



Maidenhead Nursery School July 2019 Newsletter

What a Year!

We can't believe how quickly this year has flown by and we are now only a couple of weeks away from saying a fond farewell to lots of our children and families. We would like to thank the children for giving us so much enjoyment as we have watched them grow up and flourish as learners during their time with us. They have given us so many memories and lots of laughs along the way! We would also like to thank all of you for supporting the Nursery with such enthusiasm - please do tell your friends and relatives about Maidenhead Nursery School - word of mouth recommendations are always the best! I must also thank the fantastic team for all their hard work over the past year. We are so lucky to have such a committed and motivated team of Early Years professionals who value each and every child who comes through our door.

The Children's Learning

What a busy last few weeks we have had! The children have had so much fun playing with their friends for the last term, enjoying the warm weather and exploring our outdoor environments.

Many of the children have been visiting their new schools and some of the teachers have managed to come and see them at nursery. Although it is really exciting to think about going to 'big school' and meeting your new teacher, some of the children have been talking to



us about some worries they have. For that reason we introduced a lovely story about a boy who worries, called 'Silly Billy' by Anthony Browne. His grandma gives him some worry dolls to tell his worries to and we gave each child a worry doll to take home. We hope they have told you all about them and your child has managed to pass on their worries.



As this is a very busy time of year, we have made a special focus for these last weeks around relaxation and meditation in our group times. We have been listening to calming music and followed the instructions on a CD from Relax Kids to help our bodies relax. After a busy morning or afternoon of

learning in the indoor and outdoor environment, the children have cherished the quiet time to give their bodies and minds a moment to relax. We have referred back to one of our favourite stories, 'The Colour Monster', and talked about the calm green monster.

We are very excited because we have heard some chirping coming from our eggs in our incubator. They are due to hatch on Wednesday so we will be able to enjoy our chicks for the last few days. Make sure you come and see them when you drop off at the beginning of the session.





Dates for your diary

Friday 20th July - End of term - All children attend 8.45 - 11.45 am. Children's entertainer here.

Wednesday 4th September- Nursery closed — Inset training day for staff.

Thursday 5th, Friday 6th September and Monday 9th September - Nursery closed - Home Visits for new children joining Maidenhead Nursery School.

Tuesday 10th September - New entrants day (Nursery closed for current children).

Wednesday 11th September - Children return to Nursery.

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November - Nursery closed for half term holiday

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Staff News

Hannah has settled back into her role and has enjoyed getting to know all the children. Many thanks to Rose and Amy who have deputised for her and have done an amazing job. There are just a couple of minor changes in September - Fozia will be leaving her lunch assistant role to become a part time teaching member of staff at Cookham Nursery School. We're sure she'll do a great job and wish her well. Nazia will work every day in lunch club and we are holding interviews this week for someone to work a couple of days and possibly also cover Louise when she starts her maternity leave later in the term. We are also fortunate that Zoe Wright will remain with us in September in her morning Learning Support assistant role. She has been a real asset to the team since she started in April.

There will be no changes to the key people of each group, however there is one change that it will take us (or rather me) a while to get used to. The Grasshopper group will be rebranded as the Dragonfly group.



End of term bits and bobs!

- Please remember to collect all of your child's belongings at the end of term e.g. items of clothing, lunch boxes, sun cream etc.
- All the children who are leaving will be given their learning journeys to take home this week. If your child does not receive his/her's please ask a member of staff. This is such a lovely memento of your child's time at Maidenhead Nursery School.
- If your child remains with us in the autumn term please remember to take their learning journey home and add photos, souvenirs etc. to share with us when they return to Nursery.
- Please remember to pay any outstanding invoices .

Hungry Little Minds



Hungry Little Minds is the new Department for Education campaign that provides practical ideas to assist parents and carers in adopting positive activities and behaviours to boost children's communication, language and literacy development.

Children soak up every little bit of stimulation you can give them. It all goes in. Every single word. See how the new Hungry Little Minds campaign is empowering parents to set their child up nicely for school with fun tips and activities at: <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

Teacher visits

We invited the children's next teachers to meet them in an environment in which they feel comfortable. Most next teachers have been able to attend and it has been wonderful watching the children show them their favourite Nursery activities. It fills us with pride to listen to them talking about their learning whilst showing off their learning stories and journeys. It is amazing how much they remember and how much progress they have all made this year! We hope this helps a smooth transition in September.



Sun safety



We seem to be having some interesting weather currently; one minute it's cloudy and the next it's sunny! Even when it is cloudy please remember your child's sunhat and bring in clearly labelled sun cream if they are staying all day. It is still possible to get sun burn when it is cloudy. When it has been hot and sunny we have been keeping the children in the shade as much as possible, ensuring they drink lots of water, having many opportunities for cool water play and providing ice pops. Let's hope we get some more sunny weather in the school holidays.

Summer holidays

All the staff at Maidenhead Nursery School would like to wish you a happy and sunny summer. Good luck to all the children in their new schools in September. Please call in and see us if you are passing - we love to see how they are progressing and developing.

