



New Bridge Nursery School Newsletter Term 3 2024



We hope you all had a good break and enjoyed the festivities. We would like to especially welcome the new families joining us this term. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask any of the team. If they cannot help, they will know who can.

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome back Mel who has now joined us as a permanent member of the team.



Maths Workshop for Parents and Carers-22nd February 11:30am and 2:30pm

Saliha will be covering:

- the stages of children's counting and how to include this in daily life.
- how to explore shapes, sizes and measures while walking, shopping and cooking.
- explore what subitising is.
- there will also be a chance at the end to ask any questions you have about your child's maths skills.
- please let us know you are joining us by popping into the office, or giving us a call on 0118 937 5580

Fundraising

Thank you all so much for your support in helping to raise much needed funds for the



nursery. This helps to go towards exciting experiences for the children along with additional resources for them. Last term the children very much enjoyed the visit from the Farms2Ewe. This term we have Feather and Fur visiting, giving the children the opportunity to

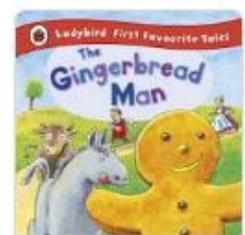
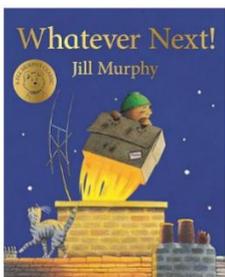


get up close to owls and other birds of prey in a safe environment. This has been planned as part of our spiral curriculum revisiting previous learning.

Focus Stories

This term focus stories are: Whatever Next and The Gingerbread Man

We will also be sharing recordings of some members of the team reading our focus stories for you to share with your children. If you would be happy to share a recording of you reading a story in English or any other language please let us know. Children benefit greatly from hearing a variety of people read and, in many languages, and also enjoy hearing and sharing their first language with others.



Dropping and collecting your child

Rainbow Class

- Please can you support your child to hang their own coat, find their name card and put on their water bottle before handing them to a staff member at the door, ensuring your child has been escorted into the middle room before leaving them. For safeguarding reasons please do not enter the middle room. When collecting your children, we are asking for parents to come in and form a queue and we will hand over each child in turn. You will then be able to collect their belongings and head off.
- Please arrive on time, however. if you are late to drop off, please go to reception. You will be asked to wait until a staff member is free to collect your child, as this can cause a lot of disruption to the other children's learning.

Snowflake Class - Drop off please come inside the gate and make your way to the main reception. Please collect your children from the yellow garden gate in the car park.

If Your Child Is Unwell

If your child is unwell or not coming to nursery for any reason, please call the office or leave a message on the answer phone. We have a duty of care to follow up any absences on the first day so please do make this call.

Donations

We are still accepting and are very appreciative of your weekly fruit and monetary donations. £1 per week or £10 per term towards toys and materials for the children.

You can pop cash into the piggy bank in the classroom or send money through into our fund-raising bank account: **Sort Code 30-99-50 Account number: 19123163**

What to bring to nursery - Please ensure all clothes and belongings are clearly named in a ruck sack or cloth bag. **NO PLASTIC CARRIER BAGS PLEASE.** This is for safety and ecological reasons. Wet bags are an easy way to store wet/dirty clothes. They are a reusable, waterproof and leak resistant bag that zips shut to help keep odours (and liquids) from escaping.

- Water bottle - this will go home each day (please only fill with water)
- Wellington boots - to leave at nursery
- A warm water proof jacket and trousers (or all in one) - to leave at nursery
- Hat, scarf and gloves
- Nappies and wipes (if applicable)
- Spare clothes - including underwear and plenty of socks
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Please **DO NOT** put toys, food, medication, creams or any other items not listed above in your child's bag.

Reminders

Lunch boxes

- We have a staff member and child with severe nut allergies - **please DO NOT pack anything containing nuts** in your child's lunch box. Please note: nuts are often hidden in foods such as spreads, sauces and chocolate, so please check food labels.
- Please chop foods such as grapes, cherry tomatoes and sausages
- Please do not put smoothies or juices in your child's lunch box we provide water for lunch times.

Celebrations

- If you are celebrating any festivals or special occasions at home please let us know so we can share this at Nursery
- Please read and like our weekly Curriculum Catch Up- this gives you a really good insight to what the children are learning and what you can do at home to support this.
- Remember to share your home learning with us on Tapestry. The children very much enjoy showing their friends and team.

