. All children will continue to be taken from the door.



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