BLUE PLANET

Montessori Nursery School

# Newsletter

2.7.2025

Dear Parents/ Carers

This newsletter aims to update you on staffing, what's happening at Blue Planet and changes to childcare legislation.

**Staffing**

The current staff team consists of:

Diane Stocking (Head teacher and Equal Opportunities Co-ordinator) full time.

Basia Gorzynski ( Barbara) (Nursery Practitioner) Monday to Friday

Brooke Lawrence ( SENCO and Nursery Practitioner) Monday to Friday

Firuzhan Ozcelik ( Nursery Practitioner) Monday to Friday

Dani Andreou ( Nursery Practitioner) Monday to Friday

**Students**

During the Autumn term we have volunteers undertaking student placements. All students are given clear guidelines on working and an induction before starting their placement. Students are not permitted to take children to the toilet and are never left unsupervised with children. If you would like to see the guidance that students work to, please speak to Diane.

**Healthy Early Years London (HEYL)**

As part of the **Healthy Early Years London Initiative,** We continue to promote healthy eating habits and really appreciate parents’ support on ensuring **lunch boxes contain healthy foods. Lunch boxes should not contain high sugar foods and drinks, please do not sending crisps, cakes, biscuits and chocolate.**

There has been lots of support on providing healthy treats from the healthy treat list for birthday celebrations and all the children are very happy with the pretend cake when we sing “Happy Birthday”.

HEYL complements and enhances the statutory Early Years Foundation framework, adding to the focus on children, families and staff health and wellbeing.

If you would like any information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Early years Government Funding and Fees from September**

The government universal funding available for 3 - 4 year olds during the Autumn term will be £6.28 per hour with a maximum of 15 hours per week. The grant is available for 14 weeks, the claim period is from the 5thSeptember to the 20thDecember 2025. The grant is pro rated depending on the amount of sessions your child attends. If you are eligible for the 30 hours funding, please provide the eligibility code, before 30th August 2025, to the Nursery to enable us to claim the funding via the Local Authority.The grant is available for children the term after they have turned 3 years old.

Please note that the current government funding does not meet the cost of additional services and parents are required to meet the cost of the additional services as shown on invoices.

There is two year old funding available for working parents with a maximum of 30 hours per week, please provide the eligibility code before 30th August 2025 to the Nursery to enable us to claim the funding via the Local Authority. The current funding level covers all additional costs.

Terrific Two’s funding is available under a means tested criteria and the funding covers all costs.

The daily charge including grant funding and additional charges will be £32.00 per morning session 9.00 to 1.00pm and £52.00 for the full day 9.00am to 3.30pm from September 2025.

**School Outing**

We are hoping to arrange a school outing to ‘Get to know Animals’ indoor Animal Sanctuary, letters will go out informing you of the date nearer the time.

**Security Arrangements**

Please can you ensure you notify one of the teachers if anyone other than yourself is collecting your child. Please provide a description and a password.

**Shoes and Slippers For School**

It would be greatly appreciated that when you next purchase shoes or slippers for your child that they have velcro fasteners as teachers can spend a long time doing up laces. Velcro fasteners also enable the child to independently put on their own shoes. Many thanks for your assistance.

**Please can you ensure children have a FULL spare set of clothes at the Nursery.**

**Health and Safety**

**When preparing lunch boxes please ensure grapes are cut length ways to avoid a choking hazard.**

**Nut or sesame seed products are not permitted in the Nursery**

As part of a Health Authority Directive our Health and Safety Policy states all children must be free of diarrhoea and sickness for 48 hours before returning to school. Please ensure that if your child has any symptoms such as a cough or temperature or generally feeling unwell that they are fully recovered before returning to school. Please notify the Nursery as soon as possible if your child has any of these symptoms.

**As part of our Health and Safety Policy we are not permitted to administer temperature control or pain medication such as paracetamol or ibuprofen.**

Please can you inform the Nursery via the Nursery telephone number 0208 449 1661 if your child is unable to attend the Nursery due to ill health.

**Mobile phones are not permitted to be used in the classroom unless with the permission of the Head teacher. This is an addition to our Safeguarding Children Policy. Thank you for assisting us in these matters.**

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| Autumn term 2023 Thursday 4th September 2025 | Topics Friendship and helping others | Please remember spare clothes and a box of tissues and family photo |
| 08.09.2025 | Friendship and helping others |  |
| 15.09.2025 | All about me |  |
| 22.09.2025 | Healthy eating cooking up a healthy treat |  |
| 29.09.2025 | Caring for our bodies |  |
| 06.10.2025 | Construction and building |  |
| 13.10.2025 | Transport |  |
| 20.10.2025 | Autumn | Inset day 3rd November |
| 27.10.2025 | Half term | SCHOOL CLOSED  Inset day 3rd Nov |
| 03.11.2025 | The solar system |  |
| 10.11.2025 | History of Earth |  |
| 17.11.2025 | Dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals |  |
| 24.11.2025 | Saving the Rainforest |  |
| 01.12.2025 | Inventors and Inventions |  |
| 08.12.2025 | How we celebrate |  |
| 15.12.2025 | How we celebrate | Christmas Sing along on Tuesday 16th December.  Party Day Wednesday the 17th December School closes at 1.00pm |