

# Bexleyheath Newsletter



November 2023

## Welcome to our November Newsletter!

This month, we're diving into the beautiful season of Autumn! It's the perfect time to learn about the changing leaves and how animals prepare for winter. As the temperatures drop, we're embracing the cozy vibes and all things fall.

### Theme of the month:

Our theme for November is Autumn

#### ■ Our theme book for this month is:

The Leaf Thief

#### ■ The sound of the month:

"M" for Me

#### ■ The theme sign is:

Family



## Autumn



## November Celebrations

We have a bunch of exciting celebrations lined up this month! Which one are you most excited about? Let's learn more about these special days together!

5th November - Guy Fawkes night

6th-10th November - Number Confidence Week

11th November - Remembrance Day

12th November - Diwali

12th November - Remembrance Sunday

13th November - World Kindness Day

15th November - Steve Irwin Day

17th November - Children in Need

19th-25th November - Road Safety Week

23rd-24th November - Thanksgiving

## Important Communication

We wanted to let you know that there have been some changes to the 2-year review process by Bexley. As a result, we will be adjusting how we conduct the review at our nursery. We have sent out an email with all the details, but if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us. We're here to help!

## Employee of the Month

Let's give a big round of applause and congratulations to Jayme, our Employee of the Month! Jayme has quickly become an invaluable member of our team. She has formed wonderful relationships with the children and has shown great progress since joining us. Well done, Jayme!



## Breakfast Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that breakfast is served until 8:30 am. If you'd like your child to have breakfast at the nursery, please make sure to arrive on time so they can enjoy their meal. We want to start their day off right!

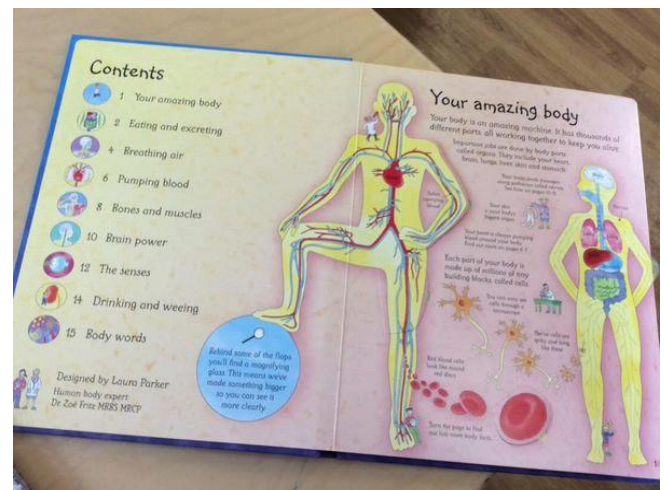
## Fruit of the Week

We've been having a blast exploring different fruits and their flavors. The children have been sharing their thoughts and opinions through open discussions and experimenting with different ways to open the fruits. We even took a trip to the local shop to let the children choose their own fruit of the week to share with their friends at nursery! How exciting!



## Highlights of Our Learning Journey

This month, we've been diving into the fascinating world of the human body. The children have been exploring the book "Your Body" and learning how their bodies work. They even got to feel their heartbeats before and after an obstacle course, seeing how exercise affects their heart rate.





We've also been exploring space, with discussions about the moon, stars, and astronauts. The children have been having a blast discovering the wonders of the universe during our nighttime explorations.



In addition to our monthly theme, we've been spreading kindness throughout the nursery. We recently took a trip to the food bank, where our team and parents donated an incredible amount for the harvest festival. The children had a great time delivering the donations and there are more acts of kindness to come!



## Home Learning Ideas

Looking for some fun activities to do at home? We've got you covered! These ideas will help support your child's learning and extend their nursery experience in the comfort of your own home.

- Take a nature learning walk in your garden or local park
- Start an Autumn leaf collection
- Try observational drawings of the outdoor environment
- Get creative with leaf printing
- Set up an Autumn-themed tuff tray
- Explore the lifecycle of trees
- Make pumpkin cloud dough
- Create a wreath nature craft

Let's have a fantastic November filled with learning, fun, and lots of autumnal adventures!



## 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 unsealed- 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 form 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.



## 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](mailto:manager@monkeypuzzlebexleyheath.co.uk)

### **Invoices and voucher payments please contact - [Jenny@monkeypuzzlebexleyheath.co.uk](mailto: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**

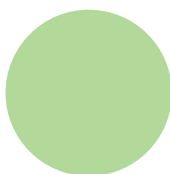
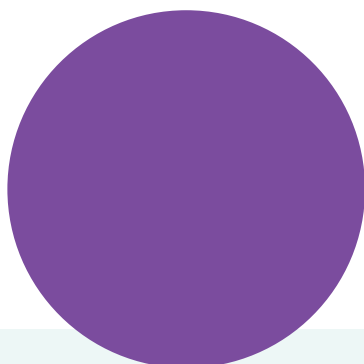
A gentle reminder about Two-year checks. Please could parents inform the nursery when you are given a date for your child's two-year check. This will allow us to complete the two-year progress check so that you can take it along to your progress meeting.

### **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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