



Sherwood Green Nursery

*Welcome our Sherwood Green Day Nursery
Newsletter for September 2021/October 2021*

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

Welcome to our September newsletter, and as always, a very warm welcome to all the new families who have joined us recently. Each month, we send a Newsletter to all our families to share news and events that have taken place or will take place throughout the nursery. We hope that you will find our Newsletter useful and informative.

August has been a very busy month for everyone at Sherwood Green Nursery, with so many settles taking place to prepare the children for the move to their new rooms. The children are all ready for their transitions and we hope they all settle quickly and easily into their new environments.

Picture of the month



Settling in!

Please remember that transition is a process, not an event. Over the coming weeks your child may express a range of emotions about being here at Sherwood Green, and away from you, even for those children who are returning to a relatively familiar space. We can assure you that the staff are experienced with supporting children in settling in. Please speak to management if you have any concerns.

Covid Procedures

We will provide regular updates, with regards to our procedures in relation to Covid, in line with legislation and guidance from Herts Local Authority. You must keep your child at home if they display any of the three symptoms:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change in sense of taste or smell

We will require you to keep your child at home for 10 days, from the start of these symptoms. They can return to nursery as soon as they have a negative PCR test outcome.

We also politely request that you wear a face covering when bringing your child to nursery, and when collecting them. Staff will be administering hand sanitiser to the children on arrival, and there will be regular handwashing taking place throughout the day. Thank you for your continued cooperation with this.

Have you accessed Blossom Educational Parent App?

This is our online tool to share children's learning between Nursery or Preschool and home. Regular use of Blossom supports the relationship between your child and their key person, allows achievements to be celebrated and steps towards targets to be achieved. Please ensure that you have set up your account and logged on. We are always keen to observe the many exciting and varied experiences the children engage in outside of Nursery!



COUNTRY OF THE MONTH IN September – Spain

This month, we will be celebrating 'Spain' as the of country of the month. We will be learning the Spanish flag, sampling the local cuisine and have a go at Flamenco dancing! We will be learning how to say 'hello' and 'goodbye' in Spanish and our Preschool children will be practicing counting up to 10! Asombra!



COUNTRY OF THE MONTH IN October - America

In October we will learn about America, We will be learning the American flag and the traditional cuisine.

Our Autumn/Winter 2021 Menu.

We are delighted to introduce our new autumn/winter 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.



Nursery 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.

Reading is so important. As adults, we know that, but developing a love of reading in children from an early age will prove so useful in their later life. In fact, enjoying books and reading stories from a very early age is crucial in the development of a child. Not only does it help with their ability to understand words, but it encourages them to begin to and develop their imagination – to see things and imagine things all by themselves – and to develop their speech, it improves concentration and introduces children to new concepts and the world around them.

You can take different book each week and return and swap it for

a different book.



We are pleased to announce that on Tuesday the **12 of October 2021** we have Sam's Safari visiting us for a workshop. 9:30am -10:30 – Busy Bees/Dragonflies and 10:30 – 11:00 Butterflies/Ladybirds. For those who don't normally send their child in on this particular day are also more than welcome to join so you don't miss out on this amazing experience.

Sam's Safaris is an animal educational company providing amazing animal encounters with exotic animals from all over the world. Workshops are very interactive, using imitation and games to ensure the little ones stay engaged and learn while having fun. Children get the chance to handle and observe the animals as we discuss the natural habitat, diet, biology and lots of interesting facts. The workshop will be fully risk assessed with all the Covid-19 regulations and rules in how to safely deliver the workshop.



The contribution of this workshop will only be £4 per child and it's an experience they'll never forget.

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.



No Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not to be used whilst on nursery site, including taking photographs and having conversations. This is part of our Safeguarding policy. Please use this valuable time to converse with your child or get to know other parents at Sherwood Green.. Our staff will politely remind you of this policy.

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". 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!

Butterflies/Ladybirds Rooms

At the start of the month we have welcomed new children and their families, and helped a lot of children settle into Sherwood Green Nursery.
We have been talking about ourselves and things that matter to us such as our families and people that we live with at home.
We been celebrating Grandparents day by making Grandparents day card and reading stories about grandparents. Children will be taking part in Pirate theme party by dressing up as a pirate and doing all pirate related things.
In October we will be talking about favourite animal and talking about different animals. We will also be doing lots of fun Autumn related activities such as leaf collecting.
And celebrating Halloween by having a Halloween competition between the rooms and having a party across the nursery

Busy Bees/Dragonflies Rooms

The Pre-Schooler have been very busy throughout start of the new term by settling new starters in and exploring our new garden area where there is a new obstacle course and also gardening opportunity for children to do planting. We encourage children to learn, write alphabet by practising writing a letter of the week and mesmerising word of the week. We are going to focus on Healthy eating and Oral health by reading books and showing the correct method of brushing teeth and talking about importance of brushing the teeth twice a day. We will be talking about shapes and as well as numbers and will carry out lots of activities based on child's interest.

Dates for your diary

September 2021

-  **Country of the Month:** Spain
-  **W/C 06/09/21** Jewish New Year
-  **W/C 20/09/21** Recycling Week
-  **20/09/21** Pirate Theme Party
-  **27/09/21** Harvest Festival
-  **Robot Reg Classes with Amanda** every Tuesday at 1:30pm – 2:15pm
-  **Dance Classes with Shakaya** every Wednesday Busy Bees
-  **Cookrey Classes with Katie** every Friday Dragonflies Room
-  **Cookrey Classes with Shameem** every Friday Butterflies Room
-  **Cookrey Classes with Lauren** every Friday Busy Bees Room

October 2021

- 🚩 Country of the Month: America
- 🚩 04/10/21 World Animal Day
- 🚩 W/C 04/10/21 Space Week
- 🚩 11/10/21 World Teacher Week
- 🚩 12/10/21 Sam's Safari 9:30am – 10:30pm Busy Bees&Dragonflies
10:30am – 11:00am Butterflies&Ladybirds
- 🚩 18/10/21 Autumn
- 🚩 W/C 18/10/21 Halloween Theme Week
- 🚩 22/10/21 Halloween Fancy Dress Party
- 🚩 Term Time Holiday 25/10/21 – 29/10/21

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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