

Our learning at Busy Beacons this week

This week, we have had fun experimenting with creating ramps for the cars, rolling them down and observing how quickly they rolled. We enjoyed story time outside with Patricia under the gazebo, listening carefully, repeating new words and looking intently at the illustrations, saying what we could see. We went exploring in the forest to gather resources, such as sticks, leaves and stones for our bug hotel, and even checked-in some of our first guests after bug-hunting, transporting a ladybird carefully into the bug hotel... even if it didn't stay for too long!

Communications

Nursery phone line

Busy Beacons now have an official phone number! Please use this number to report any absences: 0208 418 2607. There is an option to leave a voicemail should a member of staff not get to the phone in time.

App

We have been using Class Dojo as the primary communication method since our opening in April. However, we have made the decision to migrate to an alternative app 'Tapestry' upon our return after half term, which will be better suited to our needs as a nursery, as well as your needs as parents. Updates will be sent throughout the day via the app including meals, nappy changing, naps, as well as capturing observations of your child's learning. You will be receiving a message via email on Friday 24th May to set up your accounts. Once this has been activated, you will be connected to your child's profile and will begin receiving updates week beginning Monday 3rd June 2024.



Rooms and key workers

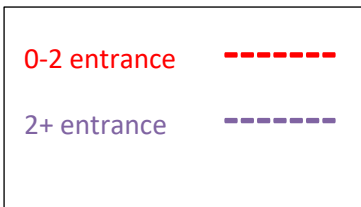
As the nursery is steadily growing, we have made the decision to assign Patricia as the lead of the Under 2s room, and Danielle as the lead of the 2+ room. This means that there will be a slight change in your child's key worker, and your primary contact will now be according to their room. Pauline will be in the nursery to provide support to both rooms and all children throughout the day.

We want to assure you that despite there being a change in key workers, all children have developed good relationships with all members of the nursery team as we have been working closely with all children and are aware of the needs and interests of each individual child, and believe this will not cause any disruption to the children's current routines.

Drop off/Pick ups

For the safety and to safeguard all children, within the setting, we have made the decision to operate drop-offs and pick-ups at the door of the designated room entrances starting from Monday 20th May. Please use the buzzer before entering the nursery gate so that we are aware that you are entering the site but use your ID card to gain access through the locked gate. Patricia will meet and greet at the 0-2 room entrance and Danielle will meet and greet at the 2+ entrance. Please see below for the directions to the entrances:





Temporary storage
for buggies

Buggies can be stored temporarily in the outdoor storage cupboard. We will inform you when the buggy store is open and ready to use, along with code for access. Thank you for your patience regarding this.

REMINDERS

- **Medication:** If your child is having to take any prescribed medications (short or long term) which you would like to be administered during the course of the nursery day, please let a member of staff know so that we can complete the necessary paperwork with you and have this signed. This information is important to ensure correct dosages are administered at the correct times.
- **Reporting absences:** If your child is feeling unwell or unable to attend nursery for any reason on their usual day(s), please inform a member of staff between 7.30-9.30am using the phone number: 020 8418 2607, so that registers can be recorded and updated correctly.

Menu

Please see below for next week's menu:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Cereals Toast (with jam, butter)				
Morning snack	Fresh fruit / veg sticks Bagels (cream cheese / butter) Allergens: (G, Mk)	Fresh fruit / veg sticks Crackers & cream cheese Allergens: (Mk, G)	Fresh fruit / veg sticks Rice cakes	Fresh fruit / veg sticks Croissants	Fresh fruit / veg sticks Vegetable crisps
Lunch	Chipotle chicken wraps Rice Salad Rice pudding & jam Allergens: (G)	Pasta Garlic bread Cheese Salad Jelly (<i>Suitable for vegans</i>) Allergens: (E, Mk)	Chilli con carne / veggie chilli Rice Tortilla chips Salad Garlic bread Flapjack Allergens: (G, Mk)	Roast potato Roast chicken Peas and sweetcorn Gravy Cake Allergens: (G, E)	Fish fingers Chips Beans Banana and custard Allergens: (E, F)
Afternoon snack	Fresh fruit / veg sticks Vegetable crisps	Fresh fruit / veg sticks Rice cakes	Fresh fruit / veg sticks Bagels (cream cheese / butter) Allergens: (G, Mk)	Fresh fruit / veg sticks Crackers & cream cheese Allergens: (G, Mk)	Fresh fruit / veg sticks Rice cakes
Tea	Beans on toast Allergens: (G) Fresh fruit	Cheese & cucumber wraps Allergens: (G, Mk) Fresh fruit	Pizza Allergens: (G, Mk) Fresh fruit	Cheese on toast Allergens: (G, Mk) Fresh fruit	Mixed sandwiches (G, Mk) Fresh fruit
Allergens:	G = Gluten E = Egg M = Milk F = Fish				

Many thanks for your patience and understanding as always, and if you have any questions or queries, please speak to a member of the Nursery team. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Danielle, Patricia and Pauline