

Parents Newsletter

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Staff Changes:

Dolly, Sharon, Esther and Shobana have furthered their career elsewhere; we wish them the very best of luck. However, we would like to congratulate Sonia Gill, our Nursery Manager and Jenny, our Deputy Manager, on their new positions. Shereen is now our senior Preschool Room Leader and Surina is our new Room Leader for the baby room.

We would like to welcome back Sonia Badesha, who will be rejoining us in Preschool. Additionally, Sonia Gill and Jenny's office is now located behind our reception area. Luke, our Finance Manager's office, is now located by our buggy area.

Toilet Training

Toilet training is a very important part of a child's development. **If parents/carers would like any support, advice or leaflets regarding toilet training, please feel free to speak to your child's key worker.** For children who are currently undergoing toilet training, we would like to ask parents/carers to provide your children with clothing easy for your child to pull up and down i.e. jogging bottoms or leggings. This will encourage your child to become independent when using the toilet. We would also like to remind you to **pack a sufficient amount of clothing** for your child, in case they have any wet/soil accidents.



Parent's Group

At GNG Nursery, we recognise the importance of working in partnership with parents to support their child's learning and development. We currently have a "Parent's group" where staff and parents have meetings to discuss any changes, parental views, and how and what GNG Nursery can do to support your family. **If you would like to be a member of our Parent's Group, please contact a member of the management team for more information.**

Upcoming Events:

GNG Nursery will be holding a **Valentine's Workshop** for all of our children and parents/carers. The workshop will be held on **Friday 17th February; between 5-6pm.** Attending these workshops provides parents/carers with the chance to get creatively involved in their child's life at nursery. **Please sign up at reception.**



On Tuesday 14th February, we are holding a **Princess and Pirates Day.** we are asking all parents to dress their child in either a princess or pirate costume. This is to raise money for the Crackerjack Children's Trust. We are asking for a **£1 donation,** but if you would like to contribute more, this would be great.



Incident/Accident Forms

We have now introduced the Existing Injury Form. This form can be completed at home and returned on the first day that your child is in. The details required are primarily based on how your child's injury occurred and what treatment was provided, if necessary. This has been introduced as a way to save parents/carers time in the morning or afternoon when you drop off your child.

It is important that a member of staff is aware of all of your child's accidents in case the injury seeks further attention. We would like to remind all parents to provide a detailed account when completing these forms. Your statements should be clear and no gaps should be left. These principles also apply to our "Bump to the Head" Form.

The Existing Injury form is available from the reception area.

Dates for your Diary: February

14th February - Valentine's Day

14th February - Princess and Pirates Day (Dress Up)

17th February - Valentine's Workshop

WB: 20th February - Half Term (The nursery is closed for funded children)

28th February - Pancake Day

Reminders!

Sickness

If your child has a high temperature, we will call you to collect your child as soon as possible. If your child's temperature continues to rise and they have not been collected within a period of time, we will call an ambulance or 111 for assistance. Please note that you must inform us if your child has been unwell so we can ensure they receive the best suited care.

eyLog

We enjoy watching and seeing your children's video and picture observations; please keep sending them! Newsletters are available to parents on eyLog (when accessed via computer - Resources tab). You can also see our newsletters on Facebook, Twitter and the Nursery website.



Late Fees

We would like to remind all parents that a late fee is applied at a charge of £1 a minute if you are late collecting your child after the agreed time.



Mobile phones

Please remember that **mobile phones are NOT ALLOWED** to be used past the point of reception. If you are seen using your mobile phone past this point, you will be asked to leave. This is for the safety of our children.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Blossom & Rainbow Room Monthly Overview



The babies have enjoyed participating in the fantasy theme this month. Role play, such as playing in a pretend igloo, has been a big part of this. The babies enjoyed crawling into the tunnel and sitting inside of the igloo. Music is always a favourite amongst the babies. Their favourite song at the moment is the "sleeping bunnies". They have been taught the actions and dance moves to various songs. The babies have also learnt about the Chinese New Year. They have decorated dragons and roosters using glue, paints and other materials. Additionally, the babies have been fascinated by bubbles. They love watching and them popping them. The babies have also enjoyed caring for baby dolls and teddy bears. They had great fun at their teddy bears picnic.



Sunrise Room Monthly Overview



This month has been very busy for the Sunrise Children. Focusing on the fantasy theme, they have been listening to stories and singing songs based on their favourite superheroes. Copying the dance moves of their favourite superheroes has been a particular favourite. This has included balancing and jumping around like Spiderman and performing "Let it Go" moves like Anna from Frozen. In the physical soft area, the children created their own prince and princess castles, with magical wands. Furthermore, Sunrise have been exploring and experimenting with ice and snow. We have been preparing for the Chinese New Year. We have different activities planned with the children to celebrate this.



Preschool Room Monthly Overview



The theme for Preschool this month has been fantasy. We have read and participated in activities based upon the "Gruffalo Story" and the "Gruffalo Child". These activities have included: making masks and looking at the features the Gruffalo has. Our other theme was based upon the film "Frozen". Preschool enjoyed singing the songs. We have also learnt about the texture of ice, and constructed an ice painting using different colours. Towards the end of January, Preschool were learning about the Chinese New Year and the Year of the Rooster. The children have been creating dragon and rooster masks.

As the winter season continues, we would like to remind parents of the importance of thorough hand washing. Below is a brief guide detailing the significance of this and a quick step tutorial on how to teach your child how to wash their hands properly.

Help protect your child from infection with good hand washing



Protect your family and those around you

Germs that cause infections such as colds, flu and stomach upsets can get on our hands every time we touch someone or something. Young children are especially vulnerable to these germs while their immune systems are still developing.

You can't stop your child coming into contact with harmful germs, but you can teach them that thorough hand washing at the right times can help reduce the risk of infection.



Establish good hand washing habits from a young age

Even very young children can grasp the importance of good hand washing, and how germs on their hands might make them ill, so talk to them about why we wash our hands.

Here are some ideas to help encourage good hand washing.

- 1. Show them how.** Use the 8-step guide overleaf to teach your child what to do. Continue to supervise their hand washing until they can do it properly on their own.
- 2. Establish a routine.** Remind your child to wash their hands after going to the toilet, before eating and when they come in from playing outside.
- 3. Make it fun.** With younger children, you can play games, e.g. wash your hands together and see who can create the most lather, pretend the soap is a superhero washing all the germs away, or sing a song.
- 4. Be a good role model.** Make sure you wash your own hands properly at the right times. Children learn by copying you.

Hand washing should take at least 20 seconds – or as long as it takes to sing 'Twinkle, twinkle little star'. Why not choose your own handwashing song.

Remember the most important times to wash hands

Your child should always wash their hands:

- Before eating or helping to prepare food
- After using the toilet or potty
- After coughing, sneezing or blowing their nose
- After touching animals (including family pets)
- After touching something dirty (e.g. a rubbish bin, used tissue or nappy)
- After playing outside.

Good hand washing is particularly important if your child sucks their fingers or thumb.

Working together to promote good hygiene



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Teach your child how to wash their hands properly



1 Wet hands with warm water.



2 Apply a small amount of liquid soap.



3 Rub palms together (away from the water).



4 Rub fingers and thumbs, and the bits between.



5 Rub nails on palms.



6 Rub the back of each hand.



7 Rinse with clean, running water.



8 Dry thoroughly with a clean, dry towel.