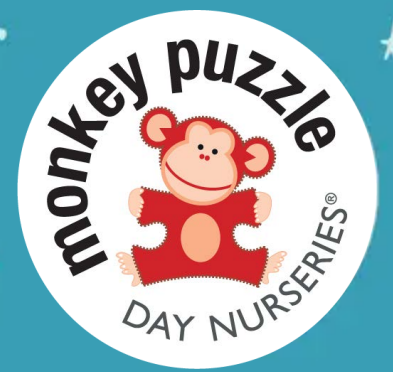


Astwick Newsletter

March 2024



Nursery Updates:

Throughout February -

- The children enjoyed activities based around pancake day. We also loved seeing all your pancake's at home for our competition.
- Daisies and Bluebells enjoyed their stay and play sessions where they had lots of Valentines, Pancake and messy activities to share with you.
- For kindness day the older children dropped off flowers and treats to the local businesses on site. They were all so grateful for them spreading such kindness, putting smiles on their faces.

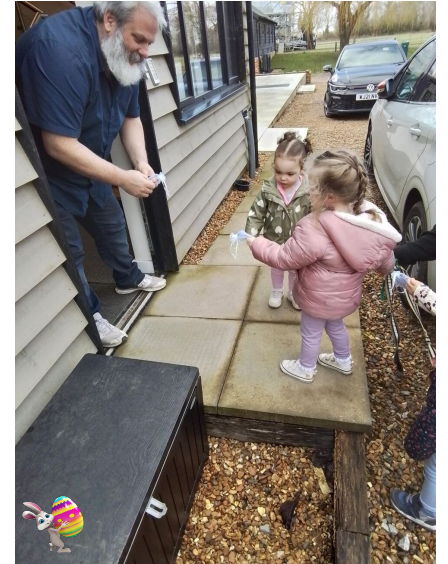
Throughout March -

- We look forward to our mothers day stay and plays! All dates are provided on Famly and on our new stay and play page within the newsletter. Please email to manager@monkeypuzzleastwick.co.uk to book your place.
- A little reminder that we have our farm day out, where we have teamed up with standalone farm to be able to offer you discounted tickets. Please contact the office for more information.
- This month we have World book day! For this the children are invited to come into nursery dressed up as their favourite book character. We are also holding a nursery competition for the best homemade costume in each room!
- For Red nose day the rooms will be getting busy baking treats to then sell in their bake sale! On Friday 15th March we will be selling the cakes to raise money for Comic relief.
- To celebrate Easter at the end of the month, we will be holding an Easter bonnet competition, keep your eyes peeled for the posts on famly for more information!

Fees

As we have so many new parents at the nursery, this is just a polite reminder that fees are due on 1st of each month.

We are aware that tax free childcare payments can take a couple of days to get to us, we ask that you try and transfer these before the 1st to ensure they are in our bank on time but will give leeway by a couple of days due to this for these payments. Any payments not received by the 7th of each month will receive a reminder and may then incur a late payment charge.



Farm Day Out
SATURADAY 20TH APRIL

We have teamed up with STANDALONE FARM to be able to offer discounted tickets for our families at Astwick for a farm day out! A great opportunity for you to meet and socialise with other families at the nursery.

Adult/Child £6 each
Under 2's go free

Tickets are to be booked through the nursery via email and cash brought in by **Monday 4th March** and we will provide you with a ticket to take on the day (under 2's must also be booked in)

We continue to strive to give your child the best experience at nursery. If you have any questions or suggestions, please send us an email/give us a call!

If you and your children are having a positive nursery experience please support us by leaving a review on Facebook, Google or DayNurseries.co.uk. These are really valued by us and give us feedback on what we are doing well.

Take a look at what the rooms have been up to:



Over Two's

Please send over any interests your child has at home, along with some beautiful pictures and we can plan some special activities for them throughout the month!

(3-5years)

Bluebells

In the month of February Bluebells enjoyed the last of storytelling week. A huge thank you to all the parents who came to read, we'd love to carry this on so drop us a message if you would like to come along to read to the children!

They have been learning about Chinese New Year and what Valentine's Day means. Making various different crafts for both of these celebrations along with scented playdough, valentines cards and making a heart tree, making our own stir fry and decorating dragons.

Alongside these events the children have enjoyed celebrating pancake day! Eating pancakes and pretending to make their own using flour and water, exploring different words around pancake day.

The children have been speaking about things they feel grateful for and how to be a good friend. During this the children went on to explore making friendship bracelets, friendship cupcakes and making friendship potions. Choosing different traits they would like to mix together to make the perfect friend!

The Bluebells are looking forward to all the events in March already! As the weather warms up we will hopefully be able to go for longer walks again! Please ensure your child has all the appropriate clothing for this (labelled with name).

The Bluebells Team



(2-3 years)

Lilies

Lilies have had a busy month during February.

We have enjoyed story telling week. Through out this, we got through lots of classical stories such as Goldilocks and the three bears and even made our own porridge too!

