

Bexleyheath Newsletter



September 2023

Welcome to our September Newsletter!

This month, our theme is "All About Me," providing a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn about themselves and their friends as they settle into their new environment and embark on the next stage of their journey.

Theme of the month:

All About Me

■ Our theme book for this month is:

A Superpower Like Mine

■ The sound of the month:

"M" for Me

■ The theme sign is:

Family



Celebrations in June

We have several exciting celebrations lined up this month. Which day are you looking forward to learning more about?

6th September - Read a Book Day

8th September - International Literacy Day

9th September - Teddy Bear Day

13th September - Roald Dahl Story Day

16th September - International Red Panda Day

19th September - Talk Like a Pirate Day

23rd September - International Day of Sign Language

24th September - International Rabbit Day

Communication

We wanted to inform you that Bexley has made some changes to their 2-year review process. As a result, there will be some changes to how we conduct the 2-year review at our nursery. 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.

Employee of the Month

We would like to extend a big **congratulations** and a heartfelt **thank you** to Navjoth, who has been named our Employee of the Month! Navjoth is an amazing member of our team and shows so much love within the baby room and throughout. She was nominated throughout the month for her kind and caring approach when settling new children into the room and for going above and beyond to support her team.



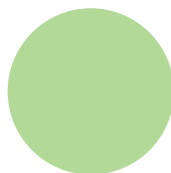
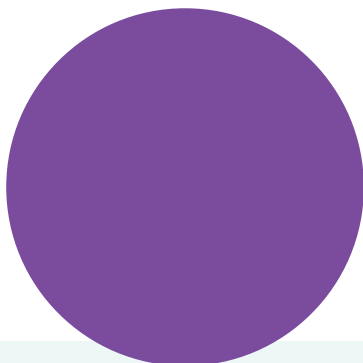
Breakfast

Just a quick reminder that breakfast is served until 8:30 am. If you would like your child to have breakfast at the nursery, please ensure you arrive with enough time for them to enjoy their meal.



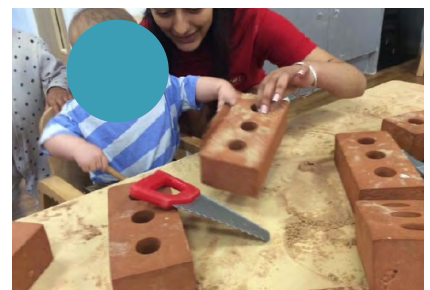
Fruit of the Week

This month, we've been exploring different fruits. We have been interested to learn and experience the different flavors. The children were able to express their thoughts and opinions through open discussion while experimenting with different techniques to open the fruits.



Building and Construction Activities

Our children have enjoyed multiple activities where we took on the role of a builder. They were fascinated while learning about cause and effect while creating their very own cement! By combining different ingredients, the children were able to make predictions and learn through trial and error, opening a world of imagination. We continued to use the cement mixtures made by the children to create our very own models. This really showed off the children's imagination as they created their very own masterpieces ranging from houses, rockets, pyramids, and even a space station.



Ideas for Home Learning

These activity ideas are a great way to help support your child in their new transitional stage and offer a great opportunity to extend their nursery learning experience within the home environment.

- **Self portraits**
- **Family tree**
- **Body tracing**
- **Feelings wheel**
- **My family activity**
- **Puppet making**



We hope you have a fantastic month exploring the theme of "All About Me" with your child. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

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

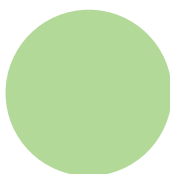
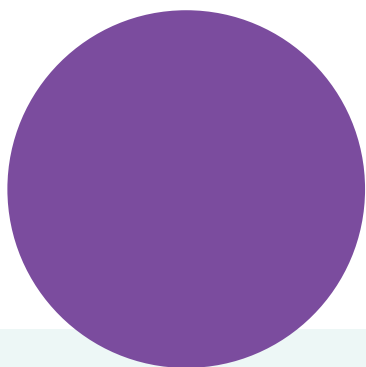
A gentle reminder about Two-year checks. Please could parents inform the nursery when you are given a date for your child's two-year check. This will allow us to complete the two-year progress check so that you can take it along to your progress meeting.

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.



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