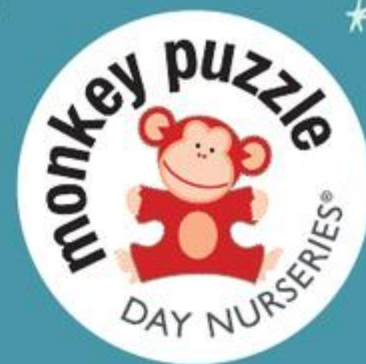


Astwick Newsletter



August 2024

Nursery Updates:

Throughout July:

- The children embraced the outdoors with The Wildlife Trusts' 30 Days Wild challenge! We had lots of fun taking part in the daily challenges.
- The children learnt about the Euro's and took part in some football themed activities.
- Thank you to everyone who took part in our reading challenge! You all done amazingly ☑ I hope you had lots of fun whilst participating!
- We have enjoyed ice lollies and water activities to keep us cool as the weather got slightly warmer
- We had a beautiful graduation for our preschool leavers and we wish them all the best of luck on their next adventure ... ☑☑

Throughout August:

- We will be focusing on Zoo animals and learning about their environments following all the national animal days this month
- We say goodbye to the last few children going off to school this September ☑
- Lilies will be arranging for some cats and a dog to come and see them alongside this months celebrations!
- Daisies will be creating their own houses out of junk modelling and welcome any donated recycling pieces.

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.




2024
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CONGRATS!

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 July the Bluebells have been enjoying lots of outdoor activities and spending time at the forest area.

The children have taken part in lots of activities around school and exploring some school uniform in the home corner, recognising some of the schools they are going to, along with pretending they are at school, taking it in turns to role play being the teacher.

The children loved bringing in their own teddy and taking them on a little teddy bears picnic in the forest!

Along with celebrating the Euros and learning about the Olympics. They all took part in a mini Bluebells Olympics, practising their different skills - balancing being gymnastics, doing a long throw and a big game of tug of war! Everyone received a mini badge for taking part!

Along with these we have been exploring activities around tennis and Wimbledon, playing our own games of tennis and making tennis rackets.

A big thank you to all that attended our 2024 leavers graduation. We wish all the children the best when they leave us to go to school!!

Love Bluebells Team



(2-3 years)

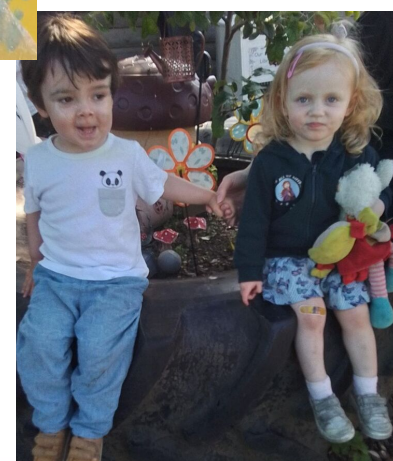
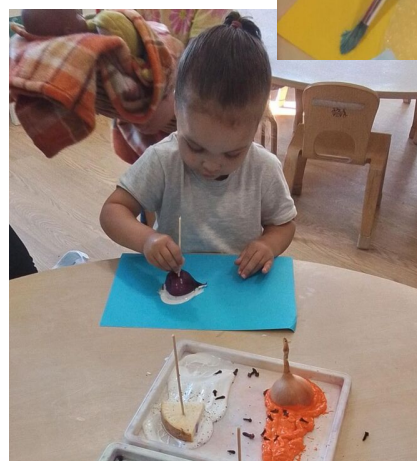
Lilies

Lilies have had a busy July. They have had so much fun exploring various different activities around the celebrations throughout the month.

We enjoyed celebrating Canada day, as we made Canadian flags using leaves we found on our walks. As well as painting with red and white paint too and even Canadian inspired play dough also. Wimbledon also commenced during July and Lilies took to the field and played our own game of tennis, practicing our hand eye coordination and tried hitting the ball. Lilies made their own American flags to celebrate American independence day. They enjoyed shark inspired tuff tray and ocean themed too. We spoke about sharks and how to look after our seas. The Olympics also started during July and Lilies have been practicing their running and having sack races in the field. We enjoyed a jungle themed tuff tray, black and orange play dough and a story sack of the tiger who came to tea for Global tiger day too!

During August there are lots of celebrations we are ready to explore and these include, continued activities around the Olympics, international owl awareness day Lilies where we will be bird watching on our walks. Sea serpent day and international cat day, rice pudding day, lion day, elephant day, left handers day, world lizard day, international orangutan day, world photo day, international bat day, international dog day and others too.

Please send over photos of your cats and dogs for these days! (And of course if you have a pet lizard too) We have got so many amazing activities planned during the month of August and we look forward to sharing these with you.



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Under Two's

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(15 months - 2 years)

Daisies

This month the Daisies have been exploring all the different bugs in the field from ladybirds and snails to butterfly's and birds. They were so excited to help take the little ladybird over to Lilies rooms mini pond. Following on from the nature we found outside, we created tuff trays inside to match it. The children got stuck in with a frog tuff tray and even created some pictures from the different plants we picked.

