



Newsletter Autumn Term 2023

Nursery Calendar for Autumn term 2023

23 – 27 October 2023, Half term break for funded children.

31 October Halloween Party and Pumpkin Carving competition.

23 – 27 November 2023 Parents consultation meeting.

20th December funded children's end of end-of-term break.

21st December all children's last day of term and beginning of our Christmas break.



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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to our Autumn term newsletter.

We want to welcome our new children and their families, we hope you will have a pleasant childcare experience with us, and that we will meet your expectations.

Culture Capital: As it was mentioned in our previous newsletter about the importance of culture capital for the children's learning and development, we are now planning regular local outings to the local library where the children attend storytelling sessions, learn about keeping themselves safe and other learning opportunities such as road safety and traffic right, the children also found it so interesting to ride the bus as some of them do not have this opportunity in their day to day life.

We will continue taking the children to local museums, markets, supermarkets, and other local places that will support the children's learning and knowledge.

If you would like to suggest places for us to visit with the children that would be extremely helpful.

Promoting children's independence: We would like to take the children's independence practice into another step further by asking all parents if you kindly can send indoor shoes for the children to use and leave in the nursery, the children will be encouraged to take their shoes off, find their indoor shoes, and put it on with the support of the staff until they are able to do that independently.

At the moment children are encouraged to serve their food, feed themselves, wash their hands, and pour their water under the staff's supervision.

We expect all children to bring their indoor shoes from next week Monday, please.

Oral Health: It is a national project that children must be encouraged to brush their teeth twice a day, as studies show that tooth decay is increasing amongst under-five children, tooth brushing not only promotes good oral hygiene but also helps children establish lifelong healthy dental habits from a young age. Therefore, we would like the children to learn about the importance of brushing their teeth, the children will be brushing their teeth every day after circle time, and other activities related to cleaning their teeth will also be introduced to the children.



Show and Tell: it is a particularly important activity that helps children develop their communication skills, boost self-confidence, and share their interests with their peers. We would like to ask you to help your child select an item or prepare something to share. Encourage them to choose something they are enthusiastic about or have a personal connection to. "Show and Tell" is a wonderful educational way to promote language development, build social skills, and create a positive and inclusive classroom environment in the early years of education.

Halloween Party & Pumpkin Carving Competition: We are having a pumpkin Carving competition, where the children can carve their pumpkins at home and bring them to the nursery to take part in the competition.

On the Halloween celebration day, the children can dress up if they like, we are not going to have any scary activities we will only do special cooking activities and have a party for them during teatime. If your child does not normally attend nursery on the day of the party, please feel free to bring them to nursery on that day at 3.45 pm and they must be picked up by 4.30 pm.

Please feel free to speak to us if you have any questions.

Making it REAL: The nursery is taking part in the Making it REAL scheme is delivered by the London Borough of Lewisham in partnership with the National Children Bureau. the program aims to support the home learning environment for disadvantaged children and is effective in all our children's communication, language, and early literacy. The program also provides help and support for parents, please find the attached flyer for more information.

Kind Reminder:

- Please ensure you have nappies, wipes, nappy bags, and nappy cream for your little one.
- For your child's safety, please don't hold the door open to someone behind you.
- We have a nonmobile phone policy in order to safeguard our children.
- Nursery fees are due on the 1st of each month and Childcare vouchers should be released 5 days before so that they arrive on time.
- Please arrive five to ten minutes before the end of your child's session in order to receive feedback.
- Please ensure that if you change your personal details, you keep them up to date at the nursery
- Please note that we have a late collection fee of £15.00 for the first 15 minutes and £15.00 for every 15 minutes thereafter.