



Manorcroft Nursery Newsletter

This term we have learnt about mini-beasts and looked closely at the insects and bugs we have found on our bug hunts. The children have made bees, ladybirds, spiders and butterflies on the craft table, using a variety of materials. The Year 1 children's artwork has been used for our display board and the Year 2's were put in their Learning Journeys. We have learnt about life cycles and have been lucky enough to watch a video of our new chicks hatching, the first at 8.16 am and the second at 12.20pm on Tuesday 2nd July. We have watched their growth daily and the children that wanted to have been able to hold them whilst Brenda cleaned out their home. We have named them Posh and Stripy. We also watched the life cycle of the butterfly and released four butterflies on Wednesday 3rd July.

We carried out several experiments including Bubbling Wizards Brew which was a big hit! The children watched a demonstration during book corner then were able to carry out the experiment during the session if they chose too. They enjoyed watching and taking part in other experiments, including bouncing raisins, balloon rockets, tissue paper fish and static balloons. They enjoyed playing with ice that contained small dinosaurs whilst learning about melting.

During Art week the children have observed some of the works of famous artists such as Monet, Matisse, Lowry and Van Gogh and have learnt a little about each of them. The children have been able to recreate some of their famous paintings. The Year 1's artwork has been displayed on two boards and the Year 2's creations are in their Learning Journeys.

On 15th July we held a Sports Morning; the children took part in a variety of races including an Egg & Spoon race, flat race, relay race and balance race. They all cheered on their teams and were happy to receive a medal for taking part. The Year 2 children will join the Reception children for story time on Wednesday 17th and the year 1's will stay and play.

Birthdays!



Who have turned four?
George, Sai and Maddy

And these have turned/will be three:
Angeline, Albie, Leo, Anais and Alexander



Have a good Summer Birthday!

Ella, Mila and Aseela



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All the teachers wish all our children and their families a very happy and healthy Summer holiday and we look forward to seeing our Year 1 children when they return in September.

We wish all our Year 2 children the best of luck on the next stage of their learning journey; we will miss them all and have loved teaching and spending time with them this past two years.

Myself and the team are truly grateful to all our parents for their hard work and support in carrying out their parent roles for the duration of their child's time at nursery. We cannot do our jobs properly without you – so thank you.

I would like to thank all the nursery teachers, they are really lovely people who do an absolutely brilliant job, they work so hard to make the nursery an exciting and safe place for the children. They devise fabulous arts and crafts, put lots of thought into what resources the children would like to play with each day and they set up the nursery gardens to appeal to all the children. They spend hours observing their key children and then compiling their Learning Journeys to make a special memory for you to treasure. Massive thanks to Jackie and Christine who do such a fantastic job looking after our finances, SEN, waiting lists and prospective parents. Huge thanks also to our two cleaners, who ensure that the nursery is cleaned and tidied each evening ready for the children the next day.

Have a wonderful Summer, love Sharon and the team xxx



Displays of Children's Works



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our chicks

MESSAGE POCKETS (IN THE NURSERY ENTRANCE) – PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK AND EMPTY YOUR MESSAGE POCKETS ON A REGULAR BASIS.



Fundraising News

'Manorcroft Nursery Year Book'

We are doing a beautiful year book for all the children to have a wonderful keepsake from Manorcroft Nursery. It is a truly precious thing to have to look back on their first steps into "school life". We are hoping to get these at £15.

Please can you let us know if you would like us to order you one. Just pop us an email back (manorcroftparents@gmail.com) and we can pop you down.

Cake Bake Sale

We had our last cake bake sale on **Friday 28th June**. As always we could not hold these without your helpful creations. Thank you for your kind donations. We could not hold these without your helpful creations. Thank you for your kind donations.

'Sponsored Bounce'

The children had a great time bouncing away. We are now in the process of putting together our final figure for the sponsored bounce.

Movie Night

We hope you all had a great night at Movie Night. Thanks to those who had bought tickets.

This year we are aiming to raise **£500** via **The Giving Machine**

Earn donations for our charity as you shop online at over 500 stores. Sign up at www.thegivingmachine.co.uk - it's really easy and won't cost you a penny!

All proceeds made go to help Manorcroft Nursery in achieving new toilets.



Reminder to Parents

Term Dates

Please note term dates for September 2019 to August 2020 will be changing because of changes to the Surrey term dates.

A new list of term dates will be available on the nursery website shortly and a list will be sent out to all parents when the job roles have been confirmed.

<https://www.manorcroftnursery.co.uk/contact.htm>

Thanks,
Manorcroft Nursery Secretary

To Year 1 Parents - 30 Free Childcare Hours

Parents may be able to get up to 30 hours free childcare if your child is 3 to 4 years old and both parents work

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-tax-free-childcare>

If you're eligible, you'll get a childcare account and a code for 30 hours free childcare. Please email Christine at christinehodge@talktalk.net to let her have the code before a new term in Year 2 starts



Places to Visit and Activities during Summer Holidays

The 42 Best Things to do with your kids in Surrey

<https://www.inyourarea.co.uk/news/best-things-to-do-with-your-kids-in-surrey/>

Summer Fun in Surrey

- Festival on the Farm (21 July ~ 1 September 2019) (godstonefarm.co.uk)
- Enjoy a Magical Summer at Bocketts Farm Park (26 July ~ 1 September)
- Treetop Adventure in Esher, Surrey (skywalkadventure.co.uk)

<https://www.visitsurrey.com/whats-on/summer-fun>

Reigate School of Ballet

For youngsters that love to perform, the school is hosting two three-day summer holiday courses open to children aged 4-11 of all abilities.

