

Astwick Newsletter



April 2024

Nursery Updates:

Throughout March:

- We raised £145 with our bake sale for children in need!! Thank you all so much for your support, bringing in cakes and the kind donations buying some cakes.
- The children have had lots of fun for world book day. There was some great outfits and we found it so hard to choose our winners.
- The children have enjoyed some Easter fun from messy craft to an Easter egg hunt of their own.
- We loved all the Easter Bonnets you made! You are all very creative.

Throughout April:

- We will be learning all about siblings for siblings day and celebrating our family's.
- The children are welcome to bring in photo's of their pets for national pet day so the children can talk about them at circle time.
- On world Autism day, the children can join the staff with wearing something blue to show our support. This is Tuesday the 2nd of April.
- The rooms will be holding a dance competition for international dance day! We would also like to include the children who aren't in on that day by inviting you to send us a video of your best dance moves at home. This is the 29th April.

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.



We raised

£145



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

The Bluebells have had a fabulous March!! With the lovely weather we have been able to spend lots of time in the garden and longer walks. Some of us even made it to feed the fish!

The bluebells have loved the different events throughout March where we celebrated World Book Day, dressing up as our favourite book characters. Some of the children brought their books in with them which we shared with all the children, we had books from superheroes to various Julia Donaldson books. The children enjoyed different activities around books, along with making gruffalo crumble, adding the purple prickles to the gruffalo's back and making a big hungry caterpillar!

The bluebells have also been learning about St Patrick's Day and creating some lovely art around it. Using lots of green resources to make four leaf clovers.

The children have been thinking about what is healthy and having lots of conversations around this. They have shown a real interest in making healthy fruit smoothies and learning about good oral health and why it is important to brush our teeth, with different cleaning activities.

The children loved science week where we carried out a few science experiments. One of these being making a volcano on the field and watching it erupt. The children took turns to fill a volcano with liquids and powder and watched it fizz out the top! The children have also been dressing up as scientists and looking at the changes of objects when placed in certain waters.

Overall the children have had a great month and we can't wait for the weather to start getting even nicer where we can learn all about Spring and the changes with plants and animals.

Love the Bluebells Team

(2-3 years)

Lilies

Through out March, Lilies have had a very busy month. We enjoyed Daffodil painting and play dough to celebrate St David's day. Lilies have also enjoyed lots of walks in the rain and the sunshine.

We have been nature watching during the month for world wildlife day. During this we spotted pheasants, birds and even a deer too!

We celebrated world book day and everyone dressed up as their favourite books. We read lots of stories that day too.

Lilies explored some science experiments during British science week, as they watched volcanos erupt. They created these using bicarb and vinegar with paint for some colourful volcanoes. Lilies enjoyed a Mother's day stay and play too, as our mummy's came in and played and had a lovely tea with us as well. Lilies celebrated many more celebrations, such as British pie week where we made our own berry pie!

Lastly, we have celebrated Easter. For this we created Easter bonnets, made cornflake cakes and lots of activities surrounding Easter celebrations.

Next month, during April there are many celebrations in which we cannot wait to explore. That being, world Autism day in which we will be wearing blue and enjoying blue themed activities. There is also unicorn day, siblings day, National pet day, Earth day, St George's day, Penguin day and International dance day. There are so many celebrations and we are so excited to share all of our activities with you.



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Under Two's

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(15 months - 2 years)

Daisies

This month the Daisies room have had lots of fun with all the celebrations!
We really enjoyed world book day. The children loved seeing the staff dressed as animals and all the different activities we had out for the day to engage in. The outfits were brilliant so well done parents!

We also enjoyed our mother day stay and play where the children got to interact with some of the mum's and show them the different activities they get involved with throughout their weeks at nursery. We had biscuit decorating, gloop play, crazy foam and more!

For children in need the children enjoyed making biscuits and cakes to sell to our families. They each took it in turns to add and mix ingredients.

For Easter the children had lots of different activities to explore and worked together to paint their very own large Easter egg painting!

We have been exploring the environments around us this month too .. There has been trips to the park and also the horses field. Alongside the offsite trips, we have had lots of adventures to the field and created an obstacle course area to use.



(3 - 15 months)

Tulips

We had a great month in Tulips. With Spring coming up, we have been busy with lots of lovely arts and crafts activities. The children have been creating different marks using brushes, rollers and stamps. We have also been creating flower pictures using our hand prints. We had great fun for world book day. We all came in dressed up which was really funny 🤪

Lots of baking was enjoyed for red nose day, where we sold the cakes for a donation. Thank you all again for purchasing cakes. Hope you all enjoyed them.

We have been enjoying the outdoors a lot more this month, either in the garden or out for a walk. We always love visiting the park and exploring our surroundings.

We have some great celebrations coming up next Month such as siblings day on the 10th

National pet day on the 11th

Earth day on the 22nd

St George's day 23rd

And of course there is Easter. We are looking forward to a little Easter egg hunt. 🐣



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.

Siblings day- 10th April

Based on the traditional Indian festival of Rakshabandhan, which is hundreds of years old. This celebrated day is for the relationships between siblings.

National pet day – 11th April

National pet day was created to celebrate the joy pets bring to our lives and to create awareness of those pets still needing a forever home. The children love animals and talking about pets at home, we would love for you to send us a picture of your pet to share with their peers.

Earth Day – 22nd April

This is a Worldwide event to raise awareness of the environmental issues which face on planet earth. The day is celebrated to support and promotes awareness for the reduction of pollution and how to look after our world.

St George's day – 23rd April

The annual celebration of England's patron saint is celebrated by flying the English flag and taking part in traditional activities such as dancing.

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Stay and Play sessions for April....

Tulips room - Tuesday 23rd April



Lilies room - Thursday 25th April

Please email Manager@monkeypuzzleastwick.co.uk to book in



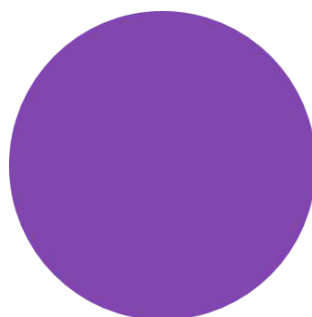
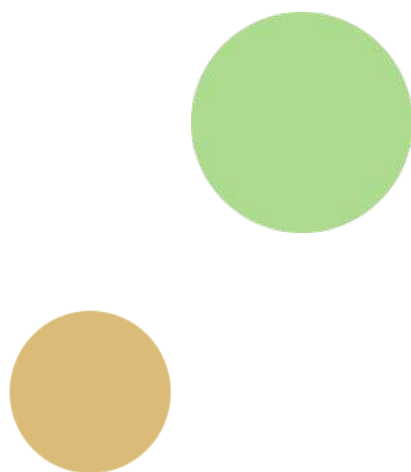
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November 2023

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