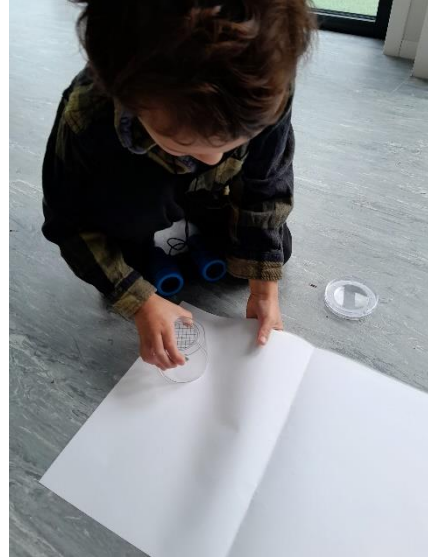


First half term at Busy Beacons

What a fantastic start it has been to the opening of Busy Beacons! The children have done a remarkable job of adapting to their new environment, building relationships with the adults and each other. There have been some fantastic learning happening each day, and despite only being open for a few weeks, we have seen huge progress in each and every child; from crawlers to walkers, babblers to talkers, increasing independence at mealtimes and around the nursery initiating their play, decision-making and forming relationships and friendships with each other. We hope that the next half term will be as successful as the first!



Our learning at Busy Beacons this week

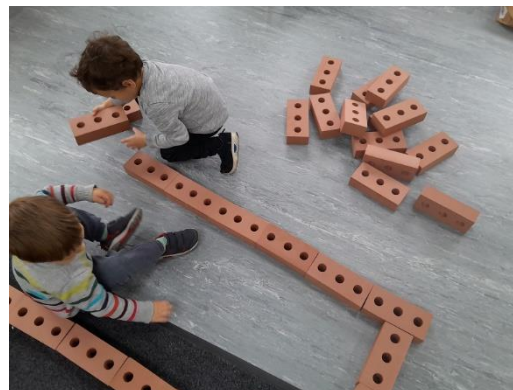
A word from Patricia in the 0-2 Room

We have had a great few weeks and the children in the baby room have settled well into the setting and are getting familiar with the routines including meal and sleep times. The children are becoming confident walkers and are on their way to running around and kicking footballs. Some have gone from babbling to saying one or two words as their way of communicating with each other and the adults. There is no stopping them now. The children have enjoyed the outdoors and the forest area even on those rainy days observing the minibeasts and the birds. This week the children had fun exploring messy play with cornflakes and also enjoyed throwing the colourful balls. Thursday was a lovely day and this was spent outside in the garden playing with the sand and the footballs. We look forward to another eventful second term and wishing you all a restful break.



A word from Danielle in the 2-4 Room

This week brought a couple of very rainy days, but that didn't stop us from exploring outside! We spoke about how to dress appropriately for the weather, putting on our raincoats and wellington boots, collecting rainwater in jugs and boxes. We hunted for bugs that surfaced from the ground after the rain, under stones and pebbles which we collected and brought inside to paint. We also had a delivery of lots of boxes containing new toys and resources for our nursery! We enjoyed opening them together, testing them out and then finding new homes for them in the nursery. We used the new bricks, cones, hard hats and hi-vis jackets to build a road. Using our new magnifying glasses and bug catchers, we looked closely at and then rescued bugs that had found their way inside the nursery, releasing them outside and checking some into the bug hotel and serving them a dinner of leaves! We used the binoculars to walk through the forest, listening carefully to the birds to find them and observing them flying and settling in the trees.



Tapestry App



You will be receiving an email from 'Tapestry' to activate your account today. Please do this as soon as you can so that the accounts are up and running ready for you to receive updates upon our return after the half term. If you need any support in setting up your account, please visit: [Parents & Carers | Tapestry](#) or speak to either Danielle or Patricia if you have any further queries. The Tapestry app can be downloaded on iOS and Android devices from the download store.

As well as receiving updates throughout the day at nursery, Tapestry can also be used by parents and carers, to post any learning moments that you have captured from home and wish to share with your child's key person. Photos and videos can be uploaded and posted to your child's journal with a short description. If you wish to, once you have activated your account, you can share some photos of what the children have been up to during the half term, which we can speak about with them when they return to support their transition back into the nursery.



Menu

Please see below for the menu week beginning 03/06/24:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Cereals Toast (with jam, butter)				
Morning snack	Fresh fruit / veg sticks Crackers with cream cheese Allergens: (G, Mk)	Fresh fruit / veg sticks Bagels (cream cheese/butter) Allergens: (G, Mk)	Fresh fruit / veg sticks Crackers with cream cheese Allergens: (G, Mk)	Fresh fruit / veg sticks Pitta bread & hummus Allergens: (G)	Fresh fruit / veg sticks Bagels (cream cheese/butter) Allergens: (G, Mk, F)
Lunch	Lasagne, garlic bread & salad Cake Allergens: (G, Mk, E)	Peri peri chicken, vegetable rice & carrot ribbons Pancakes & fruit Allergens: (G, Mk)	Meatballs, creamed potato & mixed vegetables Banana & custard Allergens: (Mk)	Roast chicken, rosti bites, salad & garlic bread Jelly (<i>Suitable for vegans</i>) Allergens: (G, Mk)	Fish fingers, chips & beans Rice pudding & jam Allergens: (G, Mk, E)
Afternoon snack	Fresh fruit / veg sticks Rice cakes	Fresh fruit / veg sticks Vegetable crisps	Fresh fruit / veg sticks Rice cakes	Fresh fruit / veg sticks Vegetable crisps	Fresh fruit / veg sticks Rice cakes
Tea	Pizza Fresh fruit Allergens: (G)	Cheese on toast Fresh fruit Allergens: (G, Mk)	Beans on toast Fresh fruit Allergens: (G)	Pizza Fresh fruit Allergens: (G, Mk)	Cheese & cucumber wraps Fresh fruit Allergens: (G, Mk)
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 and restful half term whatever you get up to! We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 3rd June 2024.

Danielle, Patricia and Pauline