

Summer Newsletter 2020

Busikids
Day Nursery and Pre School

Dear All

Thank you all for your patience and understanding during the last few months whilst we have done our best to work out invoices, refunds, interpretation of the Government guidance and how to implement this and to keep all our families in the loop! We have had some lovely encouragement, thank you.

We would like to congratulate all our children and families for coming out of 'lockdown' so well, we have been amazed at how happy the children have been coming back to Busikids. They are so good being dropped off at the door and also collected from the door, we feel this is working very well indeed, there is less upset at drop off and collection times due to the fact the children's activities are not so disrupted and the children are not reminded all the time of 'home' with other children's parents coming and going.

We would like to say a big fond farewell to all our school leavers, although we have been unable to hold our 'Graduation' ceremony and Summer Picnic, we hope the videos and photos sent home with your learning journal memory stick will ensure you have the memories stored of this special time, as we are all aware our little ones grow up so quickly!

We are sad to not be able to say a big personal goodbye to our families we have cared for over many years also as the oldest is now off to school, we will remember you all with great affection and hope to be able to catch up at our Christmas Fair if we are able to hold this event.

Thank you to everyone for the gorgeous gifts and wonderful words you have put in cards and in your Day Nursery reviews, it is so very appreciated by the whole team who have also been so resilient and have made adaptations to everyday routines and taken it all so very well – thank you too.

Since before opening we have been having the whole nursery and resources 'sanitised' every 4 weeks by Electroclean, this uses a hydrostatic spray of an antibacterial, antiviral solution that invisibly coats all surfaces and stays active for up to 28 days, please follow the link for further information

<https://www.electroclean.co.uk/>

We 'top, this up' daily, plus we also continue to have two lovely ladies in to clean every evening Monday to Friday.

Moving forward we are working hard to be 'back to normal' continuing with the very regular and thorough hand washing and resource cleaning, we feel this is also very good at preventing other minor ailments also!

We are back on track with our observations, planning and implementing the next steps for each individual child and keeping you up to date with all progress through Parent Zone. There is an update due for the Parent Zone app and we will send you details in a separate email.

It is so good to have everyone back, we hope you enjoy reading about all the brilliant activities we have been doing recently

Regards

Louise and The Busikids Team

Important Dates

Monday 31st August Bank Holiday Busikids Closed

Tuesday 1st September Breakfast Club recommencing, please book as early as possible.

Christmas Closure Busikids will close at 1pm on Thursday 24th December to open for Breakfast Club at 7.30 am on Monday 4th January 2021

Reminders Please

Do continue to use the hand sanitiser and follow social distancing during drop off and collection.

Please label **all** clothing from hats to footwear, once again we are collecting an assortment of un-named articles that we cannot return to you as they are not labelled, please ask if you are missing any items of your child's clothing.

Thank you



Pre-School / Giraffe Room

Hello Everybody



We have had a few changes since we last wrote a newsletter! Michaela has been promoted to Room Supervisor Congratulations! We also now have Lindsey who joined the team In March this year, a Big Welcome completing the team with Sophie, and Lou

Since we have been back to Pre-school we have been able to visit a wide range of varied interests, most of which have come from the children themselves. So much comes under our EYFS PSED (Personal, Social, Emotional Development) we have been re-visiting old friendships and welcoming new friends, whilst practicing lots of turn-taking activities such as various board games (Snakes and ladders is a firm favourite from home!)

This has been a good learning curve as the children begin to learn that the fun can be being a part of the game and not always about winning, to be able to enjoy the activity with friends

We have had the opportunities to do a lot of listening and instruction and following this through, the children have often taken over by making up their own scavenger hunts, both indoors and outside.

We have all totally enjoyed looking for insects in the garden, bugs have played a big part of the children's interests and many Bug Hotels then led on to Nature—this is an ongoing interest, the children keep coming back for more, they are fascinated. We have been looking at textures of various plants around us from shrubs and bushes to flowers and leaves. We made bracelets by using 'inside out' masking tape and sticking different bits that we had found in the garden to them, they turned out really well.

We then had some cut-out shapes of butterflies—the object being to place this over different surfaces that would give them a similar pattern on each side—like butterfly wings do.

This led to us growing our own plants again (thank you for the donation) we now have a healthy bed of tomatoes we have watched them grow from small straggly plants into big leafy plants with the yellow flowers and we are now watering daily and waiting expectantly for our first tomatoes to share. We have noticed how wonderfully tomatoey the plants smell too.

Back in March we had started to grow our own runner beans, many of you took these home when we closed it has been so interesting to see how they progressed, giving everyone an opportunity to explore them further smelling, cutting and feeling enabling the children to be using their senses.

The children have been doing a great job of using their imaginations to re-create their own favourite stories, the current favourite is 'The Three Little Pigs'. Grass, twigs and bricks were used as props and the children re-told this story time and again. We used a walk to the woods to help our friend the Stick Man by leaving lots of stick people , we even were able to explore a fallen down tree, - more bug hunting!

As you can see we have had a busy and fascinating time since being back and we are looking forward to many more adventures and untold learning opportunities in the coming weeks also. This year is zooming by so quickly, it is good to stop and reflect and remember all the lovely things we have been doing.

We have been saying goodbye to our school leavers, although this makes us sad, we are also very proud to see these confident little people, so ready for the next stage of their life and learning, be so happy about going off to Big School, we wish you All the Very Best xxx

From Kyla, Sophie, Lou Lou, Lindsey and Leanne.



Bug Hotels in The making





Monkey Playroom

Hello Everyone,



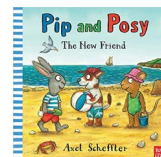
Wow! What a busy few months we have had in the Monkey Room! We have said goodbye to some children and wished them luck as they begin their new journeys in the pre-school room, which is not far away:), we have also welcomed lots of new children as they joined us from the Penguin room as well as new starters, welcome all.