July 30–Aug 1 and Aug 20-22, 9.45am – 3pm. Open to ages 4-11 years; £25 per day or £69 for three days

<https://www.reigateschoolofballet.com/>

The Little Gym Hampton & Teddington

Conceived in the US 40 years ago, the Little Gym philosophy is all about using physical activity as a conduit for the development of mental skills – such as concentration and decision-making – and life skills as well as stimulating physical and motor skill development with balance, strength and coordination games.

From July 23 – Aug 24; 9.30am – 12.30pm for 3-8 year olds, 1.30-4.30pm for 5-12 years; members half-day £32/non-members half-day £36; members full day £64/non-members full day £72; lunch club £12.

Barnes Summer Play School

For 3-7 year olds, the Barnes Summer Play School is a site-based camp where daily activities include French and Spanish lessons, playdough, dressing up and yoga. **From July 23 – August 24, 9.30am – 3.30pm. For 3-7 years:** £195 per week; £29 half day; £49 full day.



Summer Camps during Summer Holidays

Barracuda's Summer Camp

From swimming in the indoor pool to football and basketball, from fencing and archery to drama, craft and Skills Builder courses, there are heaps of activities here. Each day there are six one-hour sessions, with at least two activities to choose from in each session. Further locations in Cobham and Ripley. **From July 16 – August 17**, 8.30am – 5.30pm with extended hours available; **suitable for 4.5 – 14 years**; £40 – £43 per day or £164 – £174 per week (depending on dates booked); sibling discounts available; Skills Builder courses cost extra (from £40 per week)

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Stagecoach Holiday Camp

For those with children interested in learning how to perform, 4-6 year olds can join the Little Performers Workshop, singing, dancing and acting all week and putting on a performance on the Friday. Older children can sign up for the Summer Holiday Workshop, which offers longer hours of singing, dancing and acting. <https://www.stagecoach.co.uk/>

July 30 – Aug 3; suitable for 4-18 year olds. Little Performers £125 per week (£100 sibling); 9.30am – 12:30pm. Summer Holiday Workshop: £170 per week (£130 sibling); 10am – 4pm

SCL Holiday Camp

Running every day, SCL's Club Energy offers games, team sports, arts and crafts, drama and dance workshops and outdoor pursuits. There is also a soccer school at the same location. Second location in Guildford. Suitable for 4-12-year olds; 9:45am – 4pm daily (extended hours available), childcare vouchers accepted.

Cost per session: £25 per day (£28 extended hours, 8.15am – 5.45pm), £110 per week (£125 with extended hours)

<https://www.wearescl.co.uk/>



Events at Local Libraries

Space Chase - Summer Reading Challenge 2019

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at children aged 4–11 years and is for everyone regardless of their reading ability. Taking part is easy and free. Just visit any Surrey library to sign up. Borrow books through the summer and earn stickers and other free rewards along the way. You'll get a certificate after you've read 6 books. Space Chase, the Summer Reading Challenge, starts in your local library on **Saturday 13 July and will run until Saturday 14 September.**

Craft Sessions at Virginia Water Community Library

Come along with your children and get creative about books and characters:
Second Saturday of each month, from 10.30am to 12.30pm.
Every half-term on Thursday from 10.30am to 12 noon. All children are welcome and we have fruit juices, small cakes and organic snacks for them.



Festivals and Carnivals

Party in the Park 2019

Get ready to Party in the Park on **Saturday 6 July 2019** (12noon to 9pm)

It's a Free event in Woking Park GU22 9BA

<https://www.visitsurrey.com/whats-on/party-in-the-park-2019-p1716471>

Woking Food and Drink festival

Over the weekend 30 Aug, 1 and 2nd of September

Free event in Woking's Jubilee Square

<https://www.visitsurrey.com/whats-on/woking-food-and-drink-festival-2019-p1728851>

Middlesex Food Festival

3rd and 4th of August 2019, 10am to 7pm, At Hazelwood Centre

Live Music, food + drinks + market stalls, Kids zone, demo tent

Book tickets at www.middlesexfoodfestival.com

Godalming's community music, food and arts festival Staycation Live

Over the weekend of 2nd, 3rd and 4th of August

Suggested donation of £5

www.staycationlivefestival.co.uk

Cheam Celebration of Food & Drink

*A Free Event In Cheam Park SM3 8QS on **Sunday 15th September***

FREE Kid's Zone for children of all ages

Farnham Carnival Fayre 2019

Gostrey Meadow, Farnham 2.00pm - 9.00pm