2yr old provision

- We are making plans to make some small adaptations to the nursery in preparation for children joining us the term after their 2nd birthday. This provision will be called Sunshine Class and will be open after Easter for the same hours that we are currently offering to our three-year olds. They will have their own area of the nursery to play and learn in. We will share more details with you soon.

Thank you, have a good term.

Jean - Head of School

Please find the diary dates for the year on pages 4 and 5. These maybe subject to change.



Diary Dates

Monday	8 th Jan	Home visits– CLOSED for Children
Tuesday	9 th Jan	Term 3 starts for children that are returning after the break
Thursday	11 th January	New parent meetings in the staff room 10:00am-11:00am and 1:45pm – 2:45pm
Tuesday	16 th January	New parent meetings in the staff room 10:00am - 11:00am
Wednesday	31 st January	Feathers and fur (owls) visiting in the morning
Thursday	1 st February	Feathers and fur (owls) visiting in the afternoon
Saturday	3 rd Feb	Open Morning for registrations 9:00am -11:00am
Tuesday	6 th February	Communication and language Workshop for parents 11:30am or 2:30pm
Wednesday	7 th February	Stay and Play 2-year-olds 1:45pm-2:45pm
Thursday	8 th February	Fat Thursday – a Christian tradition in some countries marking the last Thursday before Lent.
HALF TERM - Monday 12th – Friday 16th February		
Saturday	10 th Feb	Lunar New Year – (Wood dragon)
Tuesday	13 th Feb	Shrove Tuesday – (Pancake Day)
Wednesday	14 th Feb	Valentine's Day
Monday	19 th Feb	Term starts
Wednesday	21 st Feb	Maths Workshop for parents 11:30am and 2:30pm
Friday	1 st Mar	St David's Day
Monday	4 th Mar	Inset Day - CLOSED to all children
Wednesday	6 th March	Mother's Day – Celebrations – Cream tea 11:30am and 3:15pm
Thursday	7 th Mar	World Book Day – parents are invited to come in and read their child's favourite books.
Sunday	10 th Mar	Mothering Sunday
Monday	11 th Mar	Ramadan begins (TBC)
Sunday	17 th Mar	St Patrick's Day
Week Beg:	18 th Mar	Incredible Eggs arriving – this year we are hoping to hatch ducklings
Tuesday	19 th Mar	Physical Development Workshop for parents 9:30am and 2:30pm
Wednesday	20 th Mar	Stay and Play 2-year-olds 9:30am – 10:30am
Monday	25 th Mar	Holi Festival - India
Wednesday	27 th Mar	Children visiting Church TBC
Thursday	28 th Mar	Easter Celebration – with singing and egg hunt 11:30am and 2:30pm – parents welcome

Thursday	28 th Mar	End of Term
EASTER BREAK Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April		
Wednesday	10 th Apr	Eid-Al-Fitr (TBC)
Monday	15 th April	Inset Day - CLOSED to all children
Tuesday	16 th April	Home visits– CLOSED to all children
Wednesday	17 th Apr	Children return
Wednesday	17 th Apr	Parents meeting re transition to school TBC
Tuesday	23 rd Apr	St George's Day
Wednesday	24 th Apr	Literacy Workshop for parents – 11:30am and 2:30pm
Monday	6 th May	CLOSED - Bank Holiday
Saturday	11 th May	Open Morning for registrations 9:00am -11:00am
Week beg:	13 th May	Sponsored obstacle course through the week
Wednesday	22 nd May	Stay and Play 2-year-olds 9:30am – 10:30am
Friday	24 th May	End of term
HALF TERM 27th May – 31st May		
Monday	3 rd June	Inset Day - CLOSED to all children
Tuesday	4 th June	Term starts
Wednesday	12 th June	Father's Day celebrations – 11:30am and 2:30pm
Saturday	15 th June	King Charles' Birthday
Sunday	16 th June	Father's Day
Sunday	16 th June	Eid-al-Adha (TBC)
Wednesday	19 th June	Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design Workshop for parents 9:30am & 2:30pm
Wednesday	26 th June	Stay and Play 2-year-olds 9:30am – 10:30am
Thursday	4 th July	USA – Independence Day
Saturday	13 th July	Open Morning for registrations 9:00am -11:00am
Tuesday	23 rd July	End of year singing with families
Wednesday	24 th July	Family picnic 11:00am- 1:00pm. There will be no nursery sessions on this day
Wednesday	24 th July	End of term

