



A Message from Sian



Dear Parents & Children,
A warm Welcome Back to Nursery. Myself and the Team have missed you All!

Who would have thought that we would be caught up in a Global Pandemic and have to remain in our homes for all but essential reasons for more than 3 months? Or that Nursery's and Schools would be closed for the vast majority of children?

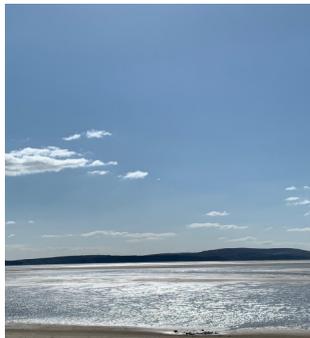
I hope that you found the time spent at home with your family to be an extra Special time!

*My Favourite Lockdown
memory has been*

appreciating where I live-

Beautiful views and walks

*On my doorstep as well as
spending quality time with my
family!*



Of course during the whole Lockdown period since the end of March, Singleton's doors remained open for children of Keyworkers and we welcomed lots of new families during this time too.

We developed safe operating procedures that complies with the latest Government Guidance on Coronavirus. We adapted our every day working practices to ensure our staff and children can play in a safe environment in their 'bubble groups'.

We continue to clean, sterilise, scrub, spray, sanitise (and everything else in between) to minimise the risk and as always work in partnership with parents- and that is why we were able to re open fully to all our nursery families at the end of June.

Singleton is registered to deliver the CCAS Funding but applications have now closed and this funding is due to end on the 31st August.

From the 1st September your nursery contract and Schoolhouse's Terms and conditions will resume so please ensure you have chosen your set Nursery Days. I am really enjoying our nursery days and am looking forward to all our families returning soon.

I am so pleased that I have had the opportunity to continuously work with such a great team throughout these uncertain times and would like to say a special Thank you to Ali, Ashleigh, Chloe, Ellie, Rebecca & Tegan for their incredible courage and commitment shown during the Lockdown period, I feel privileged to be working alongside such a great team and now that we are all back together, we are very much looking forward to our Future.

Many Thanks,

Sian X

Staffing News

Welcome to:

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest staff member's to the Singleton Team:

Laura Holly who is based in our curious Under 2's Room and **Megan Davies, Madison Evans and Samantha Morris** who have joined our busy Toddler and Pre School Teams.

Another addition to the Team is **Samantha George** who has joined Singleton in a new role as Office Manager. All staff members have transferred to us from other Schoolhouse sites and we are delighted that they are joining Sian and the nursery. A warm Welcome to you all and we look forward to the exciting experiences that lie ahead for the new Singleton Team.

We would also like to say Thank you to all the staff and children for their help in supporting the girls to settle. *'Together we enjoy learning, encourage confidence and love life'*.

Farewell to:

We would like to say a huge Thank you to Sophie who joined Singleton as Pre School Co Ordinator during the pandemic. Sophie transferred from our Glangwili Day Nursery but is sadly leaving us to Manage Gower Day Nursery. Whilst she is very sad to be leaving Schoolhouse, she is very excited to start a new challenge. Good Luck for the Future Sophie!



Promotions:

From September there will be some changes throughout the nursery with regards to staffing, Laura Holly will become the Under 2's new Supervisor and Amy Phillips will take on the role as Pre School Co Ordinator, a role they both have previous experience in and a role they both love. Congratulations to you both and we wish you lots of success and happiness in your new positions.

Congratulations:

Sian has taken her Management and Leadership skills to a new level as she has recently passed her Level 5 Childcare Course. As with anything worthwhile, this Level 5 course required Sian to dedicate some of her time but she now has that fantastic feeling of achieving another professionally recognised qualification - Well done Sian!

Also a huge congratulations to Rebecca Otten for completing her First Year of her University Degree with a 2:1 in Criminology and Criminal Justice- you should be so proud, especially through all the challenges that this year has brought. Good Luck in your studies for your second year.

Baby News:

A special mention to Tillie, who is expecting her first Baby this year. The news came during Lockdown and we are so excited for you and your family- You will make a Great Mummy, Take care X



A Big Thank you:

Sian and the Team would like to take this opportunity to say a Big Thank you to all Parents for their kindness and well wishes, especially over the last few months. It definitely made a difference to our working days and we very much appreciate all your kinds gifts and treats. It means a lot- Thank you!

We are very proud of Singleton Day Nursery and all staff strive to achieve our values in their daily practice: Encourage, Enjoy, Inspire, Learn, Nurture. All our staff enjoy their work and display a great mixture of personalities, all fun, gentle, patient, enthusiastic, kind and very caring.

Under 2's

A very warm welcome from Amy and her team, we are so happy and excited to be 'back' doing what we do best- 'PLAYING & HAVING FUN'!

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families that have recently joined us, we feel privileged that you have chosen our nursery for your Baby. Our Under 2's room offers a calm, homely, fun and loving environment in which your little one can grow and thrive. Please do keep in touch especially with your child's Key-worker via your FAMILY App account.

Our team of dedicated staff- Amy, Ashleigh, Janina, Laura & Tegan will continue to follow home routines within the nursery, providing a consistency of care that ensures your baby feels happy and secure.

Our room has been set up with cosy areas that supports our little ones discovery and play. Amy and the team have enjoyed planning 'colourful' activities, just like their Toddler Friends. Our babies really enjoyed watching colours being added to their water tray. The children were encouraged to explore their senses as they 'looked' 'pointed at' and smelt different colour flowers that we have planted in our nursery garden.

Toddlers

Your Toddler's day will start with a warm welcome from Jess and her friendly team- Abi, Chloe, Ellie, Madison and Rebecca.

