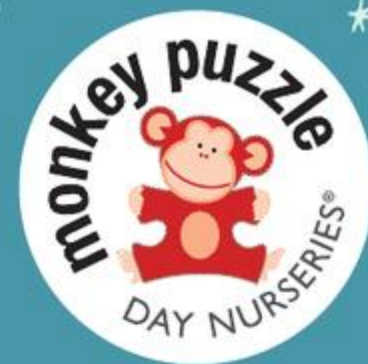


Astwick Newsletter



May 2024

Nursery Updates:

Throughout April:

- We were recognised as one of the top 20 nurseries in the whole of East of England. Thank you for you all lovely feedback on day nurseries!
- The children have enjoyed their stay and play sessions, sharing some activities with you.
- The older rooms have been exploring the life cycle of animals and visiting the lambs in the back fields.
- The younger rooms have been exploring the outdoor environment and managed to watch the digger and tractor at work. As well as visiting the local park for some fun!

Throughout May:

- The UV is starting to creep up meaning we will start the use of sun cream. This year we have decided to use the Asda protect baby sensitive sun lotion, SPF50+ very high. This has received a 5* UVA rating. The rooms have suncream forms for you all to sign. If you wish to use your own, Please can you provide a new suncream by Friday 3rd May so your child doesn't have to miss out on being outside when the UV is 3 or above.
- The rooms will be basing a lot of activities around families and would love for you to share new family photos with them.
- Daisies and Bluebells will be holding a stay and play. Please see the back of newsletter for dates and email manager@monkeypuzzleastwick.co.uk to book your space.
- A reminder that our next inset day is Friday 1st November 2024.

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.



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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 April the Bluebells have enjoyed the lovely weather and going for much longer walks! Going on adventures to the big bridge or even to the fish pond! They have had a big interest this month in drawing so resources have been provided to develop this interest, adding mark making resources and crafting items, including large scale painting. They loved rolling the tyre through the paint to see what colours it made.

The Bluebells have begun looking at some life cycles of animals and spring activities. The children enjoyed looking at The Hungry Caterpillar story and helping put it back into the correct sequence. They have been using their fine motor skills to transfer the bees from one area to another using the tweezers. They have been looking at different flowers and making some beautiful spring pictures using natural resources that we have collected on our walks.

As we approach warmer weathers we will start to look at growth and begin to grow some plants and vegetables with the children too. Please do let us know if you are growing anything at home too! We are also on the look out for tadpoles for the children to observe the life cycle in the room.

We say a sad goodbye to Michela in April but wish her all the best!!

Love The Bluebells Team

(2-3 years)

Lilies

This month in Lilies we have really enjoyed exploring activities such as St George's day - where we made flags and even made the flag out of red and white play dough too.

During national pet day, we made a pet out of different materials and added pipe cleaners onto it, giving our cat whiskers. We also looked at different photos of pets you can have too and some of our own pets.

For world party day, some of Lilies had a picnic in the field whilst the others danced and played games, as well as making our own sandwiches.

During world art day we became our own Picasso's and painted lots of pictures, also taking part in different arts and crafts.

For Earth day we made pictures of butterflies and looked for nature on our walks. We spoke about the world we live in!

Next month's celebrations will include, star wars day to some of your delights. International day of families, please can you all send in a photo of your family. There is world turtle day, if you could please collect milk carton lids for us to make a giant turtle!

Also throughout May is world bee day and scavenger hunt day, we look forward to sharing this all with you.



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(15 months - 2 years)

Daisies

This month the Daisies room have been able to explore our outdoor environment's a lot more, whilst also getting creative whilst out and about.