We have enjoyed celebrating the Euro's and getting involved with different football activities. The Daisies also have great football skills!

Throughout our last sessions of signing and Jo jingles before half term, the children had lots of fun interacting with the parachute and Jo as well as the teddys and signing Sam. A big favourite was the monkeys jumping on the bed where they then used the parachute to fling the toy monkey into the air!

As always we love getting messy and this month we decided to do some floor painting. The children took off their shoes and socks to sit around a big white sheet of paper and get creative! We had a variety of tools from paintbrushes to rollers and some of them even used their hands and feet!

We look forward to next month where there are lots of animals celebrations ... our favourite!! For this we will be looking at dogs and cats closely. If you have a pet at home, please can you send in a photo so we can use this in our activities.



(3 - 15 months)

Tulips

We had a lovely time in Tulips this month.

The children have spent quite some time outdoors, In the garden and going for walks.

They have enjoyed exploring natural resources and exploring their surroundings. Of course they loved visiting the park where they got to have a go on the swings.

Tulips have been practicing their fine motor skills by using different resources for mark making. They have also been exploring how to hold and use the different tools. They used rollers, stamps, sponges, animals and kitchen utensils. Each of them managed to use each tool with a little support from our practitioners.

Tulips love getting messy, Some of their favourite textures are foam, playdough, gloop and home made mud. They prefer using their hands but they also had cutters, rollers and pots to use too.

We all had a lovely time at the stay and play. Spending time with some of our parents.

We look forward to exploring next months celebrations which contain a lot of animal themed celebrations.. Tulips love their animals!



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!



International owl awareness day - 4th August

This day aims to celebrate one of the most iconic bird species and raise awareness to their plight in the wild and how to protect them. We will be creating things in the room to help share awareness with the children on what we can do to help protect the owls.

World Lion day - 10th August

Founded by Big Cat Rescue to highlight the importance of the lion globally and to raise lion conservation awareness worldwide. The children love zoo animals and we cant wait for the fun activities ahead.

National tell a joke day - 16th August

This fun special day is intended to cheer people up, so tell someone a joke and make them smile!
Lets hear your best jokes ...

Cupcake day - 17th August

A day to celebrate the creation of cupcakes and how many flavours there are to try now. The children will be taking part in cupcake themed activities and some baking

World elephant day - 12th August

A day to bring attention to the urgent plight of Asian and African elephants. World Elephant Day asks you to experience elephants in non-exploitive and sustainable environments where elephants can thrive under care and protection.

International dog day - 26th August

AA day to celebrate man's best friend. The day intends to highlight the condition of dogs and to encourage the adoption of dogs from shelters.

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.

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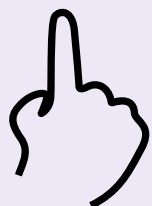
Stay and Play sessions for August... 230pm-330pm

Daisies room - Friday 16th August



Bluebells room - Tuesday 13th August

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



your space



HM Government

Help for Households

From April, government childcare support is expanding.

Don't miss out, register for updates at childcarechoices.gov.uk

Childcare Choices

Thousands of 2-year-olds in England accessed 15 hours childcare from April. This is the first phase of the childcare support expansion.

This offer is expanding to eligible working parents of children aged 9 months old.

Apply for your childcare code by 31 August to start a place in September.

Visit the Childcare Choices website to check what support you might be eligible for

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk



HM Government

Get help to juggle work and life

Government support for childcare costs for working parents

15 hours childcare for children aged from 9 months starting in September

Government childcare support

From September 2024, eligible working parents in England with children aged 9 months and older will be able to get 15 hours childcare per week.

This means you could access 15 hours childcare over 38 weeks a year for children from 9 months until they turn 3 years of age.

Don't forget the existing offers for 3 and 4 year olds, helping even more families to save money on their childcare costs.

You may be able to get this expanded 15 hours childcare if:

- ✓ You have a child aged between 9 months and 3 years of age.
- ✓ You live in England.
- ✓ You and your partner (if you have one) each earn at least the equivalent of 16 hours a week at the National Minimum Wage or Living Wage on average, but no more than £420,000 per year.

How to get your code

- 1 Visit the Childcare Choices website. Check your eligibility online.
- 2 Speak to your provider. Check that they can offer your child a place and check what their arrangements are.
- 3 Apply for your code online. You will find the link on the Childcare Choices website. You'll need your National Insurance number (or unique taxpayer reference if you are self-employed), the date you started or are due to start work, details of any government support or benefits you receive, and the UK birth certificate reference number (if you have one) for your child.

1 Give your code to your provider. You may find out if you're eligible straight away, but it can take up to 7 days for your code to come through.

5 Reconfirm your details on your Childcare Account every 3 months.

Scan for more information

Childcare Choices

Did you know you can use 15 hours childcare alongside Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare?

If you are an eligible working parent with a child who is or turns at least 9 months old on or before 31 August, you can now apply for 15 hours childcare to start in September.

Remember to check your details on your gov.uk account are up to date every 3 months.



UK Government

Help for Households

Looking for support with childcare costs?

Get help that fits your family

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Childcare Choices

Thank you



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