

Reminders



When weather gets warmer, please can we remind you to put an ice pack in lunch bags and keep hot food in an insulated container. We must insist that lunches are **nut-free** and free from anything containing nuts, including sandwiches made with 'Nutella' or peanut butter. In addition, lunches may not include sweets, chocolate, crisps, biscuit packs or drinks. All children will be given water with their packed lunch. For ideas for nutritious and well balanced packed lunches, this link offers plenty of choices:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunch-boxes/>



As the car park is only for the residents of the flats and visitors who have booked a space, we ask that you don't park there otherwise you will get a ticket. We kindly ask that you do not double park outside. The traffic for the building site is passing past the nursery so we ask you to work with us to safeguard children and your vehicles. Please also keep the entrance door closed behind you and children should not ride their scooters/bikes in the building.

Other things to bear in mind regarding collection times are:



If you need to collect your child early, we ask that you arrive prior to 11.25am in the morning and 2.55pm in the afternoon so children's group time will be protected as part of the school routine and targeted learning time.



If you arrive after these times you will be asked to wait until the end of the session. Please ensure that anyone collecting your child is also aware of this arrangement.



In addition, if you are going to be late, please give us a call so we can reassure your child. We would also appreciate that you inform us early and keep us updated if your child is going to be absent.



We sell Maytree sweatshirts and T-shirts for your children to wear at nursery. Please ask at the office if you would like to purchase these.



Maytree Nursery School & Children's Centre Newsletter

Welcome back everyone. We hope you enjoyed the Easter Holiday and our holiday club if you attended during the last two weeks. In this half termly newsletter you will find news, developments and information on the learning and events that are happening throughout the nursery.

Thank you to all of you for your support with the events at nursery over the last term. It is so nice to see that our new children have settled well and all the children in our nursery have actively taken part in all sorts of exciting activities in the last half term.

World Book Day was full of fun and children dressed up as their favourite book characters. They enjoyed reading the books they brought in, with adults and talking about their favourite characters. Amongst all the lovely costumes, there were some wonderful homemade costumes, such as Elmer the elephant, Cat in a hat and the little snail from the *Snail and the Whale*.

When the **eggs and incubator** arrived in the nursery, it was an instant hit. Children's interest was high and there was a lot of learning about eggs, hatching and chicks. Children have learned how to care and love living things alongside knowledge about life cycles, new vocabulary and have developed their mark making and writing skills. Following children's interests, we will continue the theme of growing this term.



School Fund

We appreciate all of the school fund donations we receive, as they help us to pay for our cooking activities, the farm, visitors to the school and our trips. This term is £13 for p/timers and £19.50 for f/timers and can be paid at reception.



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Dates for your diary

Below are listed some key dates coming up this term:

Monday 17th April 2023	School INSET day.
Tuesday 18th April 2023	Children return to school.
Monday 1st May 2023	Bank holiday. School closed.
Monday 8th May 2023	Bank holiday. School closed.
Friday 26th May 2023	Last day of school for children.

Half Term Holiday

Monday 5th June 2023	Children return to school.
Friday 9th June 2023	Photographer in school.
Friday 23rd June 2023	Summer Social (late afternoon).
Monday 3rd July 2023	Parent conferencing. School closed.
Friday 21st July 2023	Leavers' Ceremony (morning). No school in the afternoon. Last day of school for all children.

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Our website: <https://www.maytree-nursery.lambeth.sch.uk>

We have been interested in...

- How seasons change and how day and night transitions.
- How animals and plants grow.
- Observing and learning more about the animals we are familiar with and those which live in the wild.
- Dressing up for World Book Day and we talked about our favorite books.
- Developing our fine motor skills by joining in making pancakes, welsh cakes and pizzas.
- Strengthening our gross motor skills by enjoying physical play with our friends and challenging ourselves in tackling obstacle course we designed.
- Advancing our drawing skills to communicate our ideas.
- Exploring and experimenting with different textures, smells, weights, lengths and materials.
- Exploring all sorts of celebrations.



So we...

- Read a lot of stories about day and night and animals which are active during daytime or nighttime.
- Shared pictures and stories of our own pets and animals we like.
- Watched how wild animals live in their habitats and tried to spot wild birds and mini beasts in the garden.
- Extended our interest in animals by observing eggs hatching in the incubator and learned how to feed and change bedding for them with our teachers. We also took turns to hold them and took them into the garden to play.
- Also learned some new words such as 'incubator' and practised how to write words such as 'eggs'. Some of us are still young so we practised drawing shapes and lines of the letters.
- Celebrated Pancake Day, St David's Day, St Patrick's Day and Mother's Day.
- Learned how to germinate seeds and how to plant them in soil.
- Have been learning how to be a caring person, either towards our friends and families, or towards our animals and environment.



We will be...

- Continually wondering and asking a lot of whys and hows.
- Exploring materials, either in messy/sensory play or in using different resources to create models, pictures or our own designs.
- Following our previous interests and investigations in planting, growing and life cycle of frogs by visiting Agnes Riley Gardens.
- Writing letters to make words, but before that we will be doing squiggles, dots, lines and our own drawings.
- Visiting more local outdoor areas, since it's almost summer.
- Making new friends and keeping the old, and learning to tell them our feelings and listen to theirs.
- Starting Forest School again.

It would be so much fun if at home we can...

- ★ Plant some seeds and watch for the changes. Talk about what happens, and draw how the plant changes.
- ★ Visit Agnes Riley Park and see if there are any tadpoles in the pond.
- ★ When you are outside talk about how the plants and trees are changing.
- ★ On your journey to school go shape spotting.
- ★ Go on a shape hunt at home, and talk about the shapes of different items and which ones are the same or different.