

## Nursery Closure Dates 2021

### Staff Training Days

- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

### Christmas 2021

- Nursery closes Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 at 6:00pm and reopens on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 8:00am

### Easter 2022

- Nursery will be closed from 6pm 8th April 2021 and re open 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 8:00 am.

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**October 2021**

Manager Becky Sanderson  
Deputy Manager Voula Agiannidou



Dear Parents,

We'd like to thank you all for the generous contributions for our Harvest Table. They have all been very gratefully received. This term the children have also been celebrating Black History Month with a number of activities from creating mud cloth patterns to acting out stories like Handa's Surprise. Personal hygiene has been a big part of the children's activities and they recently got stuck in learning more about the importance of oral health including ways the animals look after their teeth. Furthermore, everyone got involved in cleaning toys and resources as when it comes to germs we don't like sharing them. They've also been super busy making the nursery look super spooky with handmade decorations from recycled objects. They will enjoy a week of Halloween fun next week and having a fancy dress party on Friday.

## Staff

We are pleased to welcome Claudia Angius to our team. Claudia is currently completing her Level 3 childcare qualification and will be working with us 4 days/week while she attends college. Claudia will be working across the nursery getting to know all the children and families.

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## Staff Training

On our last training day staff spent time becoming more familiar with the new EYFS and recording observations. As the new EYFS puts more emphasis on practitioner's knowledge and time spent with the children and less on written work there will be some changes in the number of observations and progress reports you will receive throughout the year. Staff will continue to review each child's progress every half term and plan for their next steps as we do currently but now you will receive three detailed observations per half term via Tapestry and an annual report on progress where you will be invited to meet with your child's key person.

Becky has recently renewed her Paediatric First Aid certificate and has also begun training on The Language Enrichment Programme. It aims to improve the listening, attention, understanding, vocabulary and interactions of children from 2.5-5 years who have had limited interactions (masked interactions) due to the pandemic. The children will take part in small group circle times to develop their skills and parents will be given tips on ways to help at home.

## School Photos

The school photographer will return after a years break! Photos will take place on the morning of 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021. If your child doesn't attend on this day and you would like a photo please arrange a time with Becky or Voula. Your child will be greeted at the door by their keyworker and taken for their photos.

## COVID Safety Update

Please see our website for all the latest updates from the DfE regarding COVID safety and when to test and self isolate. Can we please remind everyone that you must get a PCR test if your child exhibits any COVID symptoms and that a lateral flow test will not be sufficient to check your child does not have COVID before their return to nursery. PCR tests can be booked online through the [NHS Test & Trace website](#) or by calling 119.

As more parents are now collecting later and using the buggy stores we are aware that it is resulting in parents sometimes having to queue for longer, especially at peak times between 5-6pm. We have therefore decided to relax the rules around only one person allowed in the front door area at a time and increase this to three. Please make yourself known at the door then stand back to distance from other parents who are waiting and allow staff to handover. Hopefully this will help us to get through the queues more quickly. Also if you are collecting from the decking side and someone is waiting behind you please ask them who they are

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collecting and let us know so we can also get their child ready for home. Thank you to everyone for your continued support as we maintain our current procedures to minimise the risk of any outbreaks at the setting and keep our children and staff safe.

## Accident Prevention

The Child Accident Prevention Trust is a great resource with lots of useful information on how to keep your children safe. This month they have highlighted the devastating effects that can occur from swallowing button batteries and how to be safe around fireworks. Please take a look at the links below which provide useful information on how to stay safe.

[Session resources | Child Accident Prevention Trust \(capt.org.uk\)](#)

[Firework Safety | Home | Child Accident Prevention Trust \(capt.org.uk\)](#)

## Environmental Health

Scribbles had its unannounced Environmental Health inspection on 28<sup>th</sup> September and we are pleased to inform you that we retained our 5 star rating. The inspection took time examining our menus, talking to Janet our chef and checking our policies and procedures as well as cleanliness of our kitchen and record keeping. Well done to Janet and the team for achieving this top grading for another year.

## The Library Service

Children in Aardvarks have been enjoying virtual library services over the past few months. The Library Service also has a weekly newsletter for children and families which has all the latest information about what they are running and doing for children in the borough. If you would like to subscribe to it the link is here: [Get the latest from Barnet Libraries \(confirmsubscription.com\)](#)

## Home Learning

We have continued to add to our **Learning At Home** section on our website which you may find useful especially if you are having to self isolate with your children. We have also added a page **Parents Guides and Resources**, covering topics like oral health and potty training. If you have anything that you would like us to add then please let us know.

## Daynurseries.co.uk

Thank you to everyone who has written a review for us on daynurseries.co.uk. If you haven't yet provided a review and would like to then you can do this by following the link

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## Early Years Alliance FREE Parent Sessions

The Early Year Alliance are offering two new activity-packed programmes aimed at supporting families with children aged 0-5 years. Their Let's Learn Together@Home and Parent Connect sessions are free to all families wanting to learn more about children's development and gain ideas to keep their little ones happy, motivated and learning. More information, including details on how to book can be found on the website

[Free online learning for the whole family - book your session now | early years alliance \(eyalliance.org.uk\)](http://eyalliance.org.uk)

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