

# Singleton day nursery

## Summer newsletter 2024

### Nursery News and Updates



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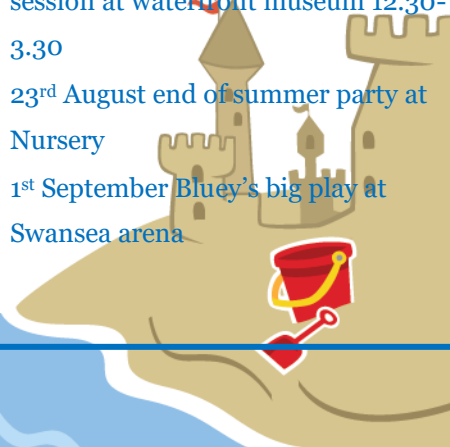
We are delighted to let you know that School house has been awarded the 'We Invest in Wellbeing' Silver Award by The Investors in People and we can't wait to celebrate as a company! We will be hosting a special celebration at the nursery on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of June. A memorable event has been planned for the children with lots of fun play experiences and key moments taking place throughout the day. Invitations and agenda will be uploaded via the family app when finalized.

It is with great sadness that we inform you that Jess will be leaving Singleton at the end of the school term in July, to focus on her present family circumstances. It is without doubt that Jess will be missed by all the families that she has supported as well as the staff that she has worked alongside. We appreciate Jess's commitment during her time at Singleton and wish her the very best for the future.

We have lots of new faces here at the nursery and I am sure you will join me in welcoming the new staff to the team! The staff bring a wealth of knowledge and experience with them, and we are excited that they chose to join our nursery family- we will keep you updated on their progress.

### Fun events throughout the summer!

- 26<sup>th</sup> June Silver celebration at Nursery
- 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of July Wales air show at Swansea beach
- 30<sup>th</sup> July in the night garden at the grand theatre
- 7<sup>th</sup> August Peter pan at the outdoor theatre Oyster mouth castle
- 11<sup>th</sup> August pirate party at waterfront museum 12-4pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> August Knex big build free session at waterfront museum 12.30-3.30
- 23<sup>rd</sup> August end of summer party at Nursery
- 1<sup>st</sup> September Bluey's big play at Swansea arena



### A special visitor

We were lucky enough to have the ice cream van visit us at nursery during mental health awareness week!

Did you know that Studies have found that eating ice cream can stimulate the pleasure center in our brain that releases dopamine and endorphins. These neurotransmitters can act as stress relievers, flooding our body with a feeling of pleasure, wellbeing and accomplishment.



# Hello Summer Is on Its Way!

The time of year for lots of outdoor play experiences and SUNSHINE! Please remember to bring your child/ren into nursery dressed in appropriate clothing, a sun hat and suitable footwear. As a setting we provide a 5-star UVA rated sun cream but if your child requires their own can you please provide this and ensure, that the bottle is in date and labelled with your child's name. At singleton we want all staff and children to be sun safe- and enjoy!



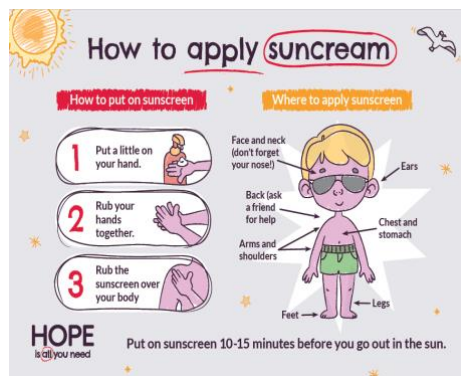
## DON'T LET SUNBURN CATCH YOU OUT

Check the UV index at [www.metoffice.gov.uk/uv](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/uv) to see how strong the sun's rays are.



LET'S BEAT CANCER SOONER  
[cruk.org](http://cruk.org)

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## CHILD SAFETY IN THE CAR...

Schoolhouse is a Patron of the Child Accident Prevention Trust

Buckles on seat belts and car seats can be hot enough to burn your skin during hot weather. Make sure you check the temperature before putting your child into the car.

## Did you know that we now offer the 2-year-old Flying Start provision at nursery!

*Flying Start is the Welsh Governments flagship Early Years programme for families that aims to make a decisive difference to the life chances of eligible children.*

- Could you be eligible?
- Go to [Swansea.gov.uk](http://Swansea.gov.uk) to check your eligibility.
- Flying start childcare offers Funded, high-quality, part-time childcare for children between the ages of 2 and 3 years through the medium of English or Welsh.
- Childcare for 2.5 hours per day, up to 12.5 hours per week, in line with school terms.

