



# Kenilworth Nursery School

## October 2022 newsletter



### Main Nursery

In Main Nursery the children have been settling into school life, learning about the routines of the session and exploring all the different areas and resources in the environment. Particular areas of interest have been around block play and using found resources to create three dimensional structures. Last week we invited all the children to do a self-portrait, firstly looking in the mirror and talking about what features they noticed before making representational marks. The children have been excited to explore the autumn collections in school, including collecting leaves from around the garden, looking at and describing a selection of pumpkins in the Curiosity Cube and using a range of resources for rolling conkers.



### Nurture Nursery

This half term the children have been fascinated by the autumn collections that have been available for them to explore. Not only using their senses to explore, they have used the conkers to experiment with rolling down the guttering. They have also been using the wooden trucks to transport items around the Nurture Nursery garden. Other interests have been bathing the babies in the bubbly water, taking care in handling them, bathing and then drying the babies. A further area of interest has been the use of the magnetic shapes for creating patterns and pictures.

### Security

**PLEASE DON'T LET ANYONE INTO SCHOOL THAT YOU DON'T KNOW.**

Please always shut the gates behind you. In regards to the side gate, ask any unknown person to ring the buzzer and wait to be let in by staff.

### Learning Journals

Thank you for downloading and using the Learning Journal app. We have very much appreciated you sending us pictures and messages and we hope you're enjoying the posts. Please let us know if you have any problems accessing it at any point.

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### **Teacher Training Day**

Please note that Friday 21 October is a Teacher Training Day so School is not open for children on that day.

### **Clothing reminders**

As the weather is getting colder and wetter, please bring a coat for your child, ensuring that it's clearly named. To encourage independence, please make sure that you send children in to School in shoes that they can take off and put on by themselves.

### **School Uniform**

Thank you to everyone who has donated money for our pre-loved uniform. Uniform is non-compulsory but we're working with a supplier to source some new t-shirts and jumpers. So, watch this space!

### **Side entrance**

If you're in the Main Nursery in Red or Green group and you arrive later than 9.10am, please use the main entrance so Emily can let you in. We're often in the middle of group time or outside, so are not able to answer the door.

### **Children's absence, holidays and collections**

If your child is unwell and going to be absent from Nursery School, please call 01926 853394 or email [kenilworthnsoffice@welearn365.com](mailto:kenilworthnsoffice@welearn365.com) on the first day of absence. We're required to follow up all absences so please help us by letting Emily in the office know. Similarly, if you're planning to be away on holiday please contact us. Finally, if you plan to have someone other than a parent/carer collect your child please let us know, and we will put a collection password in place for you, and record your permission having been granted. Keeping your children safe is our top priority.

### **Labelling**

Please make sure that your child's name is on all clothing and hats. Can you also please put your child's name on the outside of their bags, and lunch boxes.

### **Baby & Toddler Groups**

We run Music classes on Mondays and Mini Movers and Baby Massage classes on Tuesday mornings for babies & toddlers. Visit our website for all the details and don't forget to tell your friends and family.

### **Toileting accidents**

If your child has an accident whilst at nursery, we'll place their wet clothes in a bag and give it to you at the end of your child's session. Please make sure a new set of clean clothes is brought back in.

### **Voluntary contributions**

Parents have been wonderfully generous over the last few years in supporting the school's Voluntary Contribution Fund, which has enabled us to purchase extra resources for the children that would otherwise have been impossible. Your support is very much appreciated and does make a difference as it buys the fruit the children eat and contributes in many other ways too!

The suggested contribution is £1 per week paid weekly, half termly or for the whole year. If you would like to pay by bank transfer please speak to Emily for our details. Thank you so much from staff team and governors for your ongoing support, which is invaluable. us.

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### Lunch Club Guidance

These are just a few reminders:

- We encourage children to be able to open their own lunchboxes and packaging on their food. So only bring food they can open themselves.
- Please send your child with a healthy lunch - no chocolate or sweets.
- Name lunch bags on the outside; please also name any Tupperware boxes.
- Grapes and small sausages must be cut up lengthways as there have been a number of incidents in the media of children choking on them.
- Children should not bring their own drinks including smoothies; all children are provided with milk or water.
- Utensils such as spoons for yoghurts or forks need to be included in their lunchbox.
- **NO NUTS - INCLUDING ANY SNACK/CAKE BARS CONTAINING NUTS or CHOCOLATE SPREAD**

### Applying for a primary school

You will need to apply for a place in Reception for September 2023 if your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019. You can apply from 1 November 2022 and you must apply for their Reception place by **5pm on 15 January 2023**.

Visit our social media channels to see when the Primary School Open Days are.

#### Places for January 2023

We have some places still available for January 2023 in our Nurture Nursery & 15 or 30 hour places in our Main Nursery. So please spread the word to any family/friends who might be interested.

#### Forest School Activities

We'll be running Forest School based activities soon.

If you would like to volunteer to help in these sessions, please speak to Emily.

#### Governor Vacancies

We currently have some governor vacancies; if you feel this is a role you would be interested in, please contact me via the school office.

Alison Paveley - Chair of Governors

## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2022/23

(Nursery closures listed in yellow)

***Autumn term dates: Monday 5 September - Friday 16 December 2022***

Teacher Training Day - Monday 5 Sept (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

Teacher Training Day - Friday 21 October (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

Autumn half term - Monday 24 October - Friday 28 October 2022

School Photo Day - Thursday 17 November 2022

Children in Need - Friday 18 November 2022

Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 8 December 2022

***Spring term dates: Tuesday 3 January - Friday 31 March 2023***

Teacher Training Day - Tuesday 3 January (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

Spring half term: Monday 20 February - Friday 24 February 2023

Teacher Training Day - Monday 27 February (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

School Photo Day - Wednesday 8 March 2023

***Summer term dates: Monday 17 April - Tuesday 25 July 2023***

Teacher Training Day - Friday 26 May (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

Summer half term: Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June 2023

Open Day for new 2023/24 cohort of children - Wednesday 5 July (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/school-term-dates-induction-days-training-days-holidays/2>

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