



Summer newsletter 2020

Welcome

Welcome to the Summer term. What a rollercoaster it has been for us all over the past few months. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support through these difficult times. We would also like to say a very big thank you to our very own 'key workers' who have worked continuously over the last few months to keep two of our nurseries open during the coronavirus pandemic. We do appreciate your hard work and dedication.

There have been some changes with our staff in Bridgend, as well as some new additions we would like to inform you that Kasey Williams (Under 2's supervisor) will now be the deputy manager for the nursery. Amy Norwood will now be the pre-school co-ordinator, looking after the over 3's and holiday club. We wish you all the luck in your new roles.

Sadly we have had to say goodbye to some of our staff over the last few weeks and are now in the process of welcoming some new members of staff to our Princess of Wales team. We would like to welcome Caitlyn Thomas and Caitlyn Hole who have recently joined us and are settling in nicely. They look forward to working with you and your children over the next few months. We have also welcomed lots of wonderful new children and families to our setting, we have been really enjoying getting to know their little personalities and we hope that it won't be long until you can join us inside the nursery again so you can see all the wonderful things that we get up to.

Important dates

International friendship day—2nd August

Eid-al-adha—11th August 2020

Holiday club: end—4th September 2020

Back to school: 4th September 2020



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COVID-19

As we are still following the Welsh government guidelines closely in regards to COVID-19 we would like to reiterate the importance of keeping a 2 metre distance from others outside of the premises and when dropping off and collecting your child. If you would kindly ensure you drop off behind the white line where possible. A member of staff will collect non walkers from you but we would like to encourage any walking children to walk into the nursery themselves. We can no longer allow prams to be stored inside the lobby but we do have a pram storage container which is available for you to use. We will continue to keep you updated with any further guidance using our Famly app.

Famly app: Our app is running very successfully now and we trust that you are enjoying using it as much as we are. We are always looking at ways to improve the app all the time and over the past few weeks we have updated a few things which will hopefully allow us to do lots more things on there. Hopefully you will be reading your first ever Famly app newsletter.

If you or your child is showing any symptoms of COVID-19, we kindly ask that you do not bring your child to nursery and to follow the governments isolation guidelines. These symptoms are:

- A new continuous cough
- A loss of taste or smell
- A high temperature

Sunny days

Now that we have some wonderfully sunny weather, please can you ensure your child brings a sun hat to nursery and some sun cream if you do not wish for them to use ours. We will be spending lots of time playing and exploring our outside environment.

As you are aware, the children have been playing and learning in little bubbles. This is to ensure minimum contact with each other and the equipment that they are using. All toys/ equipment are cleaned thoroughly after the bubble has finished. We thought we would share a few pictures of our 'bubbles' with you so you can see how they work.



Under 2's

In the under 2's room, we have used the last few months as an opportunity to go back to basics with our play. We have enjoyed exploring lots of natural resources, investigating and searching for bugs in the garden, using paints and crayons to make artwork as well as getting to know our colours and our shapes using simple shape sorters and colour puzzles. Of course, during the sunny weather we have had lots of water play and bubbles that we love to splash in.

Our rainbow gallery



Pre-School

Pre-school have really been making the most of the outside facilities and the beautiful weather we have been having. They have been getting imaginative building their own outside dens with different materials, climbing and designing obstacle courses exploring their physical skills. They have also enjoyed position making activities with mud and flowers. There has been lots of play with loose parts as we feel this encourages great imaginative skills and of course, what is a summer without lots of water play and bubbles.

Toddlers

Toddlers have also been enjoying time outside, creating their own artwork using different materials, they have been doing lots of rainbow themed activities and even made their very own science rainbow experiment using skittles. It was fun watched all of the colours dissolve. We have been using our physical skills to climb apparatus, kick and roll footballs and explore obstacle courses. We have done some planting activities and explored bugs in the garden. The toddlers have also been practising their colours by matching coloured blocks onto coloured pictures and we are using lots of number songs to familiarise themselves with numbers up to 10.

Holiday club timetable

Monday 10th August- Friday 14th August

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arts and crafts	Cooking - muffin Pizza	Sports day	Dinosaur day	Pyjama movie day
Beach Fun- Painting pebbles/shells			-Frozen dinosaur -dinosaur feet painting -Free drawing favourite dinosaur	-wear pjs optional -pop corn making ?

Monday 17th August- Friday 21st August

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arts and crafts day	Mud kitchen fun	Cooking - Ham and cheese puffs	Harry Potter day	Graduation
-Marble art			-slime making -potion making	

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