



News

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Keep up to date with upcoming events in the new year by checking our nursery calendar. This has been emailed to all parents. You can follow the nurseries progress by viewing our website www.monkeypuzzleedenbridge.co.uk, follow us on our Facebook page - Monkey Puzzle Day Nursery Edenbridge and on Twitter @MonkeyPuzzEden and instagram @monkeypuzzleedenbridge



Heather



Kelly



Staff News

We would like to welcome Kelly and Heather, our new practitioners for Butterflies (our 2 to 3 year old room). Heather has her Level 3 in childcare with 3 years experience Kelly has 5 years experience working with children. Kelly has gained her Level 1 in caring for children and is working towards her Level 2.

We are looking forward to seeing our team in Butterflies grow and blossom together. Led by Dawn, each member of the team has different strengths and gives the team a different dynamic. Go Team Butterflies!

Reminder to Parents

Please remember that we cannot allow you in before 7.30am due to our terms of registration with Ofsted or your child's session time due to insurance purposes and occupancy. Please ensure you collect your child at the correct finish time allowing time to receive feedback on your child's day - a late collection fee will be applied if not.

As per the Terms and conditions on the application form, all payments must be made by 1st of the month. Any payments which are made past 5 days of when they are due will incur a late payment fee of £25

Please can your child's buggy, car seat, bike or scooters be put in the buggy shed which is in the car park if it is left at nursery. We have a small reception and it is getting crowded with various items. Please ask a member of staff for the code to the padlock.

Upcoming events

- Dress up Day, Thursday 26th September
- Macmillan Coffee and Cake event, Thursday 26th September - 3.30pm to 5.30pm
- Inset Day, Monday 28th October
Due to staff training the Nursery will be closed on Monday 28th October, we will be covering the new Ofsted Framework along with the new planning and observation set up.
- Diwali, Friday 25th October – 9.30am to 10.30am
- Pumpkin Carving Competition, Tuesday 29th October
- Ugly Bugs Ball, Tuesday 29th October
- Halloween Dress up Day, Thursday 31st October
- Fireworks Day, Tuesday 5th November – 9.30am to 10.30am
- Remembrance Day, Monday 11th November – 10.00am to 11.00am
- Dress up Day, Wednesday 13th November.
- Letters to Father Christmas, Wednesday 27th November to Tuesday 3rd December

All of our activities that the children do are linked to the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Years). The EYFS is the curriculum that the practitioners follow and use as guidance for the children's developmental milestones. It allows the practitioners to plan activities and track the children's development.

Bumblebees room news

Bumblebees topic has been under the sea and with this they have also looked at ice. They froze some water mixed with food colouring. Bumblebees used their hands and paintbrushes to make marks, this encouraged their sensory exploration and strengthened hand grasps, especially with slippery pieces of ice!



Bumblebees have used their sensory skills through physical development, expressive arts and design, whilst spending more time in the garden whilst enjoying the beautiful weather. Bumblebees have been socialising, using key words, laughter and gestures to show self confidence and pride of what they have done



A great easy activity to do outside is pots or containers of water with different sized paintbrushes. Simple shops like pound shops sell decorating brushes so the effect is bigger and the marks and movements are greater. The children have 'painted' the fences, chalkboards, activity boards and surfaces. This is a great activity to do at home. Exploring key words together, talking about the pictures you are creating together. 'Scribble' is the best mark making of all as the children build up their muscles in their arms and wrists which makes movements more fluid, building up for school and their writing skills.



Butterflies Room news

Butterflies have had fun creating different pictures using various tools and paint. They painted rockets for a new birthday board with pictures of themselves in the window of the rocket with their birthdays written on them.

Butterflies have also used blocks, bricks, cars etc putting them into different colours of paint, talking about the different marks they make and naming the colours they were using



Butterflies have been talking about the beach and what they would do and find there. They said dinosaurs, swimming, crabs, sand castles, fishies and spider man. (Even superheroes need a break!) They watched a video of the sea and repeated and made their own wave noises with their imaginative and communication skills. After this the Butterflies created a picture of the sea using paint and bubble wrap. They also decorated their own fish using various collage materials



Butterflies have been expanding and encouraging their personal and social skills, turn taking, waiting for their turn, naming their peers. The turn taking also encourages communication skills as when you have a conversation you take turns to add your ideas and thoughts. They were playing a fish lotto game, finding the pieces that they needed, matching them to the shapes that were on their card. This encouraged their math's skills, solving problems, identifying shapes and matching the correct shapes.



Ladybirds Room news

Ladybirds celebrated their children who were going off to school with a Graduation ceremony. They sang action songs and received their certificates of achievement. They dressed in their best clothes with their Graduation hats on. They all looked so grown up.



We had a Teddy bears picnic altogether in the garden. The children brought in our teddy bears or favourite cuddly toys. We shared some stories in the garden before enjoying and sharing our tea together. Why not set up a picnic in the garden, you could make a den with blankets. If the weather isn't too good have it indoors. It could be a pretend tea party or a different social time with friends or family! Speaking of families, we created our own postcards. We drew our own pictures and with the help of the staff we wrote messages to our parents. We then walked to the post office, bought stamps and put them on our postcards. Then we put them into the letterbox.



A great fun activity was with a cabbage! We had a green cabbage and a red cabbage. We cut the leaves with scissors, tore them with our hands. We experimented with the different medias. The children communicated their ideas and views with key sentences and noises 'Ahhh. I've done it' 'It's crunchy!' We then put the red cabbage into water to see what happens. Have you ever put red cabbage into water to see what happens? We put some thin material into the water

