

# Bexleyheath Newsletter

## February 2024



### Hello everyone!

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that our theme for this month is Traditional tales and fairytales. Get ready for an enchanting journey filled with exciting activities for our little ones!

We are delighted to introduce our theme book, Goldilocks and the three bears. Let's dive into this classic tale and explore its magical world together.

This month, we will be focusing on the sound "F for Fox". Let's practice saying it together and have a blast with words that start with this sound. Get ready for some fairytale fun!

And of course, our theme sign is Bear. Let your creativity soar as we embark on a journey of imagination and create amazing artwork and crafts. We cannot wait to see the incredible masterpieces our little ones will create.



## Celebrations in February

Now, let's talk about the exciting celebrations lined up for February. Which one are you most excited about? Let's learn more about these special days together!

**27th January- 4th February- National storytelling week**

**7th February- Charles Dickens day**

**10th February- Chinese New Year**

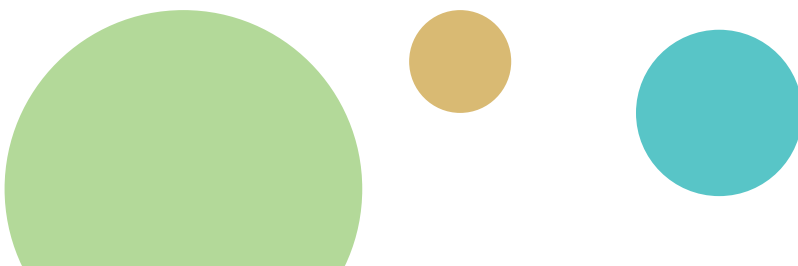
**12th February- Darwin day**

**13th February- Pancake day**

**14th February- Valentines day**

**14th February- 21st February- National nest box week**

**17th February- Random acts of kindness day**



## Important communication alert!

We wanted to inform you about some changes to the 2-year review process by Bexley. 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.

## Just a friendly reminder that breakfast is served until 8:30am

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 and start their day off right!

## Christmas Closure Dates 2024

Our last working day will be Friday the 20th December 2024, we will then reopen on Thursday 2nd January 2025

## Team member of the year 2023!

We would like to say a huge well done and thank you to our incredible kitchen chef, Lara, who has been awarded Marvin the monkey's Team Member of the Year 2023!

Lara, your dedication to cooking scrumptious, nutritional food for our children every single day is truly remarkable. The smiles on their faces when they enjoy your meals say it all!

We are incredibly grateful to have you as part of our team, and we can't wait to see what delicious creations you'll whip up when you return.



## Learning journey

Now, let's take a moment to celebrate the incredible achievements of our little ones on their learning journey. This month, we have been exploring winter animals and discovering the different habitats and environments they live in. It has been a fascinating and educational experience for all.



Our children have also been engaging in sensory activities, such as making their own playdough and exploring a delightful sensory spaghetti Bolognese activity. They have learned about measurements and textures, discovering the perfect combination of flour and water for the playdough, and how spaghetti transforms when left in the water tray. It's been a truly hands-on and immersive learning experience!





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In addition, our Pre School children have been diving into the world of paleontology with their "famous person of the month," Mary Anning! They had an absolute blast creating their very own fossils, just like the ones Mary Anning discovered. Their curiosity and creativity know no bounds!



## Home learning ideas

Looking for some exciting home learning ideas to keep your little ones engaged and learning? We've got you covered! These activities will not only support your child's learning but also extend their nursery experience right in the comfort of your own home. Let's make this a month filled with learning, fun, and lots of fairytale adventures!

- **Make your own fairytale puppets**
- **Make your own gingerbread men**
- **Build the houses with the three little pigs**
- **Go on a bear hunt sensory walk**
- **Make your own porridge for the three bears**



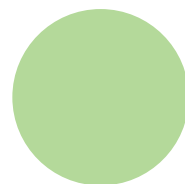
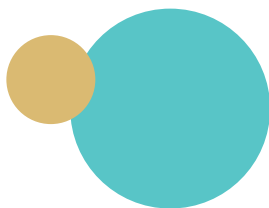
We hope these home learning ideas bring lots of joy and learning to your little ones.

**Have a fantastic February filled with fun, creativity, and fairytale 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**

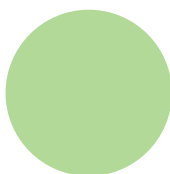
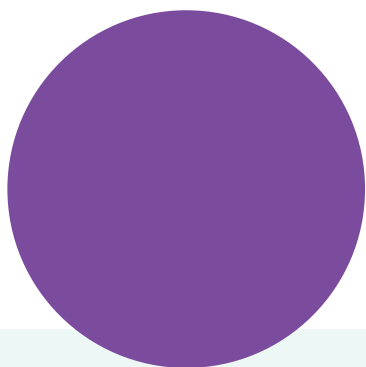
A gentle reminder about Two-year checks. Please could parents inform the nursery when you are given a date for your child's two-year check. This will allow us to complete the two-year progress check so that you can take it along to your progress meeting.

### **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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