

PB Schools out



Happy 1st Birthday to Pb's Schools out..... 7th April we opened our doors to the holiday club for our very first child. We are very pleased with the success of the wrap around care we provide and only have limited space for our school clubs in September. If you've not thought about your childcare when your child heads to school yet now is the time to get booking!!!

Next week will be a fun filled week for the holiday club, our first week we will be battling the universe as super heroes, making super hero sticks, bookmarks, costumes, dens and our very own comic book, ending the week with a dress up party day to celebrate our 1st birthday. We will also be heading to the park, Holy Hill and manor farm. If your children have any other great ideas they wish to do just let us know.

Many Thanks Ashleigh

Mothers day Stay and Play

It was great to see some parents come along for our play session earlier this month. The children had fun planting seeds, making crafts and of course the parents and staff enjoyed the yummy scones made by the children. Thank you to everyone who came along and we look forward to hosting a dads stay and play in June



Non funded dates
Please note there is no government funding on these dates, if you do not inform us of your child's non attendance they will be charged at our full rate.

- Friday 3rd April-19th April
- Friday 1st May
- Monday 4th May
- Monday 25th May- Friday 29th May
- Monday 1st June
- Thursday 9th July

Competition time

Congratulations to all the parents who answered correctly last month, the answer was 21, your names will be entered into the grand prize draw, the winner will be announced in the next newsletter. Don't panic if you have not yet entered you still have two more chances all you need to do is come along to our Easter parade and answer our quiz correctly or email us in the answer to this: Next month we celebrate someone's 18 years of service to Pixies, she the longest standing member of the team, but who is she? Don't forget to put 'competition' in the subject line when emailing into p1management@pixies.co.uk.

Staff News

We would like to say a huge thank you to some long standing staff who have supported Pixies over the years and we would not be the same without you. Well done to Kirsty and Rachel for 5 years service, Gerry for 10 years and an amazing 17 years service goes to Wendy and Kerry Stock.

It is with regret though we bid farewell to Kirsty Woods who is currently on maternity leave, she will be venturing to a position nearer to her home.

Congratulations to Hannah in Baby Room B who is expecting her very own bundle of joy in August.



Saturday 11th July

We will be holding a preschool leavers party for all our children venturing off to school in September. Please make sure you save the date, the children will be singing a few songs for you, they will be presented with certificates followed by a little snippet of their time at Pixies. Tissues will be on hand for staff and parents.



PIXIES Newsletter

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The Easter break is fast approaching, we wish all our parents a very happy Easter and hope the Easter bunny leaves lots of yummy treats.

Don't forget we have our Easter bonnet parade on Thursday so please come along 3-4.30pm, sessional preschool 9-10.30am to join in the fun. We will once again be doing a quiz. The winning entry will go into a draw which will be drawn at the end of April. An egg hunt will take place and of course we will be tantalizing your taste buds with hot cross buns whilst we draw the raffle. If your child does not normally attend on the day please feel free to bring them along, we do ask you let us know so we can cater for their tea.



All entries for the bonnet must be in by 1pm on Thursday 2nd April.

Due to data protection we do have a no mobile phone policy. **We can not allow parents to use their phones or cameras in the setting.** We will ensure there are cameras available for photo opportunities and pass these onto parents. Please ask someone if you would like a photo of your child.



There has been a lot of talk in the nursery sector in regards to paediatric first Aid training, in accordance with the statutory framework at least 1 member of staff should be paediatric first aid trained in each setting.

The government is ordering a review about whether to introduce mandatory paediatric first aid training for all nursery employees, thanks to the hard fight of Millie's Trust.

"Millie's Trust has been established following the loss of our daughter Millie in a choking incident at nursery in October 2012. As parents of a child ourselves we believe that everyone should have access to First Aid Training no matter what their situation in life is"

Following the death of Millie and the coroner's suggestion in December 2013 that ALL nursery nurses should be trained in paediatric first aid, Millie's parents are now campaigning to have it made law that everyone working in a nursery MUST be trained in Paediatric First Aid

Millie was a 9month old baby who sadly choked at a nursery and suffered a cardiac arrest. The first aid certificate of the staff member had run out so she was unable to give first aid.

At Pixies we have always made our paediatric first aid and safeguarding training a priority and are pleased to reassure you that 92% of our practitioners are first aid trained and these are renewed every 3 years. We will be updating these again in July and again early next year. If any parents have an interest to join us for these training session please do let us know and we could book you onto our course, please note there is a charge for this course.

