

Hello Everyone

Well plenty has been happening since our last newsletter, we have removed the barriers in the garden and all ages of children can play together, people have been able to get away on holiday—some have even ventured abroad ! We are now seeing airplanes in the sky which made us think that many of our under 2's would not have seen or heard these before—what a strange thought when it used to be so ordinary.

There is now much excitement and a really big distraction when a plane passes overhead.

We have enjoyed a really wonderful Graduation Ceremony in our garden this summer, it was so good to be able to invite the parents and school leavers in for an event, we were so lucky with the weather and the children were all amazing. It is always moving when saying our fond farewells to all our children who we have cared for and helped shape into the little people they now are as they continue on to the next part of their journey starting school.

We wish each and every one of you all the best, we know you will thrive and continue to do so well.

We are planning our Christmas Fair again this year with every confidence that it will be able to go ahead so please pencil the date of Saturday 4th December into your diaries—it will probably be 10am to 12 midday, but this could vary so do keep an eye on your emails.

We are pleased to welcome Leanne back into her role as Deputy Manager, although she left to work closer to home the job was not as it was supposed to be and therefore was not suitable and Leanne missed us so much she re-applied for her post and here she is—Welcome back Leanne

Labels—as always all the rooms are requesting that you label everything that your child brings into Busikids, from shoes to hairbands!

We are affiliated with easy2name who provide labels for just about anything, please go to their website, we will be able to send a code in a few days that will enable free shipping.

As is always the case, we either have too many spare clothes for the children or not enough!

Currently we are at the stage of not enough!, so if your child has out-grown pants and trousers and other items, we do need spare clothes for all ages and especially two year olds as they are still perfecting their potty training, also please could you return any Busikids clothing that your child may already have been sent home in—Thank You

We are collecting the plastic milk bottle tops and other plastic tops, such as those found on gravy granules etc, these are sent off and are re-cycled for various charities. Ammiee our cook has instigated this as we have so many plastic tops and it would be good if you could also contribute. Thank you

We hope you enjoy this catch up and have a good week

Best wishes from
The Busikids Team



Hello Everyone

Here is an update regarding the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Guidance which all settings work from, this has recently been reviewed and there have been some changes that will be being implemented from September 2021. This is the framework from which settings obtain legal guidelines that must be followed, plus guidance in other areas too.

Please refer to <https://connectchildcare.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/The-Early-Years-Foundation-Stage-EYFS-2021-A-guide-for-parents-and-carers-2.pdf> and <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2> for further information.

Alongside this, the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum is also changing from September 2021. This curriculum is the guidance that covers the range of ages from Birth to Five years. We currently use the EYFS Development Matters curriculum guidance, which you will be familiar with as we use this in conjunction with our observations and assessments on Parentzone to help us to further the children's development. Going forward, we can now choose which curriculum guidance we follow and the emphasis has come away from observations and been placed much more on spending time with the children.

Therefore, we have decided to use the Birth To 5 Matters curriculum as our Guidance. This will not be a tick-list for staff or for children's development, so please do not worry if everything is not highlighted. The key person may be looking to progress the children in an area that is not necessarily paraphrased within the curriculum. This is the freedom the new EYFS gives to help us to get to know the children better and help us to develop every child as their own unique person, whilst making sure they progress holistically.

Please follow this link for further information on Birth To 5 Matters:
<https://www.birthto5matters.org.uk/> .

As the emphasis is on spending more time with the children, staff will be spending less time posting observations. This does not mean your children are achieving any less than they were, in fact they have the potential to achieve more! However, we appreciate you would still like to see what they have been up to and have a record of their time here, so we will be posting more Moments of what they have been doing during their time at Busikids.

We still would love to hear about what the children are interested in at home, any special events, or exciting moments that you would like to share with us. It is important to maintain the link between home and nursery and we like to be able to talk to the children about these things and maybe include some items of interest along the way. Please do also keep sending us your observations of your children to add to their learning journey too, as these complete their whole learning experiences, and are lovely to see!.

We will be sending you more information regarding the new EYFS and Birth To 5 Matters in the coming weeks. Please also look out for the links and other news on our website and Facebook page.

If you have any questions regarding this or anything else, I will be more than happy to speak with you.

Best Wishes

Charlotte Angel
Nursery Manager





pre-School



Hello Everybody

As you can all probably guess the Summer is coming to an end and what an eventful time it has been for all the children in Pre School, especially those leaving us for the next part of the adventure; "going to school"!



Moving On

With this transition in mind, over the past few months all the children have been practising their gross motor skills and practising how to dress/undress, taking shoes and socks off then experiencing new textures under their feet and then challenging themselves to put their socks and shoes back on.

We have also been strengthening our hands to help with our fine motor co-ordination by doing activities such as:

Cutting out shapes and magazines, or just using scissors for the experience of cutting paper, Hole punching (the children's favourite as they were able to recycle and make pictures from the different shaped cut-outs).

