

SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Introducing our Little Explorers



The Little Explorers launched in June and have been getting involved with nature in their local environment.

The children are adapting to outdoor learning and have coped well with the variety of weather we have experienced in the last few weeks!

Every day's been an adventure as they take trips to the beach to learn the importance of safe exploration within a new environment; and learn about recycling whilst litter picking around the park.

Other activities based in the Bear Garden have included, climbing trees, feeding the birds, learning about plants & flowers and creating natural pieces of art.

If you would like your child to join in the fun, please contact the office for more details.

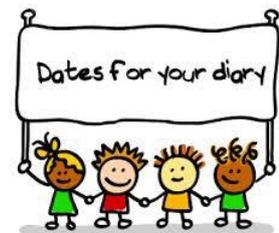
SCHOOL LEAVER CHILDREN
If you need additional childcare during your child's transitional period to school please contact the office
email: info@boomerang-kids.co.uk

Charges for INSET DAYS.

We do not charge parents for our own Nursery agreed inset days

For Breakfast & After School Club we follow the School Term Dates Calendar as published by Brighton & Hove City Council.

Please note that schools agree 4 additional inset dates individually. Parents will be charged for these so are welcome to drop their children at the After School Club if they wish.



NURSERY CLOSED

TUESDAY 31st AUGUST 2021

INSET DAY

Last Day for Breakfast & After School Club

FRIDAY 23 JULY 2021

Last Day for School Leaver Children

FRIDAY 27 AUGUST 2021

Breakfast & After School Club returns

FRIDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2021



Update For Summer

As you may be aware, there will be changes made to the EYFS statutory framework from September 2021. The changes are in place to:

- Improve outcomes for children aged 5, particularly in early language and literacy.
- To reiterate the importance of child and adult interactions within early years settings.

The seven areas of learning remain the same but there is a key focus on early language, extending vocabulary and developing vocabulary skills.

There is also an emphasis on continual professional development for Early Years Practitioners. The guidance states that practitioners should receive 20 hours of training per year! The Boomerang team are very excited about this and have been learning lots of new skills already. We even became Little Explorers ourselves for the day, learning lots of outdoor skills!

Home Learning

Therefore, it goes without saying that home learning will be centred around new vocabulary and early reading opportunities....

It's Summer!

Go for a walk, see what you can spot! What has changed, what is new? What new words can we learn?

Look out for summer colours! Beautiful plants and flowers. Encourage the children to describe these colours using 'wow' words. For e.g.

'It's a **light** pink' 'It's as green as that tree' 'It's **bright** yellow'

For younger children, naming and pointing to new colours is great!

When looking at books together, encourage children to look at the pictures, describing the pictures or commenting on what they can see, perhaps predicting what they think the story might be about....then you can read it!

When looking at books, pick favourite words. Can children say these words, or use them within a sentence?

Take the opportunity, with older children, to ask rich questions when exploring the outdoors. For e.g.

'Why do you think the flower is drooping?'

'How do you think the bird built its' nest?'

Over a year on COVID19 is still very much part of our lives.

Cases are on the rise again in Brighton & Hove.

We ask our parents to remain vigilant and not to send their child to nursery if they have any related symptoms. We have been made aware of the greater risk of picking up infections due to little or no immunity being built up over the last year. *Please see the article extract below.*

**Please observe any quarantine rules and together
we will continue to keep our community safe.
Thank you.**

Emergency departments across the UK are seeing record numbers of young children - but most have a mild fever that could be treated at home, the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health says.

Winter viruses are flourishing as more people mix, and a doctor's chief says many A&Es are being "overwhelmed".

Experts say any infections are unlikely to be serious and GPs, pharmacies or NHS 111 should be the first option.

In most cases, their fevers, coughs and runny noses are caused by other respiratory infections such as RSV, bronchiolitis, the common cold and parafu.

A&E remains an option if parents are still concerned or in an emergency.

Always seek medical advice if your baby or child:

- is under three months old and has a temperature of 38C (100F) or higher
- is three to six months old and has a temperature of 39C (102F) or higher
- has a fever lasting for more than five days, or is becoming more unwell
- is not drinking well or is dehydrated with fewer than two wet nappies a day
- develops a red rash that doesn't fade when a glass is rolled over it
- has a fit or convulsion
- is crying constantly, or it doesn't sound like their normal cry



Leavers Celebration

We are hoping to arrange a special event for our school leaver children this year. It is likely to take the form of a Teddy Bears picnic with fun party games arranged within nursery time.

More details to follow.



Dear Parents

Please ensure your child has sun-cream applied before arriving at nursery. As per covid guidelines, we are spending as much time outside as possible and it is possible to burn even when the weather is overcast.

Staff will top up as necessary during the day.

**SHOULDERS MUST BE COVERED
NO VEST STYLE TOPS PLEASE.**

Thank you

Welcome to our new Staff

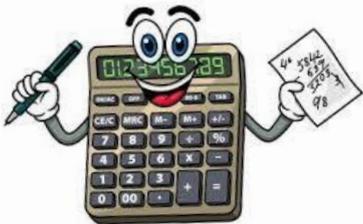
Yumi joins the Bunnies as a **Keyworker** and is looking to being a happy energetic influence on all of the babies.

Nikolett also joins the Bunnies as an **Apprentice Keyworker**; she is studying for her Level 2 and is enjoying getting to know all the Bunny children.

Natasha joins the Hedgehogs as an **Apprentice Keyworker** and has all the practical experience of having had two children herself.

Julie A **qualified teacher**; joins the Squirrels as a **Keyworker** and has a special interest in phonics & reading.

Lex A **nature lover**; joins the Forest School as an **Apprentice Keyworker**. She is looking forward to shaping young minds and preparing them with practical skills.



FINANCE MATTERS

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE ON FEE INCREASES

Following a very difficult year it has been decided to defer any price increase. As you may remember we did not increase our fees in September 2020 and have decided to review the matter next January, with a plan to increase our fees in 2022.

Our reasoning behind this decision is that we are very aware some families have had a difficult time during this pandemic. Similarly, it has not been easy for us here at Boomerang Kids as we have had to adjust to all the various challenges while ensuring that our children and staff are kept safe. Despite everything though, we have managed to remain open throughout all of the lockdowns thanks to the resilience and dedication of our wonderful team. As a result, we have been able to support our valued NHS and Key Workers to whom we would like to extend a very BIG thank you.

However, we are not out of the woods yet! The virus has not gone away and in fact cases of the Delta Variant are rising alarmingly among younger, unvaccinated adults and children. We must ALL continue to remain vigilant!

Sadly, this means that we will continue to contact a Parent or Carer to collect their child if they are displaying any symptoms of Covid. In order for the child to return to nursery we will require confirmation of a negative PCR test OR the for 10 day home isolation period to have elapsed. As with any other illness you will be charged for this non-attendance as part of our sustainability and Fees Policy.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. We value our partnership with parents/carers and will keep you informed of all developments.