

Bexleyheath Newsletter



April 2024

Hello everyone!

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that our theme for this month is Lifecycles! Get ready for an exciting journey filled with interesting activities for our little ones!

We are delighted to introduce our theme book, "The Amazing Lifecycle of Butterflies".

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

And of course, our theme sign is Butterfly. Let your creativity soar as we embark on a journey of exploration.



Celebrations in April

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

1st April - Easter Monday

2nd April - International Children's Book Day

9th April - Unicorn Day

9th-10th April - Eid al-Fitr

10th April - Siblings Day

11th April - National Pet Day

23rd April - Shakespeare Day

23rd April - St George's 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 Month!

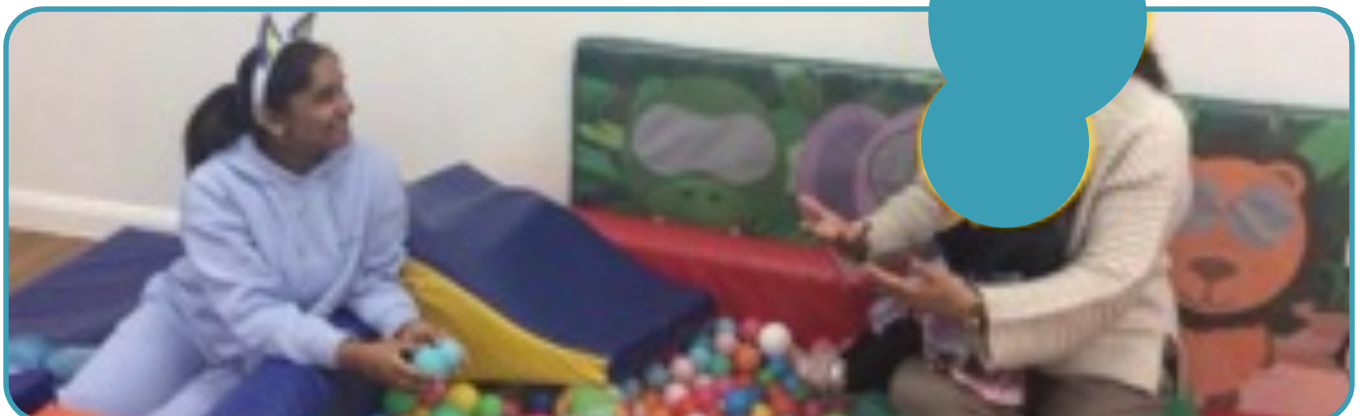
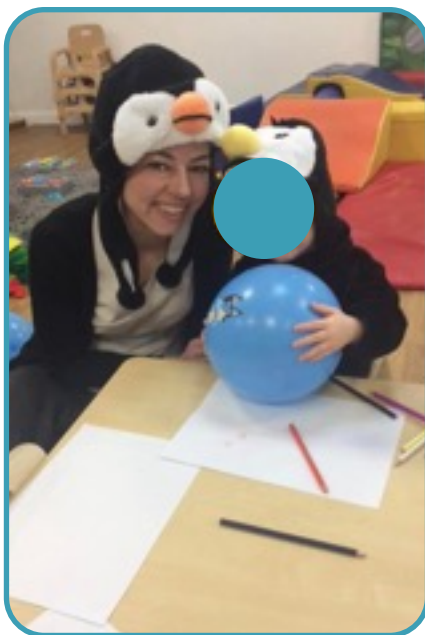
We would like to say a huge Well Done and Thank you to Navjoth who has been awarded Marvin the monkey's team member of the month! Navjoth is the room leader of our Baby room and shows a lot of care and dedication for the staff and children within her room.



Learning journey

Now, let's take a moment to celebrate the incredible achievements of our little ones on their learning journey. This month, we celebrated World Book Day alongside Mother's Day!

Our parents stay and play for World Book Day was a blast with themed rooms at our nursery in Bexleyheath! The Pre School room was all about 'Dr. Seuss', Mini Pre School had a 'Julia Donaldson' theme, Tweenies were off to 'The Wizard of Oz', and the Baby room transformed into 'Bluey' land! Our dedicated staff dressed up and led fun activities for parents and children to enjoy together. It was a magical day of imagination and creativity!



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More World Book Day fun...



Little gardeners!

Our Mini Pre School children have been busy little gardeners! They recently planted carrots, strawberries, and beautiful flowers. Today, the children showed their love and care for these plants by watering them and singing to them. It's heartwarming to see our little ones learning about the importance of nurturing and growth.



In addition, Our children at Monkey Puzzle Nursery in Bexleyheath have shown such kindness and care for others. They have made beautiful pictures for King Charles, who has been feeling under the weather. Today, they took their artwork and sent it off in the post so he can enjoy their thoughtful gesture.



Home learning ideas

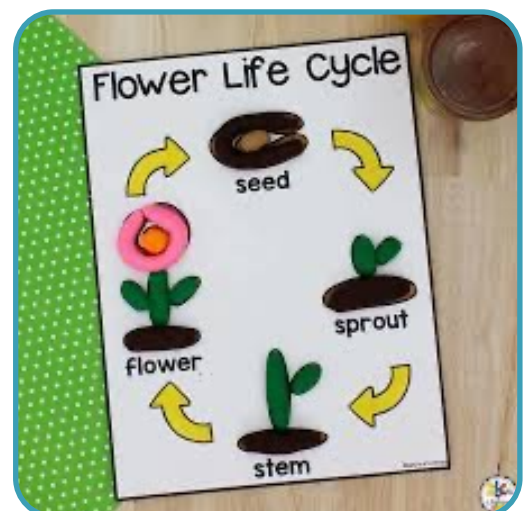
Looking for some exciting home learning ideas to keep your little ones engaged and learning? We've got you covered! These activities will not only support your child's learning but also extend their nursery experience right in the comfort of your own home. Let's make this a month filled with learning,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

- **Plant your own flowers**
- **Grow your own fruit and veg**
- **Explore different lifecycles**
- **Buy your own caterpillars and watch them turn into beautiful butterflies**
- **Lifecycle crafts**



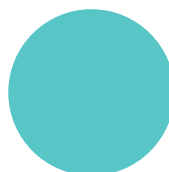
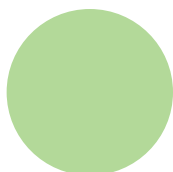
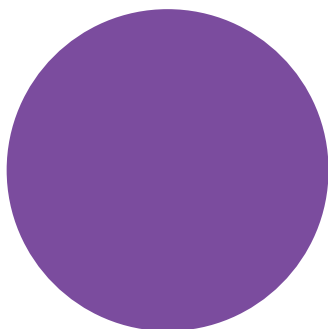
We hope these home learning ideas bring lots of joy and learning to your little ones.

Have a fantastic April filled with fun, creativity, and adventures!



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

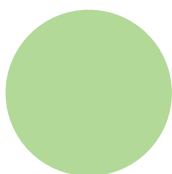
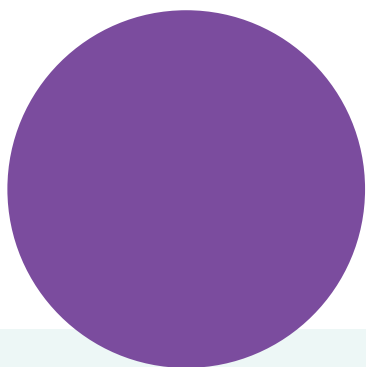
A gentle reminder about Two-year checks. Please could parents inform the nursery when you are given a date for your child's two-year check. This will allow us to complete the two-year progress check so that you can take it along to your progress meeting.

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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