



Maidenhead Nursery School July 2021 Newsletter

What an Extraordinary Year!

We can't believe how quickly this year has flown by and we are now only a few days 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 in seeing how they have grown up and flourished 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 over what has been a challenging year. We have really missed having parents and carers drop in and out of Nursery at the start and end of session times. We are sure it has also been difficult for you watching them walk or run down the playground and disappear through the mysterious red doors! 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. I am so lucky to have such a committed and motivated team of Early Years professionals who value each and every child who attend here and work with the children's interests to progress their learning. If your child is leaving we hope that you have enjoyed reading their report and please do share it with them as they love hearing how wonderful they are and what they have achieved!

All the staff at Maidenhead Nursery School would like to wish you a happy and sunny summer. We would also like to wish all the children the best of luck 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.

For families staying with us next year we will be in touch early September re arrangements for drop off and pick up time when we have revisited our risk assessment in accordance with government guidelines.





Dates for your diary

Friday 16th July - End of term - Sessions times as usual.

Wednesday 1st September- Nursery closed – Inset training day for staff.

Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd, Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th September - Nursery closed - Nursery Visits for new children joining Maidenhead Nursery School.

Wednesday 8th September - Children return to Nursery.

Friday 22nd October - Nursery closed – Inset training day for staff.

Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October - Nursery closed for half term holiday

Monday 1st November - Nursery reopens

End of term bits and bobs!

We do endeavour to get all the children's bit and pieces together at the end of each session and we know how frustrating it can be if things get missed but keeping a calm atmosphere and ensuring the children's safety at collection time is our main priority. On the last day of term please check before leaving that you have:

- All of your child's belongings e.g. items of clothing, lunch boxes, sun cream etc.
- All the children, who are leaving, should have been 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 .

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 folders. 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.

Attachment Aware Schools Award

We are delighted to share that our Federation of Nursery Schools has been awarded the Attachment Aware Schools Award. Throughout the year staff training has focused on how young children's brains develop, how different experiences can affect this and how children's behaviour is a form of communication. We are more curious about why children's behaviour presents in certain ways and look under the iceberg to develop strategies to assist the underlying cause rather than react to the outward presentation. The staff team feel that they have learned greatly from this training and those parents amongst us wish we had known some of this information when our children were young. We have therefore developed a summary leaflet for parents which we have attached to this newsletter and we hope you find it helpful.



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