



## Welcome to Our DVLA Summer Newsletter 2024

If you have any suggestions for our parent newsletter or anything you would like to see included, please let us know  
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### Nursery Requests...

Our Booking forms for our Summer Playscheme will be sent out in June 2024. If you have a child or relative aged 4-12, come and join us for a Summer of exploration, fun and curiosity.

The new school year will soon be upon us and requests for our local school run service will also be shared in June. For anyone wishing to use this service, please be mindful that this will be on a first come basis and we apologise in advance if we are unable to accommodate you this time.

We are always on the lookout for sustainable items to use within the setting, if you have any old shirts, books, leather suitcases, hats, spoons, tea sets etc. We would be very grateful. Also, if you are out and about visiting the beach, can you please collect some seashells and driftwood.

We're looking forward to welcoming the summer sun, so please remember to bring in a labelled sun hat and dress your child/ren in appropriate clothing and footwear.

### Staff News

The Nursery has been busy with exciting changes within the team recently. Our vision remains the same: a commitment to nurturing all children in our care, encouraging confidence, inspiring creativity, stimulating curiosity... and making life just that little bit easier for your family.

Sadly, Vicky decided to embrace an exciting opportunity to become manager of our Singleton site. Although still a part of the schoolhouse Family, as a Team we will miss her daily presence. We wish her the best of luck in her new position and would like to take this opportunity to welcome Lucy as her replacement. Lucy has been at the nursery for 11 years and brings with her many great leadership skills and qualities. We are excited for Lucy's continued growth at the DVLA.

We would like to welcome Jess back from her maternity leave. She has settled in lovely and is working alongside our Toddler Team. Both Erin and Georgia are expecting Baby girls in September and will soon be leaving to go on their maternity leave.

As June approaches, you'll notice new faces joining our team. Charlotte a Nursery Apprentice & Chris a qualified level 3, will be embarking on their schoolhouse journey and will bring with them fresh ideas and boundless energy to the setting.

### DayNurseries' Award



We are beyond thrilled to announce that DVLA has won the Top 20 rated Day Nursery Award, awarded by daynurseries.co.uk. We received this award in recognition that we are one of the top 20 rated day nurseries in our region based on published reviews from parents and guardians. This prestigious award is a testament to our commitment to excellence in childcare. Only us and 1 other nursery in Swansea have received this honour. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents who took the time to leave us a review.

### Silver wellbeing party for our Nursery children

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, we will be hosting a 'silver themed party' for the children to celebrate Schoolhouse achieving the Investor in People 'We invest in wellbeing' silver award. Our Assessor commented that "Your people believe wellbeing is genuinely considered across the organisation including the children in your care". So our children are welcome to dress in their best and sparkly party clothes and we will be having party food, dancing, games and lots of 'silver' FUN throughout the day!



### *News from our Babies and Tweenies*

Supervisor's Jade and Laura have been very busy planning lots of lovely Spring experiences for our younger children. With the weather changing and the sun sometimes making an appearance the staff have enjoyed using the outdoor play areas. Outdoor play has so many benefits and this is a time of outstanding development of the senses, mind, and body. The children have enjoyed the large, grassed areas whilst sitting, crawling, standing, and walking. They are intensely interested in things around them and have enjoyed noticing the different insects and wildlife in our garden.

Our Head Office Team have recently carried out an outdoor play audit to ensure the children have lots of play experiences that interest them and new ride on's, windmills and musical instruments will be arriving soon. In addition, Jade and Laura will be creating a sensory herb and plant area. Stimulation from both the natural world and the exciting places to explore indoors provide lots of sensorial experiences. Our babies and Tweenies have enjoyed exploring different smells within their play, using fruit and flowers as mark makers and petals and essences in our water play.

The team have also been focusing on nurturing the children's wellbeing as part of their daily routine, from experiencing baby massage, listening to calming music, physical play, eating wholesome foods and regular sleep.



### *News from Our Toddler's*

Angela and her staff team have also been focusing on supporting their Toddler's wellbeing. Every day we let our children express themselves and this is achieved through play and mindfulness moments such as yoga, relaxation time and browsing books. As you know, we also wore green to celebrate mental health awareness week, but both our staff and children's wellbeing is important every day. Our Toddler's revel being in the outdoors, and this is a wonderful time of movement and exploration. Providing first hand play experiences our Toddlers have enjoyed bug hunts, sand and water play, physical play which has enabled them to use whole body movements that help them to grow and develop.

Our Toddler's enjoy playing with each other in our home corner and like to see staff members watching them in their play; this age is delightful as they share their intense curiosity. For this reason, we will be enhancing our role play and a new kitchen has been purchased. Being two is a fabulous year for emerging imagination, language and friendships.



**Our welsh word of the month is: Cadarnhaol, which means positive.**



### News from our Pre-school Team

Pre-school have been busy with the hustle and bustle of nursery life and its curious play experiences, half term fun and our school journey's. Our older children have been on a magical adventure in the world of 'The colour monster'. Using the magic of this picture book the children explored the concept of feelings and emotions and saw that the funny little monster labelled his feelings by linking them to different colours and experiences. At this age children do experience BIG feelings and as a team we enable children to find ways and the words to express what they are feeling inside.

The children have also been learning about The Chelsea flower show and creating their own pictures using fresh flowers. During this experience the children discussed the names of different flowers, their colours and how insects are attracted to their nectar and petals. The children's curiosity grew which resulted in child led flower stamping and closer inspection of insects living in their garden. Gill has requested a bug hotel which we cannot wait to build this summer.



DVLA staff members have recently attended Paediatric First Aid Training. With 100% of our team qualified in First Aid we will be signing up to Millie's Mark Accreditation process.

### *What's on around Swansea.....*

- 4<sup>th</sup> June- 27<sup>th</sup> August:** Beach Yoga for adults, The observatory Tower
- 29<sup>th</sup> June:** Princess and superhero day, Pembrey country park
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** Arad Goch-Cerdyn post O wlad y Rwla, Taliesin art centre
- 20<sup>th</sup> July:** Family Fun Day, Pembrey country park
- 21<sup>st</sup> July:** Summer Family fun day, Margam Park
- 26<sup>th</sup> July:** Dinomania in plantasia
- 30<sup>th</sup> July- 20<sup>th</sup> August:** In the night garden, Swansea grand theatre
- 27<sup>th</sup> August:** The tales of Jemima Puddle-duck, Pembrey country park
- 1<sup>st</sup> September:** Bluey's Big Play, Swansea Arena

### Did you know??

*That you can find your child's key Person on the Family app? Go to your child's profile, click basic info and it will be stated on there...*

At Schoolhouse, we pride ourselves on our Key Person approach and the relationships that are formed during your nursery experience. Your child's Key person is attentive to your child's needs and is playful, affectionate, thoughtful, and fun so that a secure attachment is formed. All Schoolhouse staff are trained on attachment theory.

*That you can send in your own child's observations to Family? Go to Journey and then new and create an observation. This is a great way to share your 'at home' experiences with your child's Key Person, from your child's first swimming lesson, to ballet, gymnastics or football to birthday's, holidays and developmental milestones.*