

Bexleyheath Newsletter



May 2023

Welcome to the monthly edition of the monkey news

Our theme of the month:
Woodlands



- **The Theme book is:**
Fox on a box
- **The song of the Month is:**
Woodland walking song
- **The sound of the month:**
b for bug
- **The theme sign is:**
Tree



Tree

Primary hand open - arm held vertically with elbow resting on top of non-primary hand.

Primary arm makes small twisting movement.

Celebrations in May:

1st May - May day

6th May-13th May - National sun awareness week

6th May - Coronation of King Charles

15th-19th May - Walk to school week

17th May - National numeracy day

Communication

Your child's latest report has now been published and is accessible on the learning journals.

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

We would like to say a big Congratulations and a massive Thank you to McKenzie Havard who was our employee of the Month! McKenzie has been with us since the beginning of the year and has been a very good addition to our team.



Breakfast

Just a quick reminder that breakfast is served until 8.30am. If you wish for your child to have breakfast arrive at nursery with enough time for your child to have breakfast.

Experiments

The children have been taking part in lots of experiments throughout the month. They have particularly enjoyed exploring if objects will sink or float in water.



First aid training

Here are some pictures of our staff having First aid training.

All of our staff at Monkey Puzzle Bexleyheath are first aid trained!



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 some of our suggestions below:

Go on a bug hunt

Explore the woodlands

Go on a nature walk



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: 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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