



Diary Dates

The next Term Time holiday is Mid Term: Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th February. (Nursery will be closed to term time families)

In-Service Day: Wednesday 14th February.
(Nursery closed to all families)

Stay and Play: Tuesday 20th February- Come along and see your child's nursery. They would love to show you were they play and learn and introduce you to their friends.

Welcome Back- The staff and I would like to welcome you back to Penilee Nursery School after the Christmas and New Year break. We hope you and your children had a restful break and are all set for the year ahead ☺ and..... apologies our newsletter is so late this month, the days are just flying past!!

Christmas Fair- A big thank you to all who ordered goods and came along to Penilee Nursery's Christmas Fair. It was a fantastic evening due to all of your support!! The monies raised through the sales at the Fair was approximately £900.00!! This money helped to purchase Christmas gifts as well as treats and resources to use during our Christmas Fun Week. The children had the best time making fun memories with their friends. There is also money left over that will be used for resources to help all of Team Penilee to develop our outdoor space.

Outdoor Makeover!! We are giving our outdoor areas a makeover to make them more inviting and welcoming. As mentioned before we would be grateful for any donations of the following:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Kitchen equipment: Kettles, toasters, utensils, pots and pans -Wood -Piping, drain pipes, plastic pipes -Any items that can be found on a construction sight -CD's -Vessels: Tubs, baskets, jugs, basins -Lampshades -Junk: milk bottles, bottle lids and yogurt tubs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cable Ties -Cable Drums -Pine cones -Sticks -Small wheelbarrows -Small spades -Small forks -Small shovels -Outdoor brush -Chains -Traffic cones -Out of date cereal -Out of date herbs and spices -Nuts and bolts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Plant pots -Garden ornaments -Wooden pallets -Wood scraps -Wood panels -Outdoor paint -Tarpaulin -Fairy garden items -Curtain rings -Ribbon -Scarves -Phones-Mobiles, house phones -Bangles
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We would also welcome any help to organise and maintain the area, planting, painting, digging...or bringing in bits and pieces. THE BIGGEST HELP OF ALL WOULD BE TO KEEP AN EYE ON OUR NURSERY IF YOU ARE PASSING TO MAKE SURE THERE IS NO VANDALISM OR DOGS BEING BROUGHT IN FOR A RUN WHEN THE NURSERY IS CLOSED.....YES YOU READ CORRECTLY!! ☺

IMPORTANT: Photographer: The photographer will be at Penilee Nursery on Tuesday 13th February. If your child is in nursery that day we will ensure they get their picture taken. If this is not your child's day of attendance, or if your child is not in due to the term time break, please bring them along between 9.30 and 11am or 1.30 and 3pm to have their photo taken. We welcome family photos also...if your child is in nursery that day and you wish to come along with brothers, sisters, grannies etc. just let us know and we will set a suitable time for this

Mobile Phone Use- We are very aware that there are times when important calls have to be made or received but there is an increase in parents bringing and collecting their children whilst on the phone. Please finish your call before entering the nursery.

Teaching and Learning: Children will be taking part in experiences that will involve making items for our outdoor spaces.

Children will be:

Making birdhouses and bird feeders from recycled material
Making bug houses using recycled material
Making signs for the garden
Making maps of Penilee nursery and the community
Making decorations for the garden such as number and alphabet lines
Making recipe cards for the mud kitchen
Planning what they would like in their outdoor areas

In doing these things children will be learning:

To share and turn take
To recycle and reuse
Care for the environment and living things in it
Number recognition and formation
Letter recognition and formation
To plan and design what they want in their garden and what they want their garden to look like

Staffing- I am aware that some of you will not have met your child's keyworker or our lunch support staff. Please see below our staff, their roles and the keygroup they support. Hopefully you will be able to put faces to names when coming into nursery.

Support Staff

Emma Brown-Clerical Support
Nancy Stewart-Janitor
Tricia Miller and Ashley Wright-Catering Support
Linda- Cleaning Crew

Team Willow Tree

Carolyn McLaughlin-CDO-The Dormice
Jade Lowrie and Emily Grant-CDO-The Wolves
Jennifer Cook CDO- The Rabbits
(MAT LEAVE-Dominique McGregor)

Team Pine Tree

Natalie Donaghy-CDO-The Foxes
Rachel Grubb-CDO-The Deer
Shannon Clark-SfLW

Management Team

Amanda Fox-Head of Nursery
Morag McKenzie-Depute Head of Nursery
Carol-Anne McKay-Child Development Officer (CDO) Team Leader (Part Time/ Term Time)
Catriona Black-Lead Practitioner Attainment
Kayleigh Hunter Acting CDOTL
(Covering-Sarah Affleck- Child Development Officer (CDO)Team Leader)

Team Oak Tree

Brenda Hunter and Heather Robinson- CDO Job share-The Wildcats
Kim Graham-Haughey-CDO-The Otters
Lucy Kennedy-CDO-The Owls
Natalie McKenna-SfLW

Promoting Independence- At Penilee Nursery we continually encourage children to be independent in everything they do for example, putting jackets/shoes on and off, serving themselves at snack/lunch, pouring their milk/water as well as sharing ideas, thoughts and opinions. A way you can help your children with this is to ensure the shoes and clothing they wear are easy for them to put on/take off themselves as well as encourage them to be independent at home with little tasks or getting dressed. We appreciate there are times when you just need to get ready or get things done but sometimes just giving that extra little 5 minutes will give children the time to do things for themselves. The look on their faces when they do achieve this will be worth that 5-minute wait!

SPARE CLOTHING - PLEASE ENSURE YOU PROVIDE A CHANGE OF CLOTHING FOR YOUR CHILD

EVERYDAY. Even if children are toilet trained and do not typically have toileting accidents they may still need a change of clothing. Children may get wet due to taking part in water play or at times having a toileting accident. Given this you must ensure that you provide several changes of clothes (Tops, bottoms, pants and socks). Please check your child's bag daily to make sure they have enough clothes as well as to ensure wet clothes are returned to you or removed from your child's bag. This will save any inconvenience that may be caused as we will have to call you to bring clothes to the nursery. PLEASE NOTE WE ASK FOR CHILDREN'S OWN CLOTHING TO BE PROVIDED AS WE ARE NOT PERMITTED TO KEEP SPARE CLOTHES TO PREVENT CROSS CONTAMINATION. Thank you for your co-operation😊

Thank you for your continued support

Amanda and Team Penile