



Greenleaf Site 2018



Erskine Site 2022



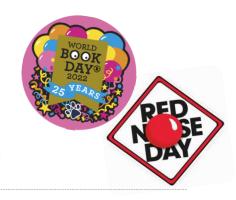
| SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER - 2023

Quick Catch Up!

We've been busy here at the nursery during World Book Day. Look at what we've done!

On the 9th of March, we celebrated World Book Day at the nursery. All the children dressed up and read many of their favourite books. There were numerous activities and the children had great fun reading books together.

On the 16th of March, a parent and their colleague from Penguin Books came to Greenleaf Site and did a storybook session and gifted books to the children to read at home.





Nursery Fees Increase

We are writing you to remind that the increase in nursery fees will be effective from 1st May 2023.

This fee increase will enable us to secure the same first-rate provision in the future by maintaining an excellent team of educators in an increasingly competitive London market. Our aim is for our fees to be as inclusive as possible, so that we can continue to provide the excellent and well-staffed care and education for which Sunbeam Family Services Ltd T/A Sugar Plum Tree Nursery is renowned. The new fees are available on our website.

Nursery Closures

Important dates for your diary

Bank	Friday 7 th April, Monday 10 th April
Holiday	Monday 1 st May, Monday 8 th May, Monday 29 th May
Closures	Monday 28 th August
2023	Monday 25 th December, Tuesday 26 th December
Annual	Nursery closed for summer break from:
Summer	Monday 31 st July – Friday 4 th August 2023
Closures	Children will return on Monday 7 th August 2023
Staff	Monday 24 th April 2023
Inset	Tuesday 30 th May 2023
Day	Tuesday 2 nd Jan 2024
Christmas Closures	Wednesday 27th Dec 2023 – Friday 29th Dec 2023



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:

Safeguarding children

Safeguarding children
Health and Safety Training
Paediatric First Aid
Food and hygiene

Understanding children Attachment in Early Years

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.

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 02/05/2023, 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!

Parents' Report Day/Fun Day

We are planning to organize the **parents' report day** for **Tuesday 30th of May 2023, during the Inset Day**. We will be sending you a letter by email to book your slot for reports between **10:00 am-12:00 pm.** Every parent will be allocated a 10-minute meeting time with their child's key-person. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's learning and development and their time at the nursery.

Following the report day, we will hold a tea party to celebrate **King's Coronation**, between **12:00 pm -2:00 pm** at **Greenleaf site** for parents. This will be a good opportunity for parents and staff to communicate and relax. This will be on the same day as the report day.

Alongside the report day, Sunbeam Family Services Ltd T/A Sugar Plum Tree Nursery will hold a **Fun Day** at **Greenleaf Site** for all parents and children at both sides. Those who have been to the fun day before will know that it is a day packed with exciting things to enjoy. There will be slides, a bouncy castle, various activities and stalls. The fun-day will run from **10 A.M to 2 P.M.** The management team will also setup a stall/surgery where parents can ask questions, share their ideas and give feedback to the management team.



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Easter Closures

Easter is one of the most important Christian festivals of the year and was celebrated on Sunday 6th April 2023.

At the nursery the children joined in with fun activities to learn about Easter, including decorating Easter eggs, drawing, storytelling and learning about the meaning of Easter!



Ramadan Celebrations



The children at the Nursery learnt about the month of Ramadan in the Islamic Calender and the importance of this month for people of an Islamic Faith.

They did fun and creative activities to explore this month. They enjoyed creating Eid Cards, reading stories about Ramadan, drawing the moon, stars, and dressing up in cultural clothing.

It is important for us at Sunbeam Family Services Ltd T/A Sugar Plum Tree Nursery that people of all faiths are accepted and appreciated.



The Coronation of King Charles III



Here at the nursery we plan to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III following the tragic passing of his mother Her Majesty the Queen. The King's coronation will be on Saturday the 6th of May 2023. The coronation will also include the coronation of his wife, Camila, as the Queen Consort of the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth Realms. During the week commencing **8th May 2023,** we will be celebrating King's Coronation as a part of our **British Values EYFS** curriculum. The week will be packed with fun and excitement here at the nursery, as we plan to carry out activities, read stories and talk about the coronation of the new King!





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



Children's Transition

Erskine to Greenleaf

Here at Sunbeam Family Services Ltd T/A Sugar Plum Tree Nursery we try to ensure that the transition process is as smooth and easy as possible for children. We have a set process to ease this transition that consists of settling in periods and familiarisation trips. Visits for this transition will begin for children with their key persons group in June 2023. Arrangements for parents to meet with their child's new key person will occur during June-August 2023.

Nursery to Reception

When transitioning to reception class, it can be a big change for children. Here at the nursery, we aim to make this process as smooth as possible through familiarisation visits and explaining to the children what to expect through activities, such as circle time, role play and the graduation party. Transition reports are finalised alongside parents and sent off to their relevant schools for the children to officially transition. Please note that the last day at nursery for preschool children who are starting school in September will be 31st August 2023.

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 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/









Dec 2022 - Jan 2024

Nursery Calendar

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Annual Christmas Closures: Wed 27th Dec 2023 - Fri 29th Dec 2023

Staff Inset Days - The nursery will close for staff inset days on: Tues 3rd Jan 2023, Mon 24th April 2023, Tues 30th May 2023 & Tues 2nd Jan 2024.

National Bank Holidays - The nursery will close for ALL national bank holidays

Nursery Fees - Nursery fees remain payable for ALL closures.

National Bank Holidays

Monday 2nd January 2023- News Year (Substitute day)

Friday 7th April 2023- Good Friday

Monday 10th April 2023- Easter Monday

Monday 1st May 2023- May Day Holiday

Monday 8th May 2023- King Coronation

Monday 29th May 2023- Spring Bank Holiday

Monday 28th August 2023- Summer Bank Holiday

Monday 25th December 2023- Christmas Day

Tuesday 26th December 2023- Boxing Day

Monday 1st January 2024- New Year's Day

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Annual Summer Break - 5th August 2024 - 9th August 2024

<u>Annual Christmas Closures:</u> Fri 27th Dec 2023 – Tues 31st Dec 2023

Please note the Nursery will close at 1:00 PM, On Tuesday 24th December 2024

Staff Inset Days - The nursery will close for staff inset days on: Tues 2nd Jan 2024, Mon 8th April 2024, Tues 27th August 2024, Thu 2nd January 2025

<u>National Bank Holidays</u> - The nursery will close for <u>ALL</u> national bank holidays (See next column).

<u>Nursery Fees</u> - Nursery fees remain payable for <u>ALL</u> closures.

National Bank Holidays

Monday 25th December 2023 - Christmas Day
Tuesday 26th December 2023 - Boxing Day
Monday 1st January 2024 - New Year's Day
Friday 29TH March 2024 - Good Friday
Monday 1st April 2024 - Easter Monday
Monday 6th May 2024 - May Day Holiday
Monday 27th May 2024 - Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 26th August 2024- Summer Bank Holiday
Wednesday 25th December 2024 - Christmas Day
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