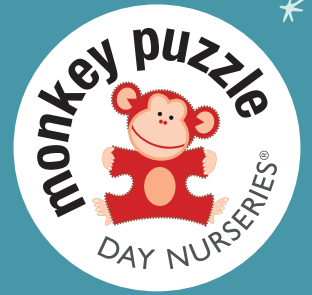


# Bexleyheath Newsletter



March 2024

## Hello everyone!

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that our theme for this month is Once upon a time. Get ready for an exciting journey filled with storytelling activities for our little ones!

We are delighted to introduce our theme book, We're going on a bear hunt.

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

And of course, our theme sign is Book. Let your creativity soar as we embark on a journey of imagination and create amazing roleplay.



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

**1st March- St David's Day**

**7th March- World book day**

**8th-17th March- British science week**

**10th March- Mother's Day**

**15th March- Red nose day**

**17th March- St Patrick's day**

**18th March- Global recycling day**

**18th - 24th March - Shakespeare week**

**21st March - World poetry day**

**21st March - International day of forests**

**29th March - Good Friday**

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 and start their day off right!

## Important communication alert!

We also wanted to inform you about some changes to the 2-year review process in Bexley Borough. 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. We're here to help!

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## Christmas Closure Dates!

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

## Staff Member of the Year

We would like to say a huge Well Done and Thank you to Holly who has been awarded Marvin the monkey's team member of the month! Holly is an absolute asset to our team and supports our SEN children amazingly. She always goes above and beyond to give our children a brilliant teaching environment.



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 traditional tales and fairytales.

Our theme book of the month was Goldilocks and the three bears. The children were able to use their imagination to make their very own porridge!



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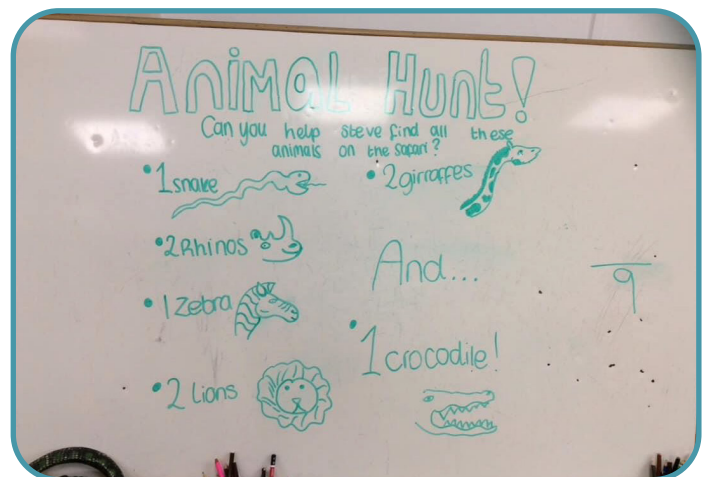
Our children have also been engaging in sensory activities, such as making their own playdough. They were able to explore different food such as burgers, egg, bread, and even pizza which they made out of the playdough!



In addition, our Pre School children have been diving into the world of Steve Irwin. The children had their very own animal hunt where they went around the room using their tiptoes to find the different animals along the way. It was just like our very own Safari!



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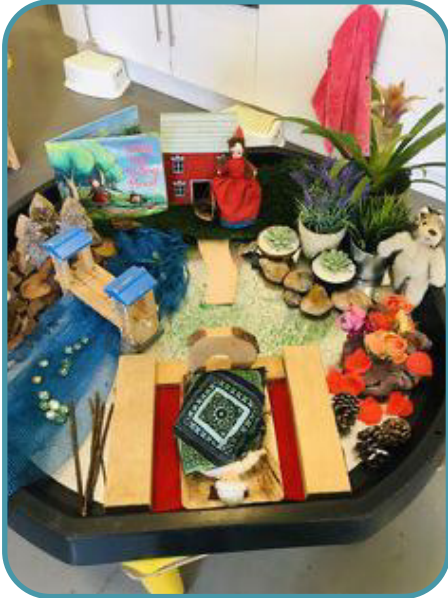


## Home learning ideas

Looking for some exciting home learning ideas to keep your little ones engaged? 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 storytelling adventures!

- Make your own fairytale puppets
- Have a theatre show to reenact your favorite story
- Make your own fairy garden
- Go on a bear hunt sensory walk
- Dress up for your very own Ball

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Remember to share your dress-up ball experiences with us. We would love to see the magical moments you create!

We hope these home learning ideas bring lots of joy and learning to your little ones. Have a fantastic March filled with fun, creativity, and storytelling 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 sealed - 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 from 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.

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## 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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