



New Bridge Nursery School Newsletter Term 5 2024



Welcome back to term 5 of the school year. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the new families joining us this term including our new 2-year-olds who will be in Sunshine class. We hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter break and managed to get out and about and have lots of fun with your families. It has been lovely looking at all of your Tapestry observations showing us what you have been doing during the holiday and also following our suggested home learning activities.

Minor Alterations

We are very pleased to say that the works for the Sunshine 2-year-old provision have gone extremely well. We have had some small changes to the layout in nursery. We have removed two partitions and added one to create a new space. We have uploaded videos to Tapestry to show you the changes and how this affects plans for children being dropped off and collected. Please be patient while we make tweaks to make any transitions as smooth as possible for the children. Please note that the lunch boxes are moved into nursery once the handovers have been completed.



Sunshine Class

We are looking forward to welcoming the 2yr olds to New Bridge Nursery. They have their own designated room and space in the garden. Our new Sunshine team is: Mel, Kennedy and Gemma.

Rainbow Class

The key people working with Rainbow children are: Saliha, Mandy, Gemma and Michelle. They will be supported by Nicola, Rachel, Sophie and Aylin.

Snowflake Class

There will be **no** change to the dropping off or collection of children. There will be some small changes to how the children move around the nursery. Stacia and the Snowflake team will talk to parents about these individually.

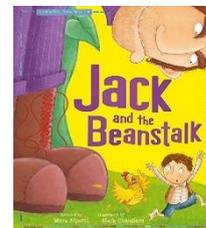
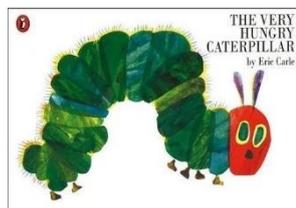
Staffing

Emma in the Snowflake team will be starting her maternity leave later in this term. We will keep you updated on Tapestry. We are very pleased to welcome Anupama who will be covering Emma's maternity leave. We are also welcoming Aylin who will be joining the Rainbows team.

We are currently looking to recruit a full-time level 3 Early years practitioner as well as a lunch time nurture assistant.

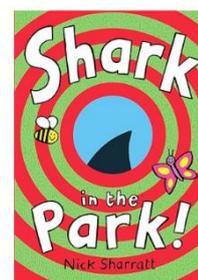
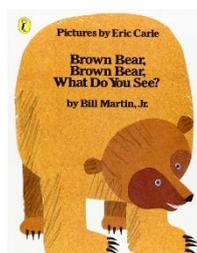
Focus Stories in Rainbow class

Our focus stories for this term are 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle, and then later in the term 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.



Focus stories in Sunshine class

Our focus stories for this term are: 'Brown Bear Brown Bear' by Eric Carle and 'Shark in the Park' by Nick Sharatt



Absences and Lateness



Please ensure that you bring your child to nursery on time each day. If on the very rare occasion you are going to be late please call us to let us know. It is important that the children arrive on time as it impacts the whole group if the team needs to be interrupted to welcome a late child. With this in mind we will be leaving the doors open until 9.10am and 12.55pm. If you are late unfortunately you will need to bring your child to reception and be asked to wait with them until the end of the group time which could take up to 20 minutes.

If your child is going to be absent from nursery please call us on the 1st day. We have a duty of care to follow up with anyone that has not called us to let us know why their child is absent. Thank you for your understanding. School times are as follows:

9am - 12pm for mornings, 9am - 3.45pm for a full day and 12.45 - 3.45pm for afternoon sessions.

School Transitions

For those of you with children due to start school in September 2024, Emails and letters offering places will have been sent out on 16th April 2024, emails should have been received by 5pm. Letters are posted 2nd class and may take up to 5 working days to arrive. You must accept your child's place by 1st May 2024. You can use this link <http://ow.ly/OzF450Eq708>. Further information about school transitions can also be found here.

If you are having any difficulties, information can be found the school admissions team can also be contacted on 0118 937 3777 (option 1) or you can also email admissions@brighterfuturesforchildren.org. Please inform us which school your child has been allocated or if for any reason you have not accepted your allocated School place.

As part of the preparations for the move to Primary School we will be sending out invitations for partner schools to visit the nursery. This will enable them to meet the children's key person and spend some time getting to know the children. We will let you know the dates of these visits once they are confirmed.

Sun Cream and Sun Hats

As we look forward to the warmer weather, please supply a named hat for your child that can be left in nursery and apply sun cream **before they arrive each day**. We will supply factor 50 for sensitive skin so we can re-apply as appropriate. We will continue to ensure the children have access to plenty of fluids and that they have shade in the gardens in the warmer weather.

Thank you.

USports Activity Sessions

We have arranged for weekly sports coaching sessions for the children. These sessions are taking place in the garden and focus on agility, balance, coordination and speed.

These are being held each Tuesday of this term. The first half of term will be a morning session and the second half will be an afternoon session. We are sure the children will very much enjoy this opportunity. Please can we ask that children do not wear open toe shoes or sandals to nursery, particularly on these days.

Reading Children's Festival - 11th May 2023

The REYS Federation will be holding a stall at the Reading Children's Festival which is being held at the Forbury gardens. please pop along and join in the fun.

Fundraising

We would like to thank you all for your very kind donations to help us raise much needed funds for the nursery.

Owl photos - raised £75

Easter raffle - raised £144.70

This money will go towards providing new and exciting experiences for the children and has helped us purchase new resources across the nursery.

Sponsored Obstacle course week beginning 13th May

We will be creating a small obstacle course for the children this week and asking for sponsorship. Funds raised will go towards enhancing the garden.

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. Please use our new pig money boxes and fruit baskets to add your donation.

New Bridge Nursery School Fund

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Reminders

- If your child has lunch with us, please ensure that grapes, olives, cocktail sausages etc. are cut length ways and not left whole or cut width ways.
- We are a nut free School - please do not pack anything containing nuts in your child's healthy lunch box.
- Please remember to provide named spare clothes for your children.
- 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 into 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.

Jean - Head of School

Please find the diary dates for this term below.

Diary Dates



Wednesday	10 th April	Eid-Al-Fitr
Monday	15 th April	Inset Day CLOSED for all children
Tuesday	16 th April	CLOSED for all children due to home visits
Wednesday	17 th Apr	Children return
Tuesday	23 rd Apr	St George's Day
Thursday	2 nd May	CLOSED – for Polling
Monday	6 th May	CLOSED - Bank Holiday
Saturday	11 th May	Reading Children's Festival – Forbury Gardens
Week beg:	13 th May	Sponsored obstacle course through the week
Friday	24 th May	End of term
HALF TERM 27th May – 31st May		
Monday	3 rd June	Inset Day CLOSED for all children
Tuesday	4 th June	Term starts
Wednesday	12 th June	Father's Day celebrations 11.30am and 2.30pm (more info to follow)
Saturday	15 th June	King Charles Birthday
Sunday	16 th June	Father's Day
Sunday	16 th June	Eid-al-Adha (TBC)
Thursday	4 th July	USA – Independence Day
Tuesday	23 rd July	Last full usual day
Wednesday	24 th July	Family picnic 11am- 1.00pm
Wednesday	24 th July	End of term