

MURIEL GREEN NURSERY SCHOOL AND DAY CARE

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Dear Parents and Carers

It is very noticeable that Autumn has started in the Nursery garden. The children are collecting up leaves and conkers from under the big chestnut tree and are enjoying using these to mix with different ingredients to make their collections, mud pies and potions! The squirrel is running in and out to find conkers to eat and some days children are coming with coats on. As the weather gets colder please can we request that children wear suitable named clothing, including hats and gloves. We do encourage the children into the garden in all weathers.

Punctuality is very important and must be considered with the new start times within Sunshine Room. Please can we ask that all children whom are attending breakfast club are here by 8:15. Those who are in the morning Sunshine session arrive for a 8.30 start, afternoon Sunshine session arrive for a 12.30 start. It is also key that children are collected on time. Thank you for your co-operation in the matter.

At Nursery we prioritise communication, language and literacy as these are key to good readers and writers. Ocean and Baby Room children should now have received their Five Rhymes and Stories Books for this term. Older children may borrow a book from Sunshine Room each day to share at home. Please remember they must have a school book bag to carry them back and forth in.

Parents of Sunshine Children: As mentioned during the induction meeting, this term we will be requesting a voluntary contribution of £15. This will contribute towards cooking ingredients, snack, messy play and more to enable us to maintain and extend the range of activities offered. We ask that this is paid at your earliest convenience. Please can you pay by cash, from using a blue envelope that will be provided in the school office. Please label it clearly with your child's name.



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Many parents at Muriel Green will know Priscilla Amadis who works in Sunshine Room is currently having treatment for cancer. She is organising a Macmillan coffee Morning on Friday 29th September at 112 Ladies Grove St Albans. People can come at anytime between 7.45 until 3pm for a coffee/tea and a slice of cake. Please support her.

Best Wishes

Gemma Williamson and Karen Ashton

Headteachers



Reporting to Parents:

It is key that you are kept up to date on your child's progress and learning and the role that you play is pivotal to the development of the children.

To keep you informed of learning this year you can expect the following:

- Settling in consultationsp
- Unique Child Summary before Christmas
- Parent Consultations in Spring Term
- Unique child Summary during the Summer Term



If at any point during the year you would like an update on your child's progress please do contact the office and arrange an appointment with the room leaders.

Sunshine Room

Transition has now been completed and the children are becoming familiar with their environments and Key Workers. On Wednesday the children completed their first welly walk, they began in the garden and have established the rules to keep them safe in the park. They will venture into the park next week.

If your child borrows clothes from Nursery please can we ask that these are washed and returned as soon as possible.

Ocean and Rainbow Rooms

This week the children have been practicing and enhancing their finger strength, fine motor control is one of the first steps to holding a pencil and writing. The children have been cutting, using a range of scissors, threading using different shapes and sizes and tipping, pouring, filling and emptying malleable materials.

Colour sorting and painting has also formed part of the adult directed activities that have been completed during the week.

Baby Room

The messy play sessions this week have allowed the children to explore their senses.



The children enjoyed their water play and also using their body to paint. The children have also begun their introduction to five rhymes and stories and are enjoying participating within these sessions. We have also been encouraging sharing and understanding that toys can be used by others.



Messages

Did you know?

Breakfast, Lunch and Tea Clubs

Muriel Green offers some very flexible additional opportunities for children in Sunshine Room. Children can add a breakfast, lunch or tea and an hours care to a funded session for just **£11** a time. These clubs are very popular so booking preferably more than 24 hours in advance is essential. It may help you with Christmas shopping, appointments or some pamper time for yourself!

The Term after their third birthday

Your child can have 15 funded hours in Sunshine Room. At the beginning of November we will contact everyone already at Muriel Green who has a child that is entitled to 15 free hours in January. If you have a friend or neighbor with a child who is not yet at nursery they may qualify, please tell them about us and they could be here in January too!

Funded Two and Three year old places are available at Muriel Green Nursery School on a 3 hour sessional basis for qualifying families. If you would like to know more or know someone looking for a funded place our Day Care Manager Carina Rogers is the contact at Muriel Green.

Please Note: All of the above are subject to availability so do check in with the office team if you have any questions!