

Riverbank Nursery Newsletter

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Welcome to a new term at Riverbank Nursery! The new term has got off to a busy start and we have been busy settling in all our new nursery children and getting to know our new friends!

This Term

This term we will be getting to know each other through our 'All About Me' topic. Through this topic the children will be exploring what makes us special. We will be looking at our growing bodies and our senses, keeping healthy, our homes, the people who care for us, and our feelings and emotions. As with all our curricular activities, the children could take the topic in any direction. We are looking forward to learning together.

Who's Who in the Nursery?

Riverbank Nursery can be a very busy place and sometimes it can be hard to know who is who! In the Nursery entrance area you will see photographs and information about the team and other professionals who may be in the nursery which we will keep up to date as the year progresses.

Our core staff team is made up of two teachers and four nursery nurses.

Miss Lynsey Logan - Teacher (Mon to Thurs)

Mrs Erin Lade - Teacher (Tues to Fri)

Miss Linda Walker – Nursery Nurse (Mon to Fri)

Mrs Laura Fettes – Nursery Nurse (Mon to Fri)

Mrs Maureen England – Nursery Nurse (Mon to Fri)

Mrs Sandra Allardyce – PSA/Nursery Nurse (Tues & Thurs)

Special Events and Dates to Remember

- Thurs 18th Sept – *School Closed to Pupils for Independence Referendum*
- Fri 19th Sept to Mon 22nd Sept – *Holiday*
- Mon 13th Oct to Fri 24th Oct – *Holiday*

Reminders

What should my child have with them for nursery?

- A bag with a change of clothes (in case of accidents or spills)
- Indoor AND outdoor shoes – no slippers or sandals please!
- Clothing suitable for outdoor play – we can potentially be outside in all weathers so please have your child dressed appropriately – including hat, scarf and gloves and wet weather gear!

What if my child is sick or we are not coming?

- If your child is not going to be in nursery for any reason, please call the nursery to let us know.
- If your child is ill, we recommend they remain off until they are fully recovered. If your child has had sickness or diarrhea, they cannot return to nursery until 48 hours after the last bout.

Other reminders

- We ask that your child does not bring toys from home into the nursery as we cannot be held responsible for any of these items should they be lost or broken.
- Please try to be at nursery within the stated drop-off and pick up times – arrivals out-with this can cause unnecessary disruption.

Supporting your child

There are many ways you can support your child's learning and development during their time in nursery.

Independence: We like to encourage children to build their independence in many ways, including getting themselves ready, serving their own snack, and making their own choices within the nursery. You can support this by sending your child to nursery in 'easy to put on' shoes and encouraging them to put on their own shoes and jacket at the end of the day.

Learning Journeys: You can add to your child's learning journey folder at any-time. Please feel free to talk to your child's keyworker if you would like advice on this – or you can pick up the guidance from the cloakroom area. Your child's keyworker is identifiable by the colour of folder they have.

- **Red:** Miss Logan
- **Blue:** Mrs Lade
- **Yellow:** Miss Walker
- **Green:** Mrs Fettes

Every Day's A Learning Day: This useful book is available to look at in the cloakroom area and is filled with suggestions for supporting your child's learning with everyday activities.

English As An Additional Language

Barbara Szumanska from the EAL service will be in the Nursery every Wednesday all day to support children with English as an Additional Language. Barbara is a fluent Polish speaker and additionally can speak some Russian. She is also available for translation if parents need assistance in speaking with staff.

Getting Involved

There are many ways you can get involved with the nursery and the school, including volunteering, parent council and focus groups.

If you would be interested in getting more involved with the nursery or the school, please speak with a member of the nursery team.

Communication

Please keep an eye on the main nursery door, notice boards and the letter trays in the cloakroom for information and important letters. We will also be using 'Something to Remember' stickers which your children will wear when they go home!



If you have any concerns, comments or ideas please do not hesitate to speak with a member of the team or write them on a sticky note to add to our comments tree in the cloakroom.

Our Deputy Head Teacher, Mrs Sunley, is also in the nursery at Wednesday drop-off time to meet with parents.

The Nursery Team

Miss Logan, Mrs Lade,
Miss Walker, Mrs Fettes, Mrs England
and Mrs Allardyce

