

Newsletter Autumn Term 2023

Welcome

We would like to give a very warm welcome to our new children and families who have recently joined the BEYA community. We look forward to getting to know your child and your family over the coming months and years. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need help for any reason at all - someone is available at the end of the line 0208 449 5466 from 8am-4pm, Monday to Friday. We will do all we can to help you and your family. We have a few remaining spaces at our nurseries - please encourage anyone you know with young children to get in touch or if you would like extra sessions, please email admissions@beya.org.uk

School Development Plan

Please take a look at our [school development plan](#). We are very keen that our parents and carers know our priorities for the year ahead.

Your child's learning

We are really looking forward to sharing our 'key concept planning' with you. This covers for example, key mathematical and scientific concepts, understanding the world and expressive arts and design. We plan every half term and will share this document with you via email so you can see what your child will be learning about. We will also suggest ideas to support your child with their learning at home. Look out for our **Friday Challenges** - we really encourage you to carry out these activities and to share your child's learning with us on Learning Journals.

Admission to Primary School

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31 August 2020

you must apply online for their school place in a reception class for September 2024, this includes children with special educational needs. For more information [please click here to visit our website](#). The closing date is 15 January 2024.

Help with school applications

8 November, 1-3pm
15 November, 1-3pm

If you need support with the application process, please come along to St Margaret's nursery where staff will be on hand to support with your child's school application.

Please follow, like and share our [Facebook page](#)

Instagram

To see some of the lovely activities the children are doing at nursery, please follow us on Instagram.



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



Observation of Play and Learning (OP&L)

At BEYA, your child's learning will be closely monitored with your support, to ensure that children are helped to reach significant milestones for their age.

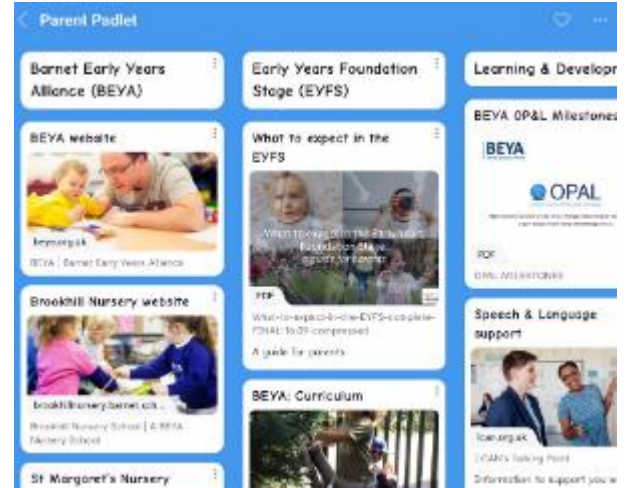
We use our OP&L milestones to assess your child's development and plan their future learning. (Milestones are available to view on our Parent Padlet)

OP&L allows us to celebrate each child's individual journey and focus on the support they need from us. The observations and assessments that we make are called 'spotlights'. We observe children's innovation, their creativity, their ideas, their intents and feelings. The insight that we gain enables us to support and shape their future learning.

Your child's spotlight will be available on Learning Journals. If you have not received a link or have issues logging in please speak to your child's key person.

Welcome Wednesday

We will be having our bonfire themed 'Welcome Wednesday' on **8 November, 3.45pm – 4.45pm**. This is a lovely opportunity for you to come in and see the nursery with your child and have an informal chat with staff. Come along for a hot chocolate and to toast a marshmallow on the fire. **Our next Welcome Wednesday will be Wednesday 7 February 2024**, please save the date. Siblings welcome.



Parent Padlet

We have created a Parent Padlet for you to access, a useful one-stop-shop, full of



information. 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 or scan the QR code above.

https://padlet.com/Barnet_Early_Years_Alliance/r2kyrehl1xz3768n

Thank you Val!

Val Kemp is retiring after **43** years of working at Brookhill. Val is a very special lady who has devoted her life to working with children. Despite the many hundreds of children that Val has worked with, she never forgets a face or a name and remembers all the children she has worked with. She has touched the life of so many people and we want to wish her all the best in her retirement. We will be organising a collection for Val, further details to follow should you wish to contribute.





