



Maidenhead Nursery School July 2024 Newsletter

A Fabulous 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 the year.

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. 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 the children are progressing and developing.

For families staying with us next year we look forward to welcoming you all back after your summer break.

Please do tell your friends and relatives about Maidenhead Nursery School - word of mouth recommendations are always the best!

Our Recent Ofsted Report

We are immensely proud that the inspectors who visited Maidenhead Nursery School on 21st May 2024 agreed that we had maintained our Outstanding judgement.

It was an intense day with many meetings and discussions with the inspectors but most of the day was spent with the team listening to their interactions and observing the learning that takes place in the Nursery classroom.

The feedback at the end of the day was overwhelmingly positive and although the report is wonderful, it has a limited word count so can only capture certain elements. I wrote 8 pages of notes in the final feedback which highlighted how brilliant the staff team are at Maidenhead Nursery School and how hard they work every day so that the children achieve the best possible outcomes. I know they are all AMAZING and am delighted that the inspectors were able to celebrate their brilliance too.

Thank you to our parent community for your kindness and continued support throughout this year.

Our report is available to read by clicking this link.

[Ofsted report on website](#)

Sarah Cottle, Executive Head Teacher



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 24th July - End of term - Nursery closes for the summer at 11.45am. No lunch club session today.

Tuesday 3rd September —INSET day.

Wednesday 4th September, Thursday 5th September and Friday 6th September- **Nursery closed - for home visits for new children**

Monday 9th September—Nursery Visits for new children joining Maidenhead Nursery School.

Tuesday 10th September - Term begins for children (staggered start dates for new children)

Nursery garden at pick up time

Please supervise your children after school as you leave through the nursery garden. Unfortunately, recently, some older siblings and children have been left unattended and have even opened sheds and taken out equipment, leaving it in a terrible mess. If the nursery has already been tidied away it is frustrating to have to do it all over again.

Our Learning



Throughout the year our children have been working towards our curriculum goal, 'Care for our plants and animals'. We want our children to notice, value and care for the natural world around them, developing a deep respect for nature.

This week we explored the allotments next to the nursery. The nursery adults created a simple route for us to follow so we could see a variety of things on our walk. As we walked we noticed and discussed what we could see, asking questions to find out more information. We saw a giant compost heap and learnt that the compost will help the plants grow. We talked

about growth as well as decay and saw things decomposing like we see in our wormery. We saw a wide range of fruit and vegetables growing; peas, beans, beetroot, tomatoes, strawberries, red currants, potatoes and were very excited to see some plants that were taller than us, growing corn on the cob.

We spotted a special house made of glass and found out it is called a green house. The glass keeps the heat in so the plants don't get too cold.

We met some of the allotment owners and asked them questions about what they were growing.

