

Spring/Summer 2022 Newsletter

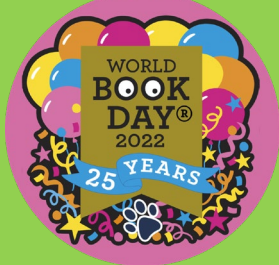


QUICK CATCH UP!

We've been busy. Have a look and see what we have been up to!

On Thursday 3rd March 2022 we celebrated World Book Day. The children had great fun in dressing up activity as their favourite book characters and taking part in lots of fun activities during the day.

The children enjoyed lots of role play activities, sharing stories and making story boards.



We celebrated Red Nose Day on Friday 18th March 2022. We did some very creative painting activities which the children really enjoyed!



Important dates for your diary

Bank Holiday Closures-	Thursday 2 nd June 2022 Friday 3 rd June 2022 Monday 29 th August 2022
Annual Summer Closure-	Monday 1 st August 2022 to Friday 5 th August 2022. The nursery will be closed for one week. Children return Monday 8 th August 2022.
Staff Inset Day-	Tuesday 3 rd May 2022 Wednesday 1 st June 2022 Tuesday 3 rd January 2023
Christmas Closure-	Friday 23 rd December 2022 to Tuesday 3 rd January 2023 (includes national bank holidays 25 th , 26 th , 27 th Dec 2022, 2 nd Jan 2023)

Other dates for your diary

[Parents Report day Wednesday 1st June 2022](#)

Please see end page for nursery calendar. Please also be reminded that full fees remain payable over all nursery closures.



Ramadan Activity

The children at nursery learnt about Ramadan and Eid and the importance of this holy Muslim month through fun activities. The children created lanterns, made Eid Cards, enjoyed dressing up activities and read stories about Ramadan.

The new summer menu is here!



Our new summer menu has been finalised and a copy will be emailed to all parents/carers. As of 09/05/2022, children can enjoy a range of summer inspired meals. As usual, all our meals are designed with young tummies in mind and are healthy, freshly prepared using the best seasonal ingredients. Children's individual needs and dietary requirements have been considered and will be catered for. We are always interested in feedback and new ideas, so please do let us know if you have any meal ideas or recipes you would like to recommend for future menus. Get stuck in!

Staff training updates

We recognise the importance of continuous professional development in achieving best possible practice and for improving outcomes for all children. As result many members of the staff and management team have been busy studying!

A few staff members and the management team took part in
A Healthy Start in Childcare course.

Additionally, the staff and management have been completing other training, which includes:

Understanding children: Babies being heard
Attachment in Early Years
Health and Safety Training
Legionella and Legionnaire's Disease Awareness

As an early years setting, we continue to support the next generation of early years practitioners by facilitating the apprenticeship programme for some of our team.

Staff Annual Leave

Some of our staff will be taking annual leave at various times throughout the year, but please rest assured that your child will continue to be supported by at least one of their key-persons and their key-buddies. We will inform parents/carers individually if their child's key-person will be taking leave.

The Early Years Foundation Stage

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) was updated in September 2021. You can read about the EYFS and the new updates by copying and pasting the links below into your search bar. If you have any questions please get in contact with us.

GOV.UK -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/changes-to-the-early-years-foundation-stage-eyfs-framework/changes-to-the-early-years-foundation-stage-eyfs-framework>

Early years alliance -

<https://www.eyalliance.org.uk/changes-eyfs-2021>

Daily Sheet Update

We are updating the way that we share the daily sheets with parents/carers in order to make the process more effective. Daily sheets will now be emailed directly to parents/carers on a daily basis, and will be emailed out by the close of business each day.

Parents' report day

We are planning to organize parents report day on **Wednesday 1st June 2022 during the Inset Day.** We will be sending you letter by email to book your slot. Every parent will be allocated 10 minute meeting time with their child's key-person/key buddies. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's learning and development and their time at nursery.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



In June 2022, Her Majesty The Queen becomes the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee. The extended bank holiday to celebrate this is from **Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June**. This will provide an opportunity for people and communities throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the unique milestone. The website below has lots of fun facts about the Platinum Jubilee and its historic significance that you can share with your child at home.

<https://www.funkidslive.com/learn/top-10-facts/top-10-facts-about-the-jubilee/>

Helping children to learn



Mark making is a term used for the creation of different patterns, lines, textures and shapes that children draw or write. This may be on a piece of paper, on the floor, outside in the garden or on an object or surface. It could be a simple dot or a line across a paper, all of this contributes to mark making and fundamentally is the basis of developing the writing skill.

Why is mark-making important?

Mark-making is not just about early writing; it is a sensory and physical experience which can be enjoyed by all ages and abilities.

As well as early writing, mark-making can develop into mathematical representation and creative expression.

Please check the website link for mark making activities to do with your child at home.

Website -

<https://playofthewild.com/2021/01/24/eyfs-mark-making-ideas-activities-that-help-children/>

COVID 19, Medication and unwell child Update

We acknowledge that there are times when children become unwell and it is the setting's intention to support children and families during these times as much as possible. However, the primary concern is for the welfare of all the children within the setting and for the staff team. Therefore, it is our policy that unwell children who are distressed by their symptoms or who have any infectious/contagious conditions must be cared for at home until they are fully recovered.

Children with symptoms of COVID 19 must follow current Government guidance and keep us fully informed.

If children are unwell, with symptoms other than those related to COVID 19, parents/carers need to consider if their child is well enough to attend the setting. The setting cannot care for children who have a raised temperature above 38 degrees Celsius, diarrhoea, vomiting or are distressed by other symptoms. If parents/carers feel it is necessary to administer fever and/or pain reducing medication, such as Calpol at home to keep their child comfortable whilst in nursery, they should keep their child at home until the child is fully recovered. Parents/carers must inform the nursery management team of ANY medication given at home before they leave their child in the setting.

The staff and children are continuing to follow good hygiene practices, such as frequent and thorough hand washing. As a result, your child will be encouraged to clean their hands throughout the day. We are also continuing to maintain a well ventilated environment by using air purifiers/CO2 monitors in the setting.

Jan 2022 - Jan 2023

Key:

Normal Nursery Day	
National Bank Holiday (Nursery Closed)	
Christmas/New Year Break (Nursery Closed)	
Annual Summer Break (Nursery Closed)	
Staff Inset Day (Nursery Closed)	

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Annual Summer Break - The nursery will close for our annual summer break from Mon 1st Aug until Fri 5th Aug 2022.

Staff Inset Days - The nursery will close for staff inset days on: Tues 4th Jan 2022, Tues 3rd May 2022, Wed 1st June 2022 & Tues 3rd Jan 2023

National Bank Holidays - The nursery will close for ALL national bank holiday (See next column)

Nursery Fees - Nursery fees remain payable for ALL closures.

National Bank Holidays 2022

- Monday 3rd January 2022- New Year's (Substitute day)
- Friday 15th April 2022- Good Friday
- Monday 18th April 2022- Easter Monday
- Monday 2nd May 2022- Early May bank holiday
- Thursday 2nd June 2022- Spring bank holiday
- Friday 3rd June 2022- Platinum Jubilee bank holiday
- Monday 29th August 2022- Summer bank holiday
- Monday 26th December 2022- Boxing Day
- Tuesday 27th Dec 2022- Christmas Day (Substitute day)
- Monday 2nd Jan 2023- New Year's Day (Substitute day)