

Newsletter Spring Term 2022

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter.

There is always so much to celebrate when Spring arrives. The brighter weather, longer days, outdoor play, daffodils and blossom all bring real joy and do wonders for our well being.

This is so important for us all after the challenges that Covid has had on home and school life. We have also felt deep sadness at the loss of our beloved Site Supervisor, Alex Ciuffo. His absence is felt by us all every day. However, there is nothing more uplifting than experiencing the joy of learning with young children. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead and wish you all happy times over the Easter Holidays.

Fundraising

We will be having our main fundraising events across the nurseries next term. These events help to raise funds for new resources – please do all you can to support them. These events also promote the benefits and importance of regular physical activity.

Moving to reception

If your child will be leaving us and moving to Reception in September 2022, you will find out which school you have been offered, by email, on Tuesday 19 April 2022. Please log into your [Home | eAdmissions](#) for further information.



Please join our Facebook group

[Celebrating Barnet's Maintained Nursery Schools](#)

Instagram

To see some of the lovely activities the children are doing at nursery, please follow us on Instagram and 'like and comment' on our pictures.



[@brookhillnursery](#) [@stmargaretsnurserybarnet](#) [@hampden_way_nursery](#)

Parent/Carer Information sessions

Links will be sent via text prior to each session. Recordings of our previous sessions on 'Supporting children's emotions' and 'Developing vocabulary – Early reading' are available to view on [our padlet](#).

Helping your child learn to write

Wednesday 30 March, 10.00am

Supporting your wellbeing

Wednesday 27 April, 10.00am

Preparing for the transition to school

Tuesday 7 June, 10.00am

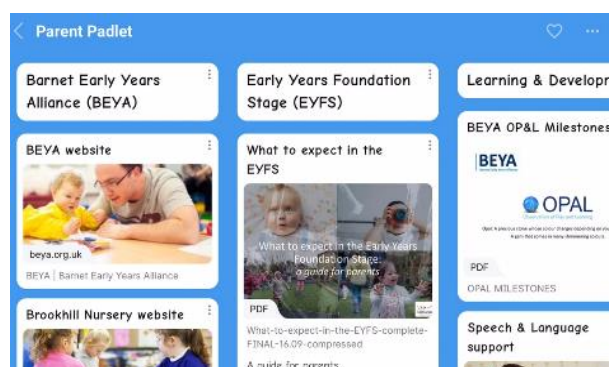
Exploring the benefits of free play

Wednesday 29 June, 10.00am

Parent Padlet

We have created a Parent Padlet for you to access, a useful one-stop-shop, including a recording of our BEYA welcome session. It includes everything from our curriculum to advice on nutrition and speech and language development. Links get added regularly and if you come across a useful link that you would like to add, please let us know. Bookmark the link for easy reference.

https://padlet.com/Barnet_Early_Years_Alliance/r2kyrehl1xz3768n



Talk Pants

Another useful link to look at, with advice and support to help teach our children to keep themselves safe is the [NSPCC Talk Pants](#)

Now the weather is getting warmer please ensure that sun cream is applied before your child comes to nursery and ensure your child has a NAMED sunhat.

Reminder

Please be punctual when dropping off and collecting your child from nursery. If you are going to be late, please call the office on 0208 449 5466 to let them know. Late fees may be charged.

AM collection: 11.25am

PM collection: 3pm or 3.25pm

The door will not be opened between 3pm – 3.25pm without prior agreement so as not to interrupt children's story sessions, which are an important part of their day

Welcome Wednesday

Thank you to those Emerald and Sapphire room parents who attended our first Welcome Wednesday. It was lovely to see the children showing their families their nursery, their friends and where they play.

Our next Welcome Wednesday will be 25 May, 3.45 – 4.45pm and will be for all Ruby, Emerald and Sapphire room parents. We look forward to seeing you then.



Staffing Update

Katie Coletti, our fabulous Assistant Headteacher based at Brookhill, will be moving into a new SEN advisory role in Hertfordshire. We would like to thank her for all she has done for children and families at BEYA and wish her the very best of luck in her new job.

We are very pleased to welcome **Ewelina Middleton** to Brookhill this term. Ewelina is a qualified and experienced teacher and will be working particularly with our under threes at Brookhill.



Easy Fundraising via Amazon

A really simple way you can support us is through [Amazonsmile](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) - every time you shop, Amazon donates a small amount to the school – an effortless way to help us raise much needed funds, just search for Barnet Early Years Alliance.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1173513-0>

You can also download the app easyfundraising which is another easy way to help raise money for our schools each time you shop.

Our Curriculum – Knowing more, remembering more

We are always keen to share our BEYA curriculum with parents and carers. More information about our curriculum can be found on our website here: <https://brookhillnursery.barnet.sch.uk/learning/curriculum/>



Core beliefs

Free play is an essential and beneficial right for all children



A rich vocabulary helps children to succeed in whatever they choose to do



Drawing is a powerful method of communication and an essential pre-cursor to writing



BEYA Term dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021			
First Half starts:	Wednesday 1 st September 2021	First Half ends:	Friday 22 nd October 2021
Half Term starts:	Monday 25 th October 2021	Half Term ends:	Friday 29 th October 2021
Second Half starts:	Monday 1 st November 2021	Second Half ends:	Friday 17 th December 2021
School Holidays:	Monday 20 th December 2021		Monday 3 rd January 2022
Inset Days: (School Closed)	Wednesday 1 st September 2021		
	Thursday 2 nd September 2021		
	Friday 3 rd September 2021		
	Tuesday 4 th January 2022		
Spring Term 2022			
First Half starts:	Tuesday 4 th January 2022	First Half ends:	Friday 11 th February 2022
Half Term starts:	Monday 14 th February 2022	Half Term ends:	Friday 18 th February 2022
Second Half starts:	Monday 21 st February 2022	Second Half ends:	Friday 1 st April 2022
School Holidays:	Monday 4 th April 2022		Monday 18 th April 2022
	(15 th April and 18 th April 2022)		
Inset Days: (School Closed)	Tuesday 19 th April 2022		
Summer Term 2022			
First Half starts:	Tuesday 19 th April 2022	First Half ends:	Friday 27 th May 2022
	(2 nd May 2022 May Day Bank holiday)		
Half Term starts:	Monday 30 th May 2022	Half Term ends:	Friday 3 rd June 2022
	(2 nd June and 3 rd June 2022 Spring Bank holiday)		
Second Half starts:	Monday 6 th June 2022	Second Half ends:	Thursday 21 st July 2022
(School Closed) Queens Jubilee	Friday 22 nd July 2021		

Holiday provision
Monday 25 th October 2021 – Friday 29 th October 2021
Monday 20 th December 2021 – Friday 24 th December 2021 (24 th December open from 8:00am-11:30am only)
Monday 14 th February 2022 – Friday 18 th February 2022
Monday 4 th April 2022 – Thursday 14 th April 2022 (Bank Holiday 15 th and 18 th April 2021)
Monday 30 th -Wednesday 1 st June 2022 – (Bank Holiday 2 nd & 3 rd June)
Monday 25 th July 2022 – Friday 19 th August 2022

Dates for your diary

Friday 1 April – Last day of term

Tuesday 19 April – National offer day (Reception)

Wednesday 20 April – First day back for children

25 May 2022 – Welcome Wednesday

Friday 27 May – Last day of term (Spring half term)