



Our Nursery Newsletter

Spring 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter. This term has been an extremely busy time at the nursery. You can see some of the lovely activities that the children have been involved in on the class face book pages. The children and staff enjoyed celebrating world book day and having the dentist to visit! It is a staggering thought, but in Primary Schools across the UK around eight or nine children in every class will have already developed tooth decay. That's approaching a quarter of a million children in each primary school year and around 3.3 million young people aged 0-14 years. We have an important role to play in educating young people about healthy lifestyles, including their oral care; we hope the dentist visit should hopefully make a difference.

oral_hygiene_matters on Facebook and Instagram.



[Barbies Coastal Explorers](#)

Next term we will be re-introducing our coastal explorer sessions for our school leavers. The coastal sessions will make use of local natural space's as part of our outdoor learning experiences supporting the Nursery curriculum, particularly focusing on exploring the world in which we live, our local community, taking care of the environment, developing language, early mathematics and arts. The sessions have a strong emphasis on raising all children's self-esteem and confidence; children can make connections in their learning and come to understand how we look after ourselves, each other and any place where we play. These sessions will be held once a week for each class (Yellow, Forest and Red class). Children will visit our local coastland in small groups.

[Barbies Maurice Minors @ Maurice House Royal British Legion](#)

Maurice House in Broadstairs is part of our intergenerational project. We have developed a lovely relationship with the residents. Our school leavers have been visiting Maurice House in small groups. They engage in different types of activities with the residents such as yoga, Lego, small world play, nature walks, fun and fitness ball activities, music and singing and baking.

The outcomes for the children have been very positive with improvements in language development, greater self-esteem and confidence, development of empathy, wellbeing, and supporting children with anxiety.

The focus on intergenerational project is also for the benefit of the residents, such as tackling loneliness and isolation to improving health, care and quality of life. By playing and reading with children, the elderly are less likely to suffer loneliness.



Thank you we raised £50 for Comic Relief.



Term 4

Term 4 will finish on Tuesday 26^h March for our funded children. If you would like to book a space in our holiday club then please contact the reception as limited spaces are available.

Term 5

Will resume on the 15^h April and finishes on the 24th May, for funded children. Once again if you wish to book in to our May Half term holiday club please let us know as soon as possible.

SENCo

Connie is our setting SENCo. If you would like to discuss your child or have any concerns around their development or you may just want to talk about any difficulties you are experiencing at home with your child then please feel free to speak to Connie.

Useful websites -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

the pod

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/childrens-therapies-the-pod/>

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/windmill-community-gardens-margate>

<https://www.facebook.com/ThanetChildrensCentres>



Training

Cathy, Georgina, Kathryn and Kitty completed paediatric first aid training.

Staffing

We will be saying goodbye to Lily whom has recently finished her apprenticeship with us and is now fully qualified, what a great achievement! Lily is going on an adventure to Greece working in a children's club. Aysel is continuing her studies and moving in to a primary school, working towards her teacher status. We wish them both the very best for their future careers.

Unique stories, parent consultations and 2 year checks

Your child's key person will complete the second developmental assessment of the year or 2 year check for your child, ready to share with you at their 'Unique Story' parent consultation. Meetings have been taking place throughout this term. These consultations give parents and carers the opportunity to speak to their child's Key person on how they are progressing. The information that you provide during the 'My Unique Story' is invaluable to your child's overall learning and development.

Primary school admissions

School Places allocated Tuesday 16th April

Events to look forward to in our summer term

School leavers Wingham Wildlife Park trip

Sport days

Barbies opened in 1984; we are celebrating 40 years of Barbies Playschool and Selwyn House Nursery!! Join our group- link below

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1162034861632359/permalink/1162069278295584/>

Term dates 2023-2024 can be found on our website

<http://www.barbiesplayschool.co.uk/>.

2024-2025 to be released soon.

Reminder -Summer Holidays

The nursery will close on 26th July and re open on the 12th August.

Lunch times

We are always trying to encourage healthy eating at Nursery. If your child stays for lunch we would be grateful for your support by providing your child with a healthy lunch box. Please refrain from giving any products containing nuts as we do have children with nut allergies within the nursery. Please note we can only provide hot lunches provided by parents for our baby and toddler class. Once your child attends Green Class or any other class they can only bring in a lunch that does not need heating. You are welcome to bring in a thermos/insulated hot food lunch box for your child.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Payment of nursery fees.

Can we remind parents/carers all Nursery fees are to be paid on a monthly basis (on the 1st of the month) in advance. Failure to keep your account up to date could result in your child's place being suspended.

If your child is eligible for the 30 hours funding or free for two working families please ensure that codes have been applied for and submitted to the nursery before 26th March 2024. To be eligible for the summer term.

As of September 2024 eligible parents can claim 15 hours free childcare form 9months old, term time only.

For more information on funding please visit



<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Pick up/drop off times

Please be mindful of your child's drop off and pick up times. We have to follow staff ratios and we account for the number of children to the number of staff for sessions. If your child is too early or late being collected for a session it can be disruptive to our routine. Thank you for your cooperation.

Car Parking

We would like to remind all parents when bringing their children by car to please be considerate when dropping off and picking up your child up from nursery. Do not park on pavements, park over driveways/dropped kerbs or on the white lines, corners - doing so can make it very dangerous for pedestrians and other road users. Please do not park in Selwyn Court (the big white building next to the nursery) as this is private property, Thank you.

Please can we remind you not to leave a child alone in any vehicle. There is no specific law against this. However, it is an offence to leave your child alone if it places them at risk.



Happy Easter