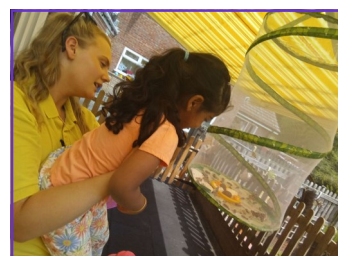


Mark-making using a variety of different resources, such as highlighter pens, to re-trace lines and develop their tripod grip. Using cars and paint to re-trace letters from their name, naming and sounding these out as they draw.

Nature

The children have really enjoyed caring for our 32 caterpillars which over time developed into beautiful butterflies. This provided us with the opportunity to link lots of activities which included the re-telling of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". We used pictures painted onto stones as visual props to prompt the children and inspire their versions of the story.

We have also grown our own carrots, lettuce and flowers from seed, making the most of the good weather to watch them develop. The children enjoyed watering the plants whilst also taking the opportunity to use liberal amounts of the water for play and to keep themselves cool.



The Great Outdoors

Outdoors, the children took over the re-making of the in the obstacle course, it was a real interest as they made use of all the various equipment in the garden, from the balance blocks, pallets, and the crates and planks they built and re-built the track, changing heights and challenging themselves without any direction from the adults around them. They learnt to work as a team, helping each other to build, talking, changing and solving the problems they encountered.

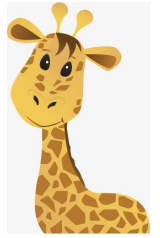
Future themes will include:

The Autumn
Halloween
Guy Fawkes
and Christmas!!!!!!





Pre-School/



Home Corner

The home corner is one of our permanent fixtures and we take the children's ideas and current interests to re-create it into so many different places bringing everyday experiences to life for the children. This then allows the children to enjoy and re-live individual memories which are captured in the language they use to communicate with friends, further expanding their language skills whilst developing their collective understanding of why things happen and how things work. Recent themes include:

The Vets
The Milliners (Hat Shop)
Our Fruit and Vegetable Stall (The Market), and
Homelife



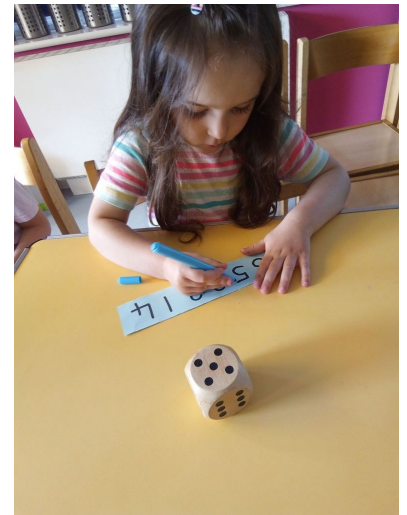
Comings and Goings

We have said a sad farewell to Emily who is returning to university to further her education and we wish her well with her future studies, we may be fortunate enough to see her back as supply if her schedule allows.

To maintain the strength of our team in the room we have welcomed Molly who moves to us from the Penguin Room and Brogan who has joined as our new apprentice – Welcome ladies.

That is all for now take care from the Preschool Team

Kyla, Lindsey, Sophie, Molly and Brogan





Monkey Playroom



Monkey room newsletter

We would like to start by saying a fond farewell to Alice, the Monkey room supervisor, and we wish her all the best for her latest adventure!

We would also like to say goodbye and good luck to all of the children moving over to Preschool in the coming weeks, plus of course a big hello and welcome to those joining us from the Penguin room!

The Monkey room has been very busy recently with lots of fun and exciting activities. We have been exploring the patio and garden during bug hunts, and taking the opportunity to practice our positional language while searching for the creepy crawlies!

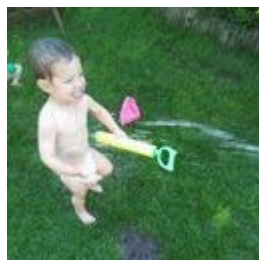
We have also been able to take some walks to the local woods, where we have been looking for interesting flowers, leaves, feathers and other natural resources. The Monkey room children have then had lots of fun using these natural resources in collages, practicing fine motor skills to handle the glue sticks and scissors.

We have had plenty of opportunity to show off our turn taking and sharing skills during our small group play, especially while playing sound lottery or Old MacDonald bingo! The children have also been showing their ability to listen well and follow instructions during these adult led activities.

The Monkeys have been spending lots of time in the garden during the summer months, and have been enjoying playing with lots of water to keep them cool, and have been learning a lot while doing so!

We have been learning all about different spaces by filling up containers with water, and also how to use some equipment such as jugs and pipettes. Everyone's favourite activity was of course the paddling pools, which we had in the garden during some of the hottest days! The children really enjoyed getting covered in water to cool down, and had a lot of fun throwing the water all over each other — and the grown ups to keep cool!