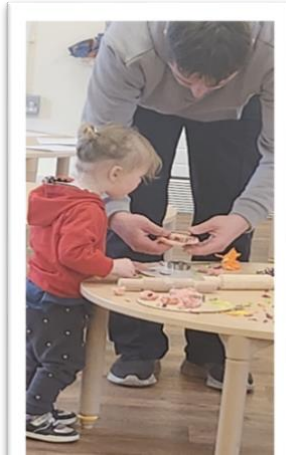
**A message from Vicky.....** I have loved settling into nursery life at Singleton and have enjoyed meeting all the wonderful children and families, thank you for making me feel so welcome. You may have noticed that we have a suggestion jar within the foyer, and I would love it if you would let us know about your nursery experience. We are open to feedback and welcome further ideas on how we can support you further at the nursery. I continue to look forward to sharing my schoolhouse journey with you all in 2024 and look forward to a fantastic, fun filled summer!

Vicky

# Parents Evening

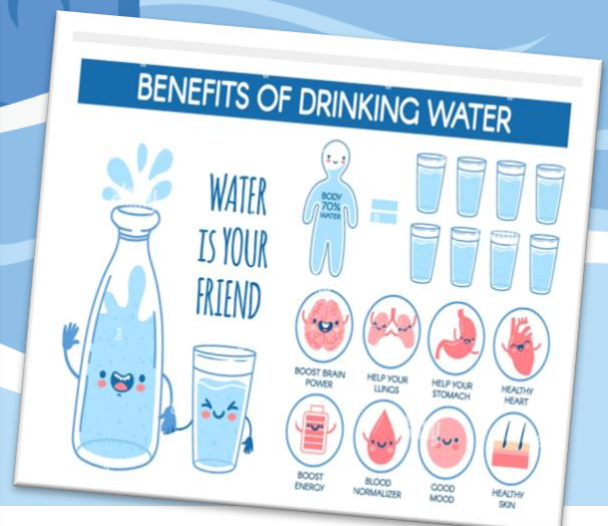
We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for attending our recent parents evening. It was lovely to welcome all our new families that have joined us at Singleton and to chat to you about your child's individual progress here at the nursery. Did you know that parents are also able to add their own observations to the family account? So, if your child does anything at home or reaches a milestone, we would love you to share this with us- photographs are also welcome!

Please remember that if you would like to chat with your child's keyperson or staff within the section, we are always here to support and offer advice if needed on milestones such as potty training, weaning, or preparing children for the transitions to school. In addition, if there are changes going on at home such as a new baby or a house move, we are also able to offer support to the child while at nursery during the medium of play experiences and stories!



## Sugar content in drinks for children- Water is Best!

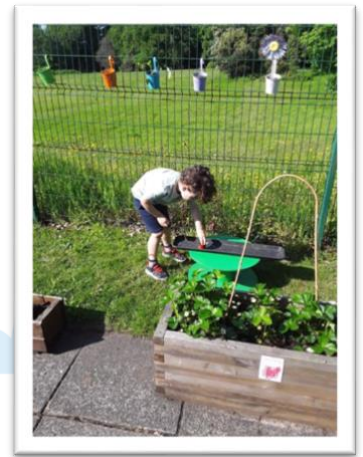
Hydration is vital for children as they have a higher proportion of body water than adults and are usually a lot more active. Children don't always recognize the early stages of thirst, and this can make them especially vulnerable to becoming dehydrated, but do we really know how much sugar is in our children's go to summer drink?



## At Singleton we have green fingers!



The children and staff have really enjoyed all things nature over the past few weeks and have been busy filling all our new nursery flower planters. We have learned how to take care of our new plants and flowers and what they need to grow! We even have yummy strawberries and super healthy peas which we can't wait to try. We are patiently waiting for them to grow and will update you with some photographs. Did you know about National Children's Gardening week? 25 May- 2<sup>nd</sup> June- a week to celebrate the fun that garden hold. In our nursery garden we have set up a new bug hotel for our creepy crawly friends and we are going to have our very own hungry caterpillars at nursery so we can watch them turn into the beautiful butterflies.



## Competition time

The children have been busy planting their own sunflowers and will be bringing them home shortly. We would love to see your children looking after their sunflowers at home, so please keep us updated with photographs on the family app. We have a prize for the biggest and brightest sunflower!!

### Reminders

- Parents have commented on the amount of time they may be waiting at the main door on collection. We understand this can be frustrating, but we must ensure all children are safe and that they are appropriately supervised before staff leave the room. Did you know that you can add a collection time on the family app? Or you can pop us a message with your collection time. We will aim to have your child ready for this time.
- Can all parents please be mindful of their speed when entering or leaving the carpark.

### We love to read!



Over the next few weeks, we will be adding a lending library to our nursery lobby area. The children will be able to select a book to take home and enjoy with you, all we ask is that the books and activity packs are returned to nursery when you have finished.

If you have any books, you no longer use and would like to donate to this project, that would be fantastic. We will be adding lots of the children's favourite books for them to enjoy at home!