We have been spending plenty of time exploring our outdoor areas and in June created our display about things that can be found in the garden. The children helped to create the different elements of the display, from painting their feet to make prints that look like bees and ladybirds, as well as developing their fine motor skills with some drawings, to help make some brightly coloured butterflies!

This then sparked lots of interesting discussions amongst the children about what can be found in the garden, they especially enjoy peeping in the hole in the apple tree and spotting some spiders that hide in there! As well as hunting for spiders the children have been listening to 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' story so we went on a caterpillar hunt around the garden and spotted some little caterpillars hiding!

We then spoke about how caterpillars turn into brightly coloured and beautiful butterflies.

We have been hearing lots of wonderful conversations between the children about who is in their family and who they live with, including lots of interesting pets! We then looked through some books showing different types of families and friendships, we really love the Pip and Posy books! In July we explored different ways of mark making through potato prints, finger marks in shaving foam and paint wrapped in cling film and using rollers and stampers. This has helped to support the children's fine motor skills as well as their expressive arts and design and literacy skills.



The children are being supported in self-serving their own snack and enjoy buttering their own crackers and toast as well as using jugs to help pour their milk and water into their own cups. This has helped to develop their self-care skills as well as promoting independence.

All the children have shown a keen interest in dinosaurs so we created different types of dinosaur lands to explore, including using natural resources that have been found and collected in the garden. We have been naming the different types of dinosaurs and really enjoy dancing along to the dinosaur rap!

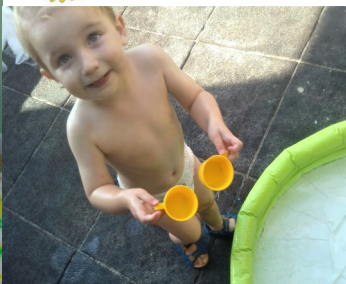
August has brought us lots of heat so far, so we have been spending lots of time outside in the garden where we have particularly enjoyed splashing around in the paddling pools, being able to practice our Mathematic skills by filling and emptying different sized containers such as buckets and cups, talking about how many cups to fill a bucket for example, as well as keeping nice and cool and occasionally splashing the adults!

We have been enjoying hearing about the children's summer breaks so far and have heard about lots of different types of holidays which we have continued talking about and the children have enjoyed spotting the occasional plane in the garden.

Finally we would like to thank you all for continuing to bring in hats and appropriate clothing for warm weather, we hope you are all enjoying this lovely bit of sunshine! Please do keep uploading pictures of all your adventures at home or away over the summer and continuing into September, we love to see and be able to chat about what the children have been up too and hear their version.

Toran has joined us from 'over the gate' recently and has settled in nicely, he will be taking on some key children and will be very good with transitions, especially as he has been in with the under 2 children before this, Welcome to the team Toran.

Alice, Ellie, Sean and Toran





Under 2's Play Room

Hello everyone!



We're so glad to have you back! We have some new faces who have joined us including our new Penguin room supervisor Julie, so a huge welcome to you. We have all settled back nicely into nursery and have been exploring some new and exciting things!

We are currently working as 'the under 2's group' while we settle back in and our numbers are low, we will be utilising all the space, upstairs and downstairs in the very near future, as our numbers allow, this will take into account the age and stage of each child on each day, all the children are comfortable both upstairs in the Duckling room and downstairs in the Penguin room, both areas are equipped with age appropriate toys and resources.

We have been spending lots of our time outside and also exploring the world on our walks.

We have taken a great interest in the postman, his van and the post boxes, so we then had lots of fun exploring posting activities, we wrote our own letters to post home, we have had lots of fun sticking the stamps to the envelopes which encourages those pincer finger movements and their hand eye co-ordination, we then walked to the local post box to post the letters – please let us know if you received your letter.

From posting the letters on a walk we explored further into the world around us and have been talking lots about dogs and cars. The children have had fun decorating their own display board inside the penguin room to the theme of their walks including a mini post box, dogs, bubbles and even a picture of Busikids. We helped all the children to create a small rainbow for the board and looked at all the colours, some children were even attempting to try and repeat the words!

Well done guys!

We have had lots of fun working on our speech and sounds when reading our new favourite Barefoot Books, we have shown a few particular favourites that include amazing stories about space, farms, dinosaurs and even a hole at the bottom of the sea. We have been enjoying moving around to the beat of the book working on their physical development and have even been copying the words to the songs- please look out for some new words we have learnt including "tractor" "dino-roar" "shark" and "bus".!



The books have been a great addition to the room encouraging literacy and reading for the children and have helped them to explore communication and language in a new and exciting way. The children even created their very own tractor display board to include their favourite farm animals from the book.

Many of us have loved exploring diggers and using them to scoop up blocks when building their towers – some even trying to scoop up their friends. They are using their hand eye co-ordination to carefully scoop up the sand using the diggers when in the garden and attempting to place it into the buckets.

Some of you may have noticed that the fish have temporarily moved downstairs from the duckling room – they were looking a little lonely. The Children have loved helping feed them and waving hello to them in the mornings. We have even been showing them stories that have fish pictures in too!

We have a new sink in the penguin room for hand washing, all of the children love using it, it is so much easier now it is in the room.

During the extremely warm weather we have loved exploring water outside and learning how to use the mini spray bottles, this is our new favourite way to keep cool. As well as this we have loved exploring in the garden on the bikes and playing with the footballs, some of us even shouting "goal" every time the ball went past someone, we are all having such a great time.

Well that is all for now, from Toni, Lucy, Julie, Jade and Jennifer (Toran has popped over the gate to the Monkey Room for now)