During these especially hot days, we spoke a lot about sun safety and the need to wear sun cream and our hats while in the sun. This has led to a lot of discussion about what to wear during different types of weather, and also to lots of looking at the sky while outside!





Monkey Playroom



Recently we have been enjoying a lot of role play involving babies! (Baby dolls that is :) This has involved washing and cleaning the babies in the bath, feeding and clothing them, and teaching the babies how to use a potty!



This has encouraged an interest in self care with the children, who now show much more excitement when using the potty and washing their hands after using the toilet and before meals.

Role playing with the potties and babies has also caused a lot of our nappy wearing children to become interested in the potty, and some are requesting to use the potty alongside their older friends!

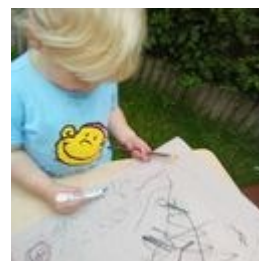
The children who are already using the toilet or potty at nursery have also become more independent in doing so, and most only want minimal help in using the toilet or potty and washing their hands!

The monkey room have recently done some food exploration, trying a different variety of fruit at snack time such as cherries, dragon fruit, kiwi and mango! It was very nice to see all of the children willing to try the new flavours and textures of the food, and we all had lots of fun describing the colour, taste and feel of the different fruits!

As always the monkey room children have been enjoying mark making, but lately a lot of emphasis has been put on drawing or painting our families! The Monkey room children have all enjoyed talking about their various family members with their friends and grown ups, and showing off their lovely drawings and painting of their family!

We in the Monkey room are looking forward to all of the fun activities we have planned for the following weeks, and slightly further in the future as we will soon be moving onto autumn and all the fun it brings!

As the weather is particularly unpredictable lately, I would like to remind everyone of the continued need for sunhats, jackets and wellies, as it is always difficult to tell what kind of weather we will be dealing with from day to day!



Many Thanks!

Toran, Sean and Mia





penguin Playrooms



Dear Parents

We are very happy to say that it is working very well caring for all our under 2 children between our two indoor areas, they are all very happy to play in either area and enjoy the different resources and activities in both. Well done to the staff team for adapting and making this work so well.

As the Summer is drawing to a close and Autumn is just around the corner, we thought we would let you know about some of the things we have been up to in the Penguin room.

The children have been exploring various messy activities including body painting, collaging junk materials, practicing our mark making using a wide range of different resources such as chalk, crayons, pencils felt tips and gloop.

Activities like these support children's exploration of the world around them and help develop their language skills.

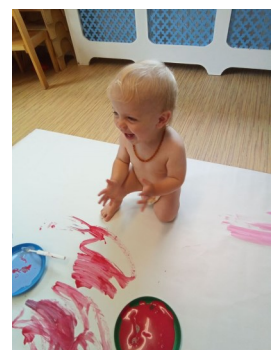
To help develop their language skills further we have been singing lots of nursery rhymes and sharing our favourite stories.

Some of you may have noticed that the play ramp has moved from upstairs to downstairs. We still use both rooms on days when the numbers of children are higher, however we felt the ramp suited the downstairs room better. We feel the children think the same as it is a popular piece of equipment in Penguins offering opportunities to climb, it supports children with their gross motor skills and balance – in addition to this the children begin to understand some simple boundaries, for example going Up the stairs and Down the slide, plus learning to take turns.

During play we have been providing a range of resources to encourage the children's mathematical skills, such as numbers and space, shape and measures.

Some of these toys include stacking cups, shape sorters and post boxes

We have also offered a range of role-play and small work activities, for example, playing with the 'babies' and caring for them, using blankets, bottles and nappies, as well as the Happy Land buildings and people – even animals in cereal.



penguin Playrooms

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Although the weather has not been as bright and sunny as we would like for this time of year, we have enjoyed spending times out on the patio and down on the grass.

Activities we all enjoy are sand and water play, ball games, bubbles sit n' rides, slide and tunnel as well as exploring the outside environment with lots of new herbs and plants with different smells and textures in the garden.

We have been fortunate to observe caterpillars transforming into beautiful butterflies and then letting them fly away, all these activities help to develop our understanding of the world around us.

Recently we sent home a request for family photos to put on our 'family' board. We have had some lovely pictures sent in so far, but we still have many more slots to fill, please could you email a picture of your child with family members or pets? – the children really do love looking at these – thank you.

We would like to remind everyone to label all your child's belongings to ensure we are able to identify them, this would help immensely – thank you.

Well, we are looking forward to the next few months with Autumn coming and all the events that this time of year brings

With Best Wishes

Julie, Lucy, Lucy and Vicky.

