

Banbury School Day Nursery Newsletter

4th November 2022



DATES OF NURSERY CLOSURE IN 2022

We are closed:

16th December 2022 - Last day of term before Christmas, we will close at 5.30pm

Nursery will re-open Tuesday 3rd January 2023

The next parents' evening has been scheduled for 23rd February 2023 at 7:00pm.

Appointments will be able to be booked closer to the date in the new year.

School applications

A reminder to our preschool parents whose children will be going to school in September 2023 - *if your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 (inclusive)* - that primary school applications are now open. We encourage you to get your choices registered as soon as possible and before the deadline to stand the best chance of getting your first choice school.

The deadline/last day for applications is **15 January 2023**.

To make your application online, please visit this website:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications/make-application>.

Theme bases for the next fortnight

In the Star room, as it is fireworks night on Saturday the baby room is going to become very colourful over the next fortnight. They are going to be exploring colour using lots of light up bricks, balls and tubes. For their craft and sensory activities they will be exploring

coloured jelly, rice and adding a rainbow of colours to the much loved crazy foam. They are also going to be allowing lots of opportunities to have a go at finger painting and for the older babies they will try painting with different large brushes.

In the Moon room, their theme for the next 2 weeks is Teddy Bears and Colours, they will be sorting and mixing colours and doing colour water painting outside. They will also be having a teddy bears picnic and using props to re-enact the story of the Bear Hunt and using Bear Hunt sensory jars.

They will also be learning the song 'Teddy Bear Teddy Bear':

'Teddy Bear Teddy Bear' turn around,

'Teddy Bear Teddy Bear' touch the ground,

'Teddy Bear Teddy Bear' jump up high,

'Teddy Bear Teddy Bear' touch the sky,

'Teddy Bear Teddy Bear' bend down low,

'Teddy Bear Teddy Bear' touch your toes,

'Teddy Bear Teddy Bear' turn out the light,

'Teddy Bear Teddy Bear' say good night.

In the Sun room, the children were again asked what they would like to learn about for the next two weeks and this time the most popular choice was Dinosaurs. This will also link into the prehistoric world and allow for exploration of exploding volcanoes in science activities as well as 'fossil hunting' where they will be using tools to smash ice and rescue/find a dinosaur. They will develop their physical skills by demonstrating how dinosaurs move and there are lots of dinosaur themed reading books for story time.

This Christmas, help deliver a smile to a child with cancer, like Imogen

<https://mailchi.mp/cancersupportuk.org/what-will-you-choose-to-fill-a-kit>

We are very fortunate to know Imogen and have looked after and cared for her when she came to nursery and we have also looked after her brother and sister.

Please read the link above for Imogen's story of how Cancer Support UK are supporting children with cancer and bringing a smile to their face for Christmas with a Kids Kit. On the link above you can fill a kit partially, donating one or two items or generously filling a whole kit.

Nursery will be buying 2 full kits from the nursery children to support children like Imogen and others living with and receiving treatment for childhood cancer.

Early Years Pupil Premium



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Ask a staff member for more details

Did you know that when your child is 3 your childcare provider may be able to claim extra funding to support your child?

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Additional funding for your child

Your childcare provider may be able to claim over £340 to spend on enriching your 3 or 4 year old's learning.

How could this help my child?

Providers will use the money in ways they think will support your child's learning and development. This should be informed by a shared understanding of your child's needs and interests.

The money could help your child to:

- Benefit from extra resources or support suited to their needs
- Enjoy a range of new play, learning and activity experiences
- Be prepared for starting school

Do I qualify?

If you receive one of the following benefits, your childcare provider may be entitled to claim funding for your child:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, which is paid for 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – household income must be less than £7,400 a year after tax not including any benefits you get

Or if your child:

- is currently being looked after by a local authority in England or Wales
- has left care in England or Wales through: an adoption order, a special guardianship order or a child arrangements order

What do I do next?

If you think you qualify, talk to your childcare provider today. Once your child enters a school reception class, they will no longer be eligible for the EYPP, but may become eligible for the Pupil Premium.

If you have any questions or think you may be entitled to this additional funding for your child, please speak to Andrea, Aaron or send over an email to nursery.

Banbury Food Bank

Lorraine is very kindly organising a collection for the Banbury Food Bank, if you would like to make a donation please bring your items into nursery at some point over the next couple of weeks and Lorraine will ensure they make it to the food bank. Items they have advised us they are in most need of are as seen on this poster:



COLLECTION POINT

Thank you for your donation. We are currently in most need of:

- LONG LIFE MILK
- LONG LIFE JUICE
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED SOUP
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- RICE PUDDING
- JARS OF PASTA SAUCE

If you would like any information or support, please email info@banbury.foodbank.org.uk or contact Citizens Advice on 0300 330 9037.

Please visit <https://banbury.foodbank.org.uk/> for more information about how to access the food bank if you need to use it, and also when and where you can donate food or volunteer.

If you are able to donate, all of your items will be greatly received and will go to people who are really in need of help, thank you.

We have received some helpful advice and tips from Community Dental Services, where the nursery staff completed their Healthy Smiles training earlier in the year. Please find the suggestions and advice below which may be helpful:



Child's First Dentist Visit

Did you know a child's first dental appointment should be with their first tooth or before their first birthday, then every 6 months unless agreed differently with your dentist.

See how to prepare children for their dental appointments here: <https://youtu.be/VqQKH70HR18>.

Love Food, Hate Waste

The Love Food, Hate Waste website is a great place to find exciting ideas for using those tooth-friendly, leftover fruit and vegetables to reduce your food waste! <https://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/>.

Support for Parents

Visit this website, supported by CDS, to find out support available to parents of young children - from birth to preschool age! [Support for parents from baby to preschool | Oxfordshire County Council](#).

Best Bedtime Practice

What is the best bedtime practice for children? Let @communitydentalservices do story time for you as they read 'Open Wide, What's Inside?': https://youtu.be/qQl5PXbu_EI.