

Bexleyheath Newsletter



March 2023

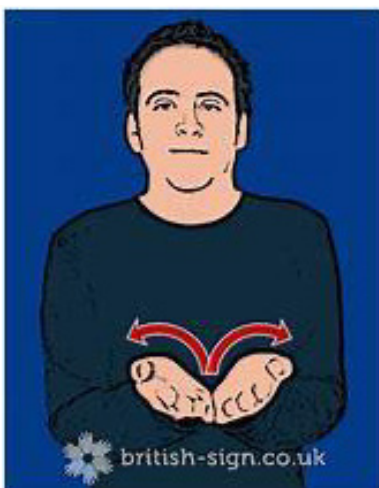
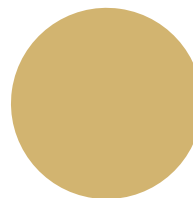
Welcome to the monthly edition of the monkey news

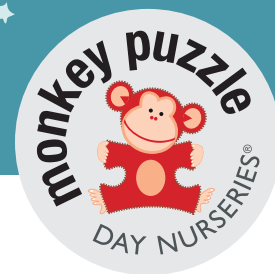


Theme of the Month

Traditional Tales and Fairytales

- **Song of the Month:**
Three Bears
- **Theme book:**
Goldilocks and the three bears
- **Sound of the Month:**
F for fairytale
- **Theme sign:**
Book





Celebrations/Festivals in March

1st March

St David's Day

17th March

St Patrick's Day

20th - 26th March

Shakespeare week

2nd March

World Book Day

18th March

Global recycling day

20th March

Spring begins

17th March

Red Nose Day

19th March

Mother's Day

21st March

World poetry day

Special Dates for the Diary

2nd March World Book Day – Dress up as your favourite book character and bring a book to share with your friends

20th March – Mother's Day breakfast. Bring your mum to nursery with you and share a special mother's day breakfast between 8:00 and 9:00.

(This event is only open to children attending on this date due to room capacity and children's routines. Other events will be done throughout the year on different days).

Price Change

New prices apply from 1st April. Please check parent section of the website. Please change your tax free and voucher payments accordingly.

2 Year Check Process

Bexley have adapted their 2-year review process. This is the review that you do with your health visitor between the age of 24-30 months. Due to this change there will be some changes to how we do 2-year review at the nursery. Our new process has been emailed to all parents. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Employee of the Month

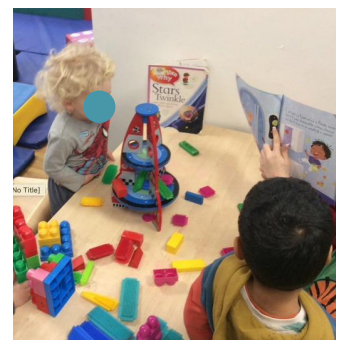
Beau Chamberlain

We would like to say a big Congratulations and a massive Thank you to Beau Chamberlain who was our employee of the Month!

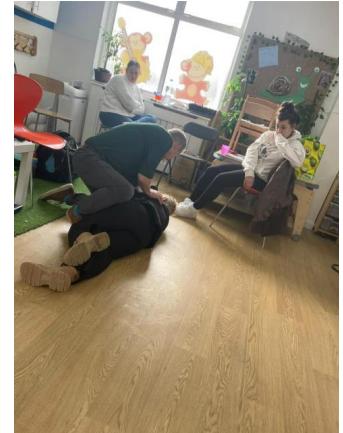
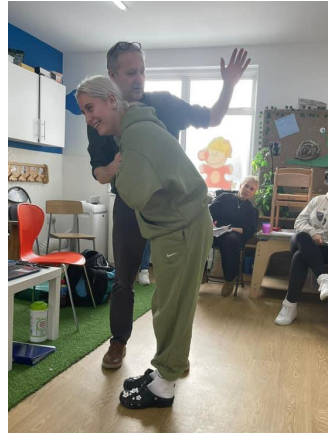


Here is what we have been getting up to...

The children have enjoyed exploring lots of different subjects such as making their own bakery, exploring different dinosaurs, going on their very own moon mission and also learning about colour mixing.



Here are some pictures of our staff having First aid training. All of our staff at Monkey Puzzle Bexleyheath are first aid trained!

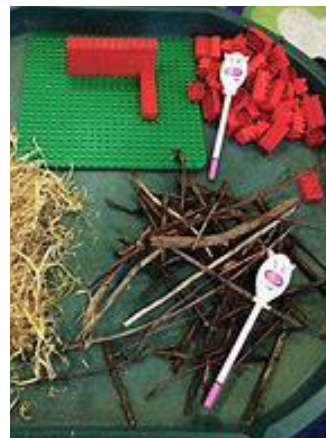


Mini Preschool had our first trip of the year! They went on a bus to the library exploring different vehicles along the way and spent some time looking at different stories. They also brought their favourite book to the rest of their friends at the nursery!



Ideas for Home Learning

There are lots of different activities that can be done at home to link to our theme of the month. These can either be outings or creative activities for indoors. Please see list and pictures below to support:



Grow your own beanstalk (Jack and the beanstalk)

Make your own porridge (Goldilocks and the three bears)

Go on your very own bear hunt sensory trays (We're going on a bear hunt)

Make your own gingerbread men (gingerbread man)

A trip to the farm (three little pigs)

Have a puppet show to retell the story and make your own character masks

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.

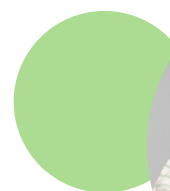
If a child has arrived at nursery after having Infant suspension the same day, they will be unable to attend that day's session. This is for the same principles as the previous policy. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

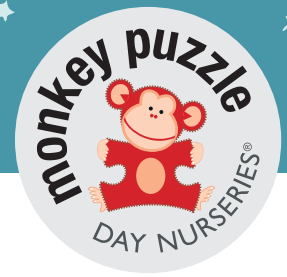
Conjunctivitis

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.



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