We are in huge support of this Trust in the hope it will educate more people to save lives. You can find out more about this on the Millie's Trust website where you can sign the petition to support Millie's Law.



Baby Unit News



The babies have had a great month and are making use of all the new space next door. They are especially loving the sensory room which is a must for all parents to see. We have cooked up some yummy treats in the kitchen and even paddled through the ball pit, please feel free to pop next door and take a look if you've not already seen our new spaces. On top of that we've even found time to decorate our new displays with the babies getting arty in the paint.



We move into April with our Easter week where the children will be decorating chicks and bunnies, feeling the textures of cotton wool and feathers. We are hoping for the weather to be shining down on us as we plan lots of fun in the garden, please remember to put hats in their bag and if you do not wish your child to use Pixie sun cream a bottle of this clearly labeled please, we cross our fingers in hope of a bright May.

Please can we ask parents to remember a spare set of clothes for your child, we do sometimes get messy and wet and our spare clothes are dwindling down fast.

We will be celebrating Poppy's 2nd Birthday this month and Carter will be putting on his dancing shoes for his very 1st birthday. Happy Birthday to you both.

We bid farewell to Poppy this month who will be joining the 2-3 room we know she'll soon be ruling the roost, Baby A will be losing Orla over the gate to Baby Room B where she will be well looked after by the bigger ones. Emily in Baby A is now a fully fledged Pixie member and can be seen proudly modeling this seasons must have Pixie Jumper!!



2-3 Room News

Wow March has been a full on Month with the topic of Spring that we have decided to roll it onto another month. There will be plenty more fun in the growing area planting and digging in the mud.

A big Thank you to everyone who donated scrap paper and newspaper. We are now fully stocked and the children are enjoying making lots of mess with pens and paint.



We hope the sun will soon have his hat on and shining down on us. Please can you ensure your child has sunhats clearly labeled. If your child does not use our sun cream please can you ensure this is in the bag too. The great British weather is often very temperamental and we do go outside every day so please can you plan each day for your children's outdoor wear clothing to cater for the days weather prediction.



Happy Birthday to Liam, Scarlett and Wilma who are all turning 3 this month!! We wish you all a very Happy Birthday and hope you enjoy your day. Unfortunately as they turn 3 we loose them to the preschool as they make their way up to their next adventure. Farewell Liam, Scarlett and Wilma and Welcome to Poppy who will be moving up from baby room b to the 2-3 room.

Thank you for all your clothing donations, its great to have spares for children when needed. We are still lacking on pants especially girls, if you do have any which you no longer need we would be grateful..



We hope you all have a loveley Easter and don't eat too much chocolate
Nikki, Georgia, Chantal, Annmarie and Wendy

Preschool News

We've had a great time in the past few weeks exploring space and of course the Eclipse was timed in perfectly. We will be venturing into planting and growing and incorporating minibeasts for our next months topic. Our outdoor growing area is already looking great thanks to Wendy's Green fingers. Im sure your children will have already let you know, but in case not we have some chick eggs developing in our incubator. Our chicks are due to hatch on the 7th April, if your child is term time only please feel free to pop in with them during the holidays to see the chicks. You'll also notice some tadpoles growing nicely in the preschool, these all tie in nicely with our growing topic and the children have loved seeing the cycle of the frog spawn to the frog, if anyone has a pond which could home a frog a two when they are formed please let us know.



Happy Birthday To you...

We are celebrating George K, Lily and Oscars 4th Birthdays in April we wish you all a magical 4th birthday. We also have Nieve, Eli and Katie all turning 3. We wish them all a fulfilled birthday.



Preschool developments

We are developing our Maths and Science areas. Our aim is to create a space in which the children can have as designated areas to explore and learn about these 2 subjects. If you have anything at home you think could be beneficial to these areas or have some ideas we would be very grateful for these.

Sessional Preschool News

This term has flown by and we head in to Our 2 week Easter break, don't forget we close on the 2nd April and return back on 20th April, we look forward to hearing all about the children's break on their return. You can always email us pictures of your adventures to p1management@pixies.co.uk we can then display these in the new term.



The children have certainly been getting busy in the garden this month they have been planting bulbs and seeds, watering each day and watching in anticipation for flowers to bloom. In the new term we will be looking at animals, learning about their diets, how they live and much more. Our frog spawn are growing well and we are watching their cycle so we hope to come back to lots of hopping frogs.

Don't Forget our Easter parade is at 9.00 until 10.30 on Thursday, we hope to see you all there.

Tanya and Katie.

