



Manorcroft Nursery Monthly Newsletter

This half term the children have been learning about life cycles. While doing the life cycle of a butterfly they have enjoyed looking at some caterpillars at nursery which are currently cocoons. Children made number frogs while looking at the life cycle of a frog.

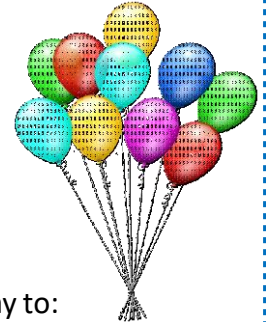
This term we have been lucky enough to open our new sensory garden at the rear of the nursery. The children have been enjoying the new area with stories, musical instruments, sand and water tables and some lovely herbs and flowers.



Birthdays!

A belated happy birthday to:

- Daniel
- Maj
- Ellie
- Eva
- Monty
- Thea
- Amelie



Happy birthday to:

- Harley
- Jessica
- Skye
- Sumita
- Albie
- James
- Samuel
- Daisy

Group Photo

A professional photographer is coming in on Wednesday 14th June at 11:30 to take a group photo for the morning children and 1:30 for a group photo of the afternoon children.

Please note if your child doesn't normally attend this session then they are welcome to come in just for the photo on that day.



NURSERY GATE – PLEASE REMEMBER TO CLOSE AND BOLT THE GATE WHEN ENTERING AND LEAVING THE NURSERY.

Fundraising Team:

Sponsored Bounce!

During May the children will be participating in a sponsored bounce to raise money for the nursery. They will be asked to bounce on a trampoline as many times as possible in 1 minute and will receive a certificate to show their achievements. Sponsor forms are in the folders for you to complete and return by the end of May.

Magna Carta Stall (Egham High Street) - Saturday 17th June

We have reserved a stall on the street fair to celebrate Magna Carta Day. We will be very grateful if you can bring in any of your children's unwanted toys, books, games, scooters, bikes etc for a nearly new sale (collections and dates to be arranged). We also plan to sell cakes at the stall so we will be asking for bakers but also for volunteers helping out on the stall. In previous years, the children have loved selling the items and it is a great fundraiser by involving the local community. More details to follow.

Messages from the Teachers:

FOR THE ATTENTION OF YEAR 1 (AFTERNOON) PARENTS

In order to check if you are eligible for the 30 hours free childcare, the government has just introduced the Childcare Choices website. You can check eligibility and apply for both Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours free childcare.

See links below:-

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>

There is also a [30 Hours Eligibility Guidance](https://gov.uk/government/publications/30-hours-free-childcare-eligibility) which will help you understand if you are eligible – <https://gov.uk/government/publications/30-hours-free-childcare-eligibility>

Should you not want to use Tax-Free Childcare, you can still apply through this website for the 30 hours free childcare. You will need to fill in an online application and if you are eligible you will be given an 11 digit eligibility code. Please then hand the code to Sharon who will give you a [30 Hours Free Childcare Eligibility Form](#) to complete and return. **The deadline for handing in your Eligibility Code is Monday 5th June 2017. Please be advised that as there are a limited number of 30 hour places these will be allocated on a first come first served basis.**

The Government will remind you every three months to reconfirm the details you entered on your application are still correct. This is to check that you are still eligible. They will send you a text message and/or email, four weeks before your reconfirmation deadline and again two weeks before the deadline if you still haven't reconfirmed.

TAX FREE CHILDCARE LAUNCHES FOR CHILDREN UNDER FOUR

www.gov.uk/government/news/tax-free

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

LUNCH CLUB NOTICE

Following on from the section in February's Newsletter re 'Grapes Choking Hazard', please can you ensure that grapes and blueberries sent in your child's lunch box are cut in half to avoid the risk of choking – thank you.

NURSERY TEAM UPDATE

With effect from September 2017, Jackie will be reducing her hours. She will no longer be full-time, working on the floor with the children but will become part-time working Mondays and Wednesdays in the office dealing with the nursery's finances. She will continue her role as the Deputy and Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator.

Charlotte will be leaving the Nursery Team on Friday 21st July. It was not an easy decision for her and she will be hugely missed by the team and the children.

SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS

Please send your children in with any Sainsbury's vouchers by 30 June – thank you.

NHS CHANGES

See www.children'shealthsurrey.nhs.uk

PETITION

The PreSchool Learning Alliance have asked for as many parents/carers as possible to sign a petition protesting that the Government grant for Early Years children, which has just been increased for the first time in 4 years, will not now be increased again until 2020.

Parents/carers can sign up via the following link -

www.pre-school.org.ukffparents

A note from our Trustees:

We hope everyone enjoyed the Easter break.

Further to our letter in March, thank you to those who have already decided to continue making a regular voluntary contribution to the nursery; every donation makes a real difference. If you haven't already signed up we do hope you will feel able to contribute and help us continue to provide the excellent standard of care and fantastic "Manorcroft Nursery" experience for your children.

If you can't find our letter, just drop us an email and we will let you have a copy. (manorcroft.trustees@gmail.com)

Thanks very much

Safety Request

Please can children & siblings not use or climb on any of the outside equipment & resources before & after sessions. This is because they haven't been risk assessed &/or have been set up for the next session.

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