It has also been children's mental health week during February. For this we spoke about our emotions, discussing what makes us happy.

Then we had pancake day, we made our own play dough pancakes and tried flipping them and adding on different toppings to our pancakes.

Lilies then enjoyed Valentine's day as we had a sensory Valentine's tuff tray and explored slime, play dough and did gluing and sticking too.

It was also random acts of kindness day and Lilies took a little goodie bag to the surrounding businesses to celebrate kindness.

In the last week of February we have explored Fairy tale day as we went on a hunt for fairies. They were hidden around the trees which was such fun and we then created our own fairy tales.

During March we are looking forward to different celebrations that occur. We are excited for our mother's day stay and play and also celebrating St David's day too! We look forward to dressing up as our favourite book characters for world book. We are looking forward to Science week, British pie week, Ramadan, Easter and there are so many more celebrations that we are creating activities around.





Take a look at what the rooms have been up to:

Under Two's

Please send over any interests your child has at home, along with some beautiful pictures and we can plan some special activities for them throughout the month!

(15 months - 2years)

Daisies

This month the Daisies room have enjoyed lots of messy activities and walks to the field!

With all the celebrations throughout February, the Daisies have had lots of crafts going on from Valentines day gifts to kindness day pictures. We have been baking some biscuits for Chinese new year and kindness day too!

With the weather improving, we have been able to get out to the field more again! This month we had our own mini pancake day race, created an obstacle course, learnt new skills to kick and throw a large ball and so much more

We would like to thank all the parents who joined us for our stay and play session. The children really enjoyed showing you what they get up to and interacting with you during activities.

Next month we are looking forward to our Mother's day stay and play tea where we will have lots of activities as well as you joining us for a little tea.

(3 -15 months)

Tulips

We had a great month in Tulips.

With the weather beginning to improve, we have been spending more time outside in the garden and going for walks. We love visiting the park and having a go on the swings. 🐼

The Tulips have also been enjoying some great tuff trays. Such as: a dinosaur swamp, farm tuff tray and building tuff tray. We have been busy with lots of craft activities too. Using different materials, we have been practicing making marks and thoroughly enjoyed getting messy.

This month we also loved celebrating valentines day and sharing the love 🐼, as well as Pancake day which our activities were great fun.

Some of us went to the field with Daisies and enjoyed a Pancake race where we made pretend pancakes using playdough and pans from paper plates. 🐼



Friendly reminders and upcoming events



Parent Observations Parent/home observations are a great tool for us to be able to see your child's interests at home. It is also lovely to see the things that they are achieving whilst with you!

To add an observation for the key worker to see it :

- Go to journey - Go to new - New observation

It should then pop up as a parent observation on the screen and you can add your observation along with photos and videos by clicking the camera icon. It would also be great if you could share your input into our home activities by uploading photos of your child completing these at home.

New starters:

Please can all new families make sure you have returned your registration forms to us along with a copy of your child's birth certificate and bring their red book with you to their first settle. If you have any questions about your child's room, the way we plan, assessments and more please do not hesitate to contact us by giving us a call!

Autumn/Winter:

As we slowly approach the colder weather, we ask that you start to plan ahead for your child's day at nursery. We will start to need wellies for our walks (if they are not already at nursery) and a thicker coat. Please make sure there are enough changes of clothes in your child's bag so we can change them when needed.

Clothing:

Please can you make sure all clothing items are labelled with your child's name or initials so we can make sure they are returned to the correct family at the end of each session.



St David's day - 1st March

St David's day is a celebration of the patron saint of Wales. We will be looking into the traditions for this celebration such as Welsh cakes, daffodils and clothing worn during this time.

World wildlife Day - 3rd March

World wildlife day is an opportunity to celebrate many beautiful and varied forms of animals, as well as raise awareness of the benefits they provide for us. The rooms will be holding a wildlife scavenger hunt to see how many of the animals they can spot throughout the month.

World book day - 7th March

This is an annual celebration of books and reading. For this the children are welcome to come into nursery dressed up as their favourite story book character. The rooms will also be holding lots of fun activities based around the children's favourite stories in each room.

Red nose day - 15th March

A day when people across the land join forces to raise money for brilliant causes in the UK and around the world. This year the children will be taking part in a bake sale event, creating yummy treats to sell to you all to help raise money for comic relief.

St Patricks day - 17th March

Ireland's national day celebrates the Irish patron saint. We will be looking at all the things involved with this celebration such as their famous parades and decorating everything in green. The rooms will be looking at creating different types of pictures and exploring some traditions.

Easter day - 31st March

Easter is a Christian celebration of Christ's resurrection. This is celebrated by exchanging chocolate eggs, family meals and focusing on symbols such as rabbits and chicks. The rooms will be holding lots of fun activities and events to celebrate this with the children.



important!



Tulips room - 11th March

Lilies room - 12th March



Stay and Play

MOTHER'S DAY



Bluebells room - 18th March



**Daisies room - 21st
March**

Thank you



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