



# Kenilworth Nursery School

## May 2023 newsletter - Main Nursery



### Main Nursery

As we settle our newest children and prepare our cohort for their primary transition we have started a focused work project with our groups in Main Nursery. This means they begin their day with their welcome group and then rotate into spaces as a group to work in a focused way. Some of those spaces are designated as 'quiet spaces' so children can begin to focus for longer periods, without distraction and the movement, that free flow creates. Our aim is to support children to stay focused for longer periods, finish activities they start and 'have a try' at more difficult and challenging activities. We will share some of this work on PACT day on Monday 12th June.

### Matt Shaw, resident artist

We've also been really lucky in that we were able to book a series of days in which Matt (the artist) Shaw, a sculptor and expert in early artistic expression and materiality, has been able to come and work beside the children in a 'pop up' outdoor atelier. Images of the developing 'installation' are on Facebook & Instagram and we'll send more details of your child's engagement with this project on Learning Journals soon.

### Development work for the Teaching Team this term

Resourcing stories to include sensory motor learning in our story time experiences.

As we look for more ways to include all children, including those with different learning styles, in our activities we have started some development work as a team to bring story times to life with increased sensory motor participation.

We will also be talking to the children about our 'energy' for learning and will think about how ready we might be to learn and what we can do to prepare ourselves. We will introduce 'energy meters' to our 3 and 4 year olds and think about how to power up or calm down to reach the level at which we can learn best.



### School Fund

Thank you to all who have made a financial contribution to the school. 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 fruit & snacks cost the nursery approximately £1,000 per year. So, contributions are vital in ensuring we also have enough funding for all the wonderful resources. If you have not yet donated, it's not too late! Suggested Contribution: £1 per week paid weekly, half termly, termly or for the whole year. Bank details are 30-94-93 01869186

### **PACT Day (for children completing their Nursery year)**

**Monday 12th June** - Parent and Child Together day will focus upon the power of 'not yet'. We will share research with you that has influenced our approach to learning with your children. We'll ask you to be part of the learning processes, letting your children lead learning and show you how they tackle tricky new challenges. We hope you can plan to attend with your child.

#### **PACT day timings:**

**9:00am:** children will arrive and go to their usual welcome groups for registration. Parents will be directed into our Studio Building for a research share with Rachel and Christy.

**9:30am:** Parents will then go to meet their children who will take you through a series of 'challenges' and experiences that they have been learning to engage in this term and across their Nursery year. The children will lead the learning and we will ask you to focus on language use from our research share and to engage in the process of achievement and 'not yet!' Staff will also be on hand to chat to you about your child's interests and resilience in school. Parents may leave at any point but we estimate you will want to plan at least 30 minutes and possibly an hour to go to the different spaces in Nursery School and experience your child's learning processes and skill development.

**10:30am:** This experience will then link back into a usual Nursery session and children will go back to their colour groups for a reflection and snack time.

Please note if your child has just made the transition into Main Nursery and are staying for next year then they will not take part in PACT day until the Autumn event that we are planning for early November. They will have a group time instead in our studio space while other parents are on site and the classrooms are very busy.

### **Sponsored Sports Day - Monday 10 July**

Our sponsored sports day is an important day in which Parents can come and spend the beginning of their children's session in Nursery with us. It lasts until approx. 11am in the morning (morning and 30hr children) and 2pm (afternoon children) in the afternoon. Parents gather outside in the garden while children register, then your child joins you and needs to complete at least 10 activities/events. There are drinks and even a biscuit to keep the children going and full of energy and we have done our best to order sunshine!

All monies raised will buy additional days with our Resident artist in the summer term and we hope to raise enough for at least 3 more days so that children can continue to explore and express creatively, this time with clay, looking at textures and smaller scale structures.

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### **Spare clothes**

As the weather changes and hopefully warms up, could you please send a change of 'summer clothes' in for your children after May half term.

### **Summer weather reminders**

With the sunshine hopefully on its way, we need your help to keep your children safe and healthy in the sun. Please can you ensure that sun cream is applied before school, children bring a sun hat and that they're wearing suitable shoes for running and climbing. Toes should be covered to avoid injury, so please avoid sandals, crocs or slip on shoes. Trainers/pumps are ideal.

### **Security**

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

In regards to the side gate, ask any person to ring the buzzer and wait to be let in by staff.

Please always shut the gates behind you.

### **Places for Sept 2023**

We have some places still available for September 2023 in our Nurture & Main Nursery so please spread the word to any family/friends who might be interested.

## **IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2022/23**

(Nursery closures listed in **yellow**)

**Summer term dates: Monday 17 April - Friday 21 July 2023**

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

**Parent and Child Together day (PACT day) - Monday 12 June**

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

**Sponsored Sports Day - Monday 10 July**

Last Day of Term - Friday 21 July 2023

**Teacher Training Days - Monday 24 & Tuesday 25 July 2023** (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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