Our Toddler Room is set up in a way that aims for children's development to take place through their natural curiosity. Every day is an adventure for Jess and upon returning to nursery after lockdown, the children were so excited to share with their friends and us, the fun they had at home.

The children's interests have changed during their time away from nursery and staff are now planning and developing activity ideas based on the 'colours of the rainbow'- a symbol we have all become familiar with!

A lot of the activities have involved the children being creative and using their imaginations to learn their colours and number recognition through art and crafts, messy play, stories and song and rhymes.

One of the Toddlers favourite places to be is in our nursery garden. They have had great fun exploring the outdoors and have particularly enjoyed our mud kitchen and water run- it's no secret that children love playing with water especially in the hot weather! We recently went on a bug hunt around our lovely nursery grounds and counted 5 butterflies fluttering by!

Pre-school

Megan and Sophie welcome the Pre Schooler's with great enthusiasm ready for a day of creativity and imagination.

The children recently made some rainbows for their parents to say 'Thank you' for all their hard work, whether it was for being a Keyworker or for looking after their children at home. We loved seeing your photographs that you shared, you done lots of exciting things together as a family. For more fun photos and Pre School news about what we have been getting up to, like Schoolhouse on facebook.

Over the past few weeks our Pre School children have been learning about the 'World around them'. They have learnt to say 'Hello' in many different languages which they found really funny with some of the languages that they learnt- have you heard any 'Hello's at home?

We have been really lucky with the weather over the past few months and have enjoyed spending most of our nursery days out in the garden- playing with the bikes, making hop scotch with chalks on the concrete and just enjoying being with our friends in the sunshine.

Joining Pre School is an exciting moment in a child's learning, preparing them for the journey onto school. If you would like to discuss your child's school readiness, please speak to Sian or Amy. For those heading off to school, we would like to wish you lots of luck and happiness in your next adventure!

Play scheme

We make every effort to ensure your child has a great time at Playscheme so that they will be itching to come back to us.....

Our days offer an abundance of fun and engaging activities to keep your children entertained and safe. Our days are ideal for children aged 4-12 years of age and are designed to inspire creativity through a range of art, craft, outdoor play and daily play activities.

Playscheme will continue with their themes throughout the holiday period including:

Space week
Schoolhouse Olympics week
Carnival week

We still have places left at Singleton Playscheme which is running up until Friday 4th September.

Please email: sing@schoolhouse-daycare.co.uk if you require a space.

Our next Playscheme will be running during October Half Term 2020 and we look forward to seeing you then!

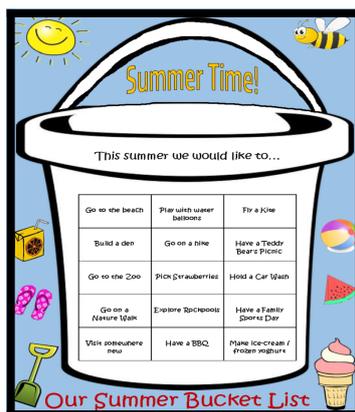
Summer Fun Ideas To Do Together At Home

Whether you are still at home shielding or working from home, are a stay at home parent, or are busy working but look forward to the weekends together, here are some ideas to keep your little ones busy. Don't let your children have all the fun this Summer— many of these activities are fun for the whole family to share. So join in!



Summer Scented homemade-Playdough . Sensory play that suits the season is so much fun!

Use the traditional playdough recipe and add food colouring and natural essences that can be found in the cooking aisle in the supermarket.



As a family create a Summer Bucket List. Have fun ticking off your favourite memories for 2020!



Collect flowers, petals and leaves to make your own pictures by sticking these items to some sticky back plastic. Cut the centre out of a paper plate and stick the plastic to the bottom of the plate. Cut out a second circle of SB plastic and stick it on top of your design.

Try one of Ali's favourite Summer Desserts

Ali's passion is food and we want to share that love of food with our children. We love food so much that we develop our menus around the seasonal recipes that our children enjoy every day at nursery. We believe in the importance of a healthy and balanced diet to fuel growth and development. Ali's menus are full of tasty and interesting dishes that provide children with a wide range of tasty meals. We spend a lot of time analysing each dish to ensure each meal has the correct nutritional value but most of all, that it tastes great and encourages children to try new things. Ali prepares each meal on site from fresh ingredients. We cater for all dietary requirements and have a robust system in place for allergies. Ali is always available should you wish to discuss your child's diet.



Ingredients:

- 2 ripe peaches, quartered
- 1 apple, peeled and diced
- 100g blueberries
- 120 ml double cream
- 100 ml Greek yoghurt
- * Makes 6 portions

Homemade Summer Fruit Fool for you and your family!



Method:

1. Put the peaches and apple in a steamer. Steam for 8– 10 minutes. Add the blueberries for 2 minutes. Blend until smooth using a hand blender. Cool.
2. Whisk the double cream until lightly whipped. Stir in the yoghurt. When the fruit has cooled add to the cream and yoghurt mixture.
3. Spoon into small pots/ dishes and serve. Enjoy!

Have a lovely Summer Everyone & continue to Stay Safe. Love from all the Staff at Singleton Day Nursery!

Please visit our website for up to date Information and useful child Related articles and links.

Things to do and see this Summer

- Beaches at Aberavon, Caswell Bay, Langland, Blackpill Lido
- Folly Farm, Tenby - Dinosaur park
- Mumbles Pier and Oystermouth Castle/ Swansea Bay Walks
- Plantasia Swansea— Tropical Haven of wonderful plants and animals.
- Rhosili Sunflower Fields and pick your own Strawberries
- Brynmill and Singleton Park/ The Gnoll and Margam Country Park
- The Swansea Treasure Trail—Swansea Maritime Quarter self guided treasure hunt themed Trail



Take advantage of long sunny days by exploring the outdoors (just don't forget your sun-