The older children are getting so good at using our walking line when walking to the field. They all hold on to the line and follow the practitioners as we take a slow, steady walk to the field across from us. In the field we have explored arts and crafts: such as creating our own earth using grass and sticking this onto paper. This was for earth day. We have also changed our obstacle course around so it has a different course each time we visit. The children have enjoyed chasing the bubbles in the wind to pop them and also finding some of them landing in the grass. We have been lucky enough to watch the digger and tractor too whilst they have created the new car park. The children loved seeing them in action, moving the mud around and tipping it into the back of the tractor's truck. Whilst out we have also spotted lots of different birds and even heard the bird of prey (red kite) calling as it swooped down to get its prey in the big end of the field.

A big favourite in Daisies this month has been body painting. The children have used their hands, feet and different tools to create their own masterpieces. For national heritage day, the children used their hands to create the different flags for the countries that our families at monkey puzzle are from. We then added them to a tree for our room family tree.

We are looking forward to all the celebrations in May, more time outside and our room stay and play!



(3 - 15 months)

Tulips

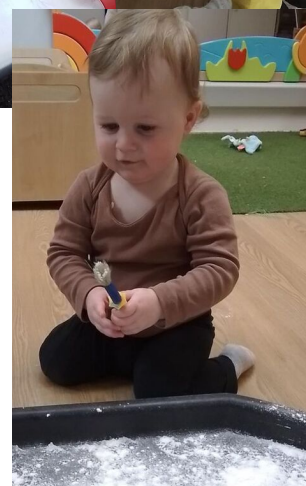
We have had a great month in Tulips throughout April. We have enjoyed a lot of time outside on walks and in the garden. We have loved visiting the park and having a go on the swings and slide. We have been exploring our surroundings and enjoyed playing with natural resources such as grass, leaves and sticks.

We enjoyed exploring our bear hunt tuff tray which consisted of many different textures. We also enjoyed a lot of craft activities where we made rainbows and talked about the different colours we could see.

We have made leaf prints using sponges too which the children found great fun. And to extend our fine motor skills, we have been using different resources for mark making such as rollers, stamps, brushes and our hands.

We have been busy exploring gloop, foam and playdough. within these we used different tools to create different shapes. To go alongside this we have been exploring shapes and talked about what shapes we used. In extension of this we have been exploring puzzles and shape sorters.

For St George's day we decorated flags using dabbers. We are looking forward to next month. Lots more fun waiting for us.



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.

May Day– 1st May

A spring festival traditionally celebrated across Europe by maypole dancing and the crowning of a mayday queen.

Sun awareness week – 6th - 12th May

Organised by the british association of dermatologists, to raise awareness of the dangers of excessive sun exposure and how to avoid sunburn. We will be teaching the children the importance of sunscreen, hats, staying hydrated and listening to the grown ups when asked to go in the shade.

Screen free week – 6th - 12th May

An annual event to encourage us to unplug from digital entertainment and spend all that free time playing, reading, exploring and connecting with family and friends. We would love to see some photos of what you and your child/children get up to at home when not using screen time eg: crafts or walks

International nurses day – 12th May

A day to celebrate our amazing nurses and all they do for us. They play such an important role in all our lives and we would like to thank all our parents who are Nurses. If you have a photo of you in your uniform you can share with us for the children that would be great!

International day of families – 15th May

A day designed to celebrate and appreciate our families. The children will be sharing their family photos with their peers and talking about why they love their family.

World bee day – 20th May

As we are starting to see more bees whilst outside on our adventures, we will be using world bee day to explain to the children the purpose of bees and how we can care for them.

important!

Stay and Play sessions for April....

Daisies room - Wednesday 29th May



Bluebells room - Friday 24th May

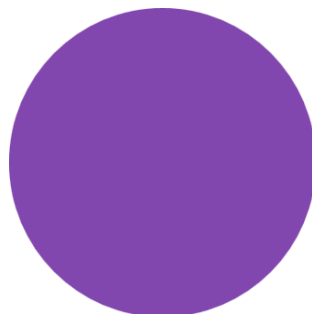
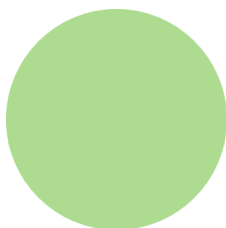


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