Parent Champions

Our Parent Champions are invaluable as they not only volunteer to support the Stay and Play groups but act as advocates in promoting our services across the local community. They help to spread the word about the services we provide.

Our Parent Champions ran our first preloved market which was held on Saturday 30th September this was a great success and we made £175.00 for the school and Children's Centre which will go towards resources! (Not bad for just two hours!) The Parent Champions have already started conversations on organising another event soon! If you are interested in becoming a parent champion please contact Sandie Jeetoo sjeetoo@beya.org.uk

Christmas Market

Our Parent Champions will be organising a Christmas Market on

**Saturday 9 December, 11am – 2pm
at Brookhill Nursery School**

An email has been sent with more information on how you can support this festive event.

Christmas Fun!

All nurseries will have Christmas parties and sing-a-longs planned for the last week of term. You will be receiving information on these nearer the time.

**The first day back for children is
Tuesday 9th January 2024**

Information Sessions

Welcome Meeting

For those new families who missed our welcome meeting, please [click here](#) to watch a recording of the session.

Universal Training

Thursday 26 January, 8pm - 8.30pm

The Whittington NHS trust has courses accessible for professionals, families and all people interacting with children and young people. The sessions are free to Barnet professionals and families with a Barnet address. Sessions cover a range of topics from speech and language to fussy eaters. The program is updated termly. Please [click here](#) to see what is available and to book your place.

Parent Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy across BEYA schools for a parent governor. The governing board provides strategic leadership and accountability.

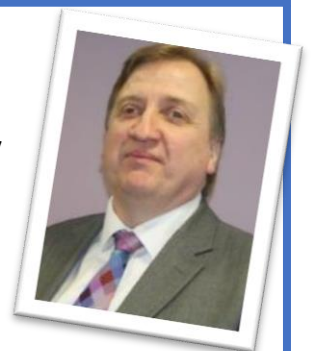
As a governor you will be able to:

- Develop and utilise your skills
- Make a valuable contribution to education and your community
- Support and challenge the school so that it improves for pupils and staff
- Bring unique experiences, perspectives and insights in to decision making

If you would like to know more please email our headteacher at kbrooker@beya.org.uk

Our Governors

We have a fantastic team of governors at BEYA, chaired by Gerald Mehrkens (pictured) who bring an incredible breadth of skill to our nurseries. They have an important role in providing strategic leadership and accountability. The BEYA governing work to ensure the absolute best for children and families. To find out more about our governors, visit <https://beya.org.uk/our-federation/about-beya/governance/>



BEYA Term dates

Autumn Term 2023			
First Half starts: Children return 7 September 2023	4 th September 2023 (Inset day – 4, 5, 6 September 2023)	First Half ends:	20 th October 2023
Half Term starts:	23 rd October 2023	Half Term ends:	27 th October 2023
Second Half starts:	30 th October 2023	Second Half ends:	21 st December 2023
School Holidays:	22 nd December 2023		5 th January 2023
Spring Term 2024			
First Half starts: Children return 9 January 2024	8th January 2024 (Inset day – 8th January 2024)	First Half ends:	9 th February 2024
Half Term starts:	12 th February 2024	Half Term ends:	16 th February 2024
Second Half starts:	19 th February 2024	Second Half ends:	28 th March 2024
School Holidays:	29 th March 2024 (29th March – Bank Holiday)		13 th April 2024 (1st April –Bank Holiday)
Summer Term 2024			
First Half starts: Children return 16 April 2024	15 th April 2024 (15th April – Inset day)	First Half ends:	24 th May 2024
Half Term starts:	27 th May 2024 27th May – Bank Holiday)	Half Term ends:	31 st May 2024
Second Half starts:	3 rd June 2024	Second Half ends:	24 th July 2024

Holiday Provision
23 rd October -27 th October 2023
22 nd December 2023
2 nd - 5 th January 2024
12 th -16 th February 2024
2 nd April – 12 April 2024
28 th May - 31 st May 2024
25 th July – 16 th August 2024