



Sherwood Green Nursery

Welcome our Sherwood Green Day Nursery Newsletter for May/June

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

As always, a very big welcome to all our new families who have joined Sherwood Green Nursery this month. We are all looking forward to getting to know you better as we learn more about you and your children. The children have had a very busy month here at Sherwood Green Nursery. As spring is in the air and we will be able to enjoy some lovely weather. There will be a lot of outdoor play and also we will be teaching our nursery children how to plant vegetables and fresh herbs. We will be celebrating lots of exciting events.

We are looking forward to another exciting and fun-filled month with lots of lovely activities planned for the children. To find out more, please read on...

Picture of the month



COUNTRY OF THE MONTH IN MAY - ZIMBABWE

Throughout May we will be celebrating Zimbabwe as our Country of the Month.



This month we are going to learn about the small, landlocked African country of Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe has borders with South Africa, Botswana, Zambia and Mozambique. Hopefully, the children can learn the traditional greetings and signs of respect by clapping hands. They will also get the chance to listen to some traditional Zimbabwean music, which involves instruments like drums and marimbas. We're sure the children will love to learn about all the animals that can be found in Zimbabwe too.



COUNTRY OF THE MONTH IN JUNE - MEXICO



In June we will learn about Mexico, officially the United Mexican States, is a country in the southern portion of North America. Mexico is bordered to the north by the United States. Hopefully, the children can learn the Mexican Hat Dance and taste traditional Mexican food ,

Sun Cream and Hats



With the warmer months ahead, please can you ensure you pack appropriate clothing for you child, such as hats, as well as sun cream for those extra hot days. We would recommend that you provide a sun cream which is 'Factor 50' and at least a 4-Star UVA Rating. The sun cream can also be kept at the nursery during the Spring/Summer Months.

Easter Fun and Festive Bonnets



The children have enjoyed celebrating Easter and taking part in the Easter Bonnet Parade. There were some lovely entries this year from all the rooms, which made it hard to pick winners.

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who took part in the competition

this year. The children have enjoyed decorating their own bonnets and exploring the garden in search of hidden eggs.

Our Summer 2021 Menu

With the warmer months ahead, we are delighted to introduce our new summer menu for children which will be send via blossom. We have taken all the suggestions that were made on board and have implemented these to create a nutritious and diverse menu!

We believe that a healthy nutritious diet is vitally important for growing minds and bodies that's why our kitchen staff take great pride in preparing nutritious food every day.



Eid Celebrations: Thursday 13th May

Eid al-Fitr, also called the 'Festival of Breaking the Fast', is a religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of the Fast.

As the end of Ramadan will be celebrated on the 12th and 13th of May, we will be sharing the celebrations of Eid with our families by learning about the special food that is eaten, decorations used and the traditions that are followed.

If any of our families would like to share their recipes, celebrations and decorations with us, we would love to hear from you!





Library

We have a collection of books placed in the entrance, which you can choose from with your child and take it home to read with your little one. This will develop their language and speech and also encouraging them to turn take and share their books. You can take different book each week and return and swap it for a different book.

Extra curriculum

We currently have Robot Reg Classes taking place every Tuesday at 1.30 for 45 minutes – please speak to management team if you like your child to take part in. The price for each class session is £2.50.



Phonics Robot Reg Classes with Amanda

Provide fun, high energy classes which open a world of Literacy to children and teach early phonics skills. Classes are available for children aged 3-5 years. A Phonics with Robot Reg Class is fun, varied and educational and the best part is that children don't even realise that they are learning. Parents describe the classes as "awesome". Each class includes games and activities that teach sound recognition, alliteration and oral blending and segmenting the necessary foundations for reading and writing. This high energy class also includes activities to improve gross and fine motor skills which support a child's handwriting.

Summer Parent's Evening

Please remember to book a 10 minute time slot in June 2021
with your child's key person for the following dates.

14th/16th/18th June – Butterflies and Ladybirds (Toddlers)
21st /23rd /25th June – Busy Bees and Dragonflies (Preschool)

Opening of our New Dragonflies Room (Preschool)

We are pleased to announce that we have launched our brand new additional pre-school room called "Dragonflies". We have equipped it with brand new resources in line with the curiosity approach to provide the best learning opportunities for our pre-schoolers.



The Curiosity Approach at Sherwood Green Nursery

We've been working to adapt our rooms at the nursery as we work towards our Curiosity Approach Accreditation, focusing on the development of the whole child with extra care on their heart and mind.

Through the love of learning and a sense of belonging, where children are respected and nurtured as unique individuals at our nursery, we're aiming to create an environment for curious minds, with pockets of magic, awe and wonder at every turn.

With the use of authentic resources and recycled materials, we'll respect the children's play and allow them to handle ceramics and breakables, which shows the children that we value them as capable and confident learners, which will help to inspire the "thinkers and doers of the future".

"A child is not a vase to be filled, but a candle to be lit"~ Francois Rabelais



As we begin to implement this approach into our environment, we'll be sure to share our journey as we work through our modules. We are so proud to showcase what we've done already in the Butterflies, Ladybirds, Busy Bees and Dragonflies Rooms so far!



As redecorating our home corners and roleplay areas have been a focus this month, We would be extremely gracious if you have any items that need rehoming such as pots, pans, china plates... We will appreciate if you would be willing to donate them for the rooms.

