

# Singleton Day Nursery

## Spring & Summer Newsletter.

**April 2024.**

### Dates for your Diary

- 30.04.24- Parents evening at the Nursery
- 23.04.24- Dear Zoo- Grand theatre, Swansea
- 06.05.24 Dinosaur spectacular - Margam park 10am
- 22.05.24 & 23.05.24 Peppa's fun day out - Grand theatre, Swansea
- 27.05.24 Animal Magic - Margam park 10am

### Reminders

- Can parents/ carers please ensure that they are not opening the main nursery door to other parents/carers. We have a strict drop off and collection policy in place to ensure that both children and staff are safe at all times.
- Can all relatives using the nursery car park please be mindful of their speed when entering the car park.
- Sunny days will soon be with us! Can all parents please ensure the children are provided with weather appropriate clothing and that all clothing and hats are labelled with the child's name.

### A message from Jess.....

Firstly, I would like to thank each and every family here at Singleton for your continued support. I would like to personally let you all know that I have made the difficult decision to step down in my role as Nursery Manager so that I can spend more time with my family. I will now be continuing my Schoolhouse journey as the Deputy Manager at Singleton, and I very much look forward to working closely with the Room Supervisors and children as well as supporting Singleton's new Nursery Manager, Vicky. Vicky has a wealth of experience within the early years sector and has been part of Schoolhouse for the last 8 years working as both Nursery and office manager. Vicky is very passionate about high quality childcare and creating a home from home experience for all children and their families.

### Parents Evening

Our Nursery parents evening will be held on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**. Parents are invited to attend the setting from 6pm until 7.30pm. You will be contacted via Family by your child's keyworker prior to the evening and offered a timeslot to attend. This time will be used to discuss your child's progress at the setting, to offer advice if needed on topics such as potty training, mealtimes or to talk through any concerns or worries you may have.

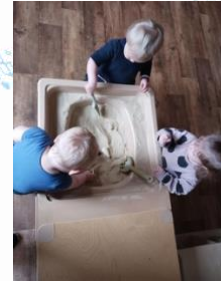
Fun spring activities will be provided throughout the Nursery and the children are looking forward to showing you their sections and what they have been busy learning. We look forward to you all joining us. If this date is not convenient for you, please speak to the office.

## Under 2's room

We have had lots of new babies setting in our under 2's room and we would like to give a big Schoolhouse welcome to you all.

It has been fantastic to watch the children starting to build secure and warm relationships with their keyworkers. It is important that each baby has a sense of belonging within the setting and Sian and her team ensure they are sensitive and responsive to each baby's emotional wellbeing.

Recently the children have been busy developing their gross motor skills and have been joining in with activities that enable them to pour, tip, dig and find objects that are hidden in our creative and sensory play materials.



## Toddler section



Toddlers have recently shown an interest in bugs and where they live! They have also enjoyed learning the names of the different bugs and looking at where we can find them. Over the next few weeks Toddlers will be going on their very own bug hunt to Singleton Park. If you find any bugs on your own adventures, we would love to see your photos. Please share on our family app. Did you know toddlers have their very own nursery pet snail Sammy?

Sammy is a giant African land snail.

The children take great care in looking after Sammy and they check in on him every day. They help staff to care for him and give him his favourite snacks. Sammy is often included in our focused activities, and we know he was lucky enough to meet lots of parents during word book day.



## Pre-school



The Preschool team and children have transitioned well into their 'new room' and learning environment. Everyone is enjoying the larger space and having the freedom to explore newly enhanced play areas. The children are using the large room to their full advantage as they have the opportunity to use their imaginations, sensory and creative skills. In the coming weeks we will be developing our role play area. In this area children will be given the opportunity to play and develop their imagination, using a range of real-life objects. We can't wait to share this space with you in our upcoming parents evening.



## Sensory / A&N room

The sensory room has now been relocated to the old preschool classroom and this means we have a lot more space to provide the children who require additional learning support with more equipment and sensory experiences.

The room is also set up for the children to have time away from the busy nursery day to self-regulate and to complete focused tasks in a calming and relaxed environment. It's a room for everyone to relax and enjoy!

## Things to try at home..

### HOMEMADE PLAYDOUGH

#### Ingredients

2 cups of flour  
1 cup of salt  
1 cup of warm water  
1 tablespoon of oil

#### Directions

Mix all ingredients together to make the dough. You can add more flour or water as needed.

Add food colouring or natural dyes to add colour.

You can also add scents and different textures by using ingredients and resources found at home.

Enjoy and get imaginative by making lots of different playdough creations!

Store in an airtight container for about a week.

## Spring Bucket List

Go on a family scavenger hunt  
Bake cookies or cupcakes, then decorate them  
Make your own Easter bunting  
Build a bug hotel  
Hang some bird feeders outside and learn more about the birds that visit your garden  
Make your own birdfeeders  
Plant some seeds  
Make some Easter cards and send them to friends and family  
Go for a picnic  
Feed the ducks  
Have a BBQ  
Paint your own flower pots  
Paint some rocks and hide them in your local area  
Find some frogspawn  
Go somewhere new  
Have an Easter Egg hunt  
Go for a family bike ride  
Start a gratitude journal  
Jump in muddy puddles  
Have a family games night

Books the children have been enjoying at nursery.

