



### April 2022

6 April - Under 2's parents evening  
13 April - Toddlers parents evening  
27 April - Preschool parents evening  
15 April - Good Friday (Nursery closed)  
18 April - Easter Monday (Nursery closed)  
11 - 20 April - Easter Playscheme

### May 2022

2 May - May Bank Holiday (Nursery Closed)

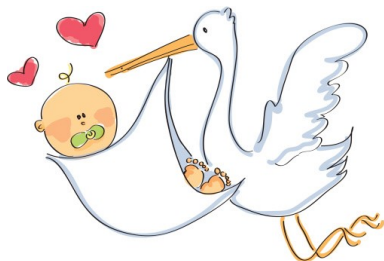
### June 2022

2 June - Queens Jubilee (Nursery Closed)  
3 June - Queens Jubilee (Nursery Closed)  
19 June - Fathers Day

### Congratulations!

A very big congratulation to Becca Ireson on the birth of her little girl!

We are so looking forward to meeting her.



### Staffing News

#### Welcome to

A warm welcome to Lauren Brooks, Emily Davies and Jade—Marie Furness. We are very excited to have you as part of our nursery team, and we look forward to your journey with us at DVLA Day Nursery.

#### Staff development

All staff are continuously contributing to their professional development by attending internal courses to refresh or gain new qualifications.

**Congratulations** to Rachel Kind—Parton who has been successful in the position of DVLA's Facebook Co—Ordinator. Rachel is a very creative member of the nursery team and we are eager to see the lovely content she captures to share with yourselves!

Please ensure you have liked and followed the Schoolhouse Facebook page to see this exciting content!



Sarah Morales has been successful in undertaking a quality assurance role for Schoolhouse alongside her Office Manager role at our DVLA Nursery.

Stacey Calitz will be supporting all Schoolhouse sites with HR alongside her Manager role at the nursery.

To reflect these changes, Hannah Lewis will be spending more time in the office to ensure that all admin related aspects of the nursery continue running smoothly.

We are **excited to announce** that Mollie, our nursery student since June 2021 has now started an apprenticeship with the nursery. Congratulations Mollie, we are so pleased to have you growing with the nursery. We look forward to seeing what the future holds and wish you all the best as you embark on this new journey of discovery!

### General reminders

Please can we remind you that nappies and wipes are to be brought in to every nursery session. We do not supply these and we do not have spares within the nursery.

Thank You.



## News from the sections....

### Under 2's

The children in our under 2's have enjoyed exploring the outdoor area in the wet weather. We have put on our wetsuits and wellies and have thoroughly enjoyed making a splash in the puddles.

We have also spent a great deal of time working on our mindfulness, and having regular yoga sessions. The children have really enjoyed this and have taken part well.

We use these sessions to calm our minds and relax, something very important during our days full of activities!

Other celebrations have included Valentines Day, St David's Day and World Book Day.

As we continue into the spring months, we will continue to spend a great deal of our time outdoors. We would like to please remind all parents and guardians that we require spare, suitable clothing to change.

### Toddlers

Our toddler children have had the discovery area enhanced and have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the resources and activities which have been made available within it.

In addition, we have enjoyed focussing on different books each week and making our circle times extra special with the use of song spoons. Children are able to exercise their independence and ability to make choices by choosing the spoon they would like to sing. Once we learn new songs, we add the spoons!

We are looking forward to taking opportunities over the next few months to encourage our independence. We will also be making the most of spring by creating our very own friendship tree in the garden. Along with this, we will be planting and looking after our very own seedlings and watching caterpillars grow into beautiful butterflies! (Just like in 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.

### Pre-school & Playscheme

The preschool children have spent a great deal of time doing physical activities such as music and movement sessions and outdoor play. The children have particularly enjoyed musical statues.

We have also enjoyed taking time to learn about friendships, and doing activities related to this. These activities have included making friendship trees, a friendship pie in the tuff spot and looking at friendship books!

Playscheme children have been embracing creativity and have had a range of 'competitions' and challenges set for them. These challenges included creating their very own bookmarks and towers out of sticks and marshmallows. (We were all very impressed with the height of the tallest, stickiest tower).

Preschool will continue with their friendship and kindness theme. In addition we will be looking to create opportunities for the children to take the lead in planning and activities.

In addition, we will also be exploring setting up our very own Preschool Committee for the children.

### Did you know?

Did you know that the nursery carries out weekly cooking activities within each section?

These activities range from encouraging healthy eating, to a sweet treat.

Children are encouraged to use their independence during these sessions and even sometimes create their very own meals!

All allergy and dietary requirements are catered for during these sessions.



## 'Talk with me'



We have recently shared on Famly a link to the Welsh Government initiative Talk with Me.

Please see below a link to the website where there are lovely resources and information available in relation to supporting children and parents with speech and language.

There is also information in relation to behaviour management as well as activities and play ideas.

[Talk with me | GOV.WALES](https://gov.wales/talkwithme)

## Please review us

Please could we ask for you to share your feedback and thoughts on our Day Nurseries page.

Below is the link required to leave us a review:

<https://www.daynurseries.co.uk/review-submit/6543219085>

Once you submit a review, you will have an email asking you to verify it was yourself that completed the review. In order for reviews to be published, this must be acknowledged and confirmed.

**We will hold a raffle on 7 April 22 to choose one published review who will win this lovely hamper!**



## Nursery fundraising

This year Schoolhouse Daycare has chosen to raise money for a local charity close to our hearts – Talking Hands, located in the heart of Swansea's community. This youth club does an incredible job offering support to children and young people who are deaf or hard of hearing throughout Wales.

Amanda Bennett, Kevin Bennett, Rachel Burley, Margaret Anna, Amy Norwood, Stacey Calitz, Sarah Harris, Jessica Colwill, Hannah Lewis, Caitlin Daniel and Sarah Morales have set themselves a personal and professional 'Mount Snowdon Challenge' which is taking place on 30th April 2022. It is the highest mountain in Wales, at an elevation of 1,085 metres. An estimated 6-8hour hike.

Any donation is greatly appreciated; we would like to thank you in advance! Wish us luck!

This can be done by either donating to the nursery, or via the Schoolhouse Facebook page, following the Just Giving link.