We will also be sharing the A-Z of the Curiosity Approach, starting with A and B this month:

Authentic Resources

The real thing! Beautiful authentic resources rescued from car boots up & down the land, turning trash into treasure!! Bright shiny beautiful items, eclectic random treasure that captures children & educators imagination. Resources that offer value to play, bringing a mix of textures and stimulus that no plastic cartoon embossed tea set can offer.

Beauty is a deep human need

Beauty is innate within us all. Young children are very aware of this and are drawn to it! Our environment and presentation that we offer within our settings should reflect beauty; from the delicate authentic resources to the wondrous natural objects - all declaring, all showing their beauty!

Toddler Room

Ladybirds

At the start of the month, we celebrated Easter. The Ladybirds enjoyed exploring the different messy play activities that we set up for Easter. They enjoyed searching for the Easter Eggs in the garden. The children took part in the Easter bonnet competition, and it was lovely to see all the entries! The children have especially enjoyed exploring the outdoor environment this month. The children have been busy playing with the water station and watching how the water runs down the different sections. The children have enjoyed splashing in the water and using different containers to pour the water down the slopes. The children have also loved exploring the heuristic basket outdoors.

We have had lots of different messy play activities on offer this month for the children to explore. One of their favourites was the water play with fresh flower petals. The Ladybirds enjoyed feeling the different textures of the flower petals and using the containers to scoop up the petals and water. The children have also been exploring the coloured playdough with heuristic objects. We demonstrated to the children how to make different marks whilst using the natural objects such as pinecones and mark making tools.

Butterflies

Toddler Room

The Butterflies have been very busy during April and have been celebrating lots of exciting events. At the beginning of the month, the Butterflies enjoyed celebrating Easter and were very busy making Easter pictures where they used their fine motor skills to stick and glue the picture together, with a variety of coloured tissue paper. The Butterflies also enjoyed exploring the Easter Egg tuff tray, where they had to hunt in the dried rice for the special Easter Egg. The Butterflies were very creative and loved making different marks on the paper. We also had a special visit in the nursery from Sam's Safari and we have been learning about exotic animals. The children had a lots of fun touching animals like African snails , snakes , turtles , chinchilla and many more..

Busy Bees Preschool Room

The Busy Bees have been very busy throughout April, which began with lots of fun Easter-themed activities which the children really enjoyed taking part in, such as our annual Easter Bonnet Parade and competition. There were tons of lovely entries and we'd like to thank everyone who got involved to make some amazingly creative bonnets. The children also enjoyed designing their own Ester Egg on paper, using a

range of media. As always, the children have also continued taking part in lots of other fun and exciting activities, with a particular emphasis this month on phonics and maths. The children have been practising writing CVC words, beginning to blend simple words when reading books, doing some Lego painting, tracing shapes, and identifying their properties, focusing on patterns using many natural resources and lots more! We also had a special visit from Sam's Safari the children had the chance to handle and observe the animals and discuss the natural habitat, diet, biology and lots of interesting facts. The children really enjoyed themselves.

Dates for your diary

May 2021

-  **Country of the Month:** Zimbabwe , Africa
-  National Walking Months
-  17/05 – Preschool will walk to local garden Morning 9:00am – 10:00am / Afternoon 2:00pm – 3:00pm
-  20/05 Toddlers will walk to local garden Morning 9:00am – 10:00am / Afternoon 2:00pm – 3:00pm
-  10/05 – 14/05 National Vegetarian Week
-  14/05 – National Biscuits Day
-  25/05 – 28/05 – National Tomatoes Week
-  31/05 - Spring Bank Holiday – Nursery closed
-  **Robot Reg Classes with Amanda** every Tuesday at 1:30pm – 2:15pm
-  **Music Classes with Shakaya** every Wednesday at 1:30pm – 2:00pm Preschool 2:30pm-3:00pm Toddlers
-  **Cookrey Classes with Katie** every Friday 9:30am – 10:00am Preschool
-  **Cookrey Classes with Shameem** every Friday 9:30 -10:00am Toddlers

June 2021

-  **Country of the Month:** Mexico, North America
-  05/06 World Environment Day
-  08/06 World Oceans Day
-  20/06 Father's Day
-  14th 16th 18th June – Toddler Room Parents Evening
-  21st 23rd 25th – Preschool Parents Evening
-  29/06 – 19/07 Children Art Week
-  21/06 Summer

ATTENTION

Important Information - Please Read

Absence

Please note that we are unable to swap days or offer an alternative day if your child is absent from nursery. We are now extremely busy, and it is impossible for us to do this for all children. This is stated in our terms and conditions. Thank you for your co operation.

Labels on Clothing

To avoid items being lost, please can you ensure that your child's belongings are clearly labelled including their coats, hats, scarves and wellies. If your child brings gloves to nursery, we strongly advise for these to be attached and threaded through their coat to avoid any gloves going missing.

High Temperatures and Fevers

Please can we kindly remind parents that children cannot attend nursery if they have a high temperature (37.6°C). If a child develops a temperature whilst at nursery, parents will be called to collect them, as supported by our policies and procedures. Due to the guidance from National Health England, children who have a high temperature and a cough will be asked to have a Covid-19 test with a negative result required before returning to the setting.

Thank you for your co-operation

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