



# April Newsletter

We are pleased to bring you the April newsletter, sharing with you some of the children's activities and areas of learning along with tips on how to support learning at home

## A MESSAGE FROM THE NURSERY MANAGEMENT TEAM

As another busy month at Millwood House comes to an end, we would like to thank all our wonderful parents for your continued support.

In March the children had fun celebrating St Patrick's Day, World Book Day, National Sleep Day and enjoyed dressing up in colourful clothes to mark the days.

We truly appreciate the effort you put in with fabulous outfits for your children to wear to the various events, not only during March but throughout the year.

We also appreciate all your support with our fundraising efforts - with a big thank you for everyone who came to our Easter Bake Off / Easter Egg Hunt Event on Thursday 28th March.

All generous contributions to the Marie Curie Charity will be totalled and sent in full to the charity. When Marie Curie send us their "Thank you receipt" we will photograph a copy of it for our next Newsletter.

We look forward to the coming months, as the weather continues to improve, so that the children can enjoy plenty of outside activities and garden play.

We also have future celebrations to look forward to sharing with the children throughout the year including our Sports Day and the Graduation of those children leaving Millwood House Day Nursery to start their various First Schools.

**The whole nursery will be learning "All about me" during April.**

Best Wishes  
Sharon Avery, Nursery Manager & Tina Evans, Deputy Manager

## MARCH HIGHLIGHTS AT MILLWOOD HOUSE



These photos depict some of the children enjoying St. Patrick's Day, National Sleep Day and World Book Day. There are also some photos of the children in the Caterpillar Room looking at bugs because the theme in the room for the month of March was "The Lifestyles of Bugs and Creatures"

\*\* We will be sharing the highlights from the Easter Party in separate communication.



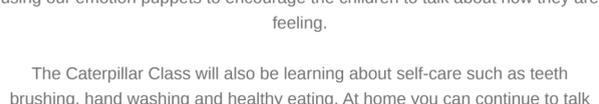
## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE LADYBIRD CLASS



The children in the Baby Room known as "The Ladybird Class" will be talking about their families and singing action songs such as "Head, Shoulder's, Knees and Toes" and the "Skeleton Dance". They will also be bathing dolls to learn about their bodies. If you would like to send us some family photos e.g. Mummy and Daddy etc to encourage speech and language, please email them to [admin@millwoodhousenursery.co.uk](mailto:admin@millwoodhousenursery.co.uk)

It would be fun to encourage your child's speech and language at home by naming their body parts whilst you wash and dress them, and you can also point at your own body when you are playing together.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE CATERPILLAR CLASS



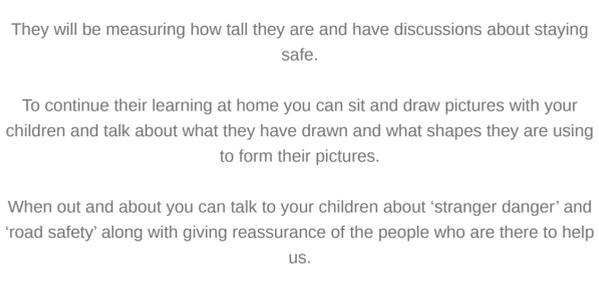
The Caterpillar Class will be talking about feelings and learning how we control our emotions.

The caterpillars will be using play dough to make happy and sad faces and using our emotion puppets to encourage the children to talk about how they are feeling.

The Caterpillar Class will also be learning about self-care such as teeth brushing, hand washing and healthy eating. At home you can continue to talk about how you are feeling with your children, let them know if you feel sad or happy and try to explain why you feel these emotions.

Encouraging your children to wash their hands before eating, letting them wipe their own faces then assisting after if needed. Also talking about the food on your plates at mealtimes, explaining how it's good for your body - or not!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE BUTTERFLY ROOM



The Butterfly Class will be drawing their self-portraits and pictures of their family.

They will be measuring how tall they are and have discussions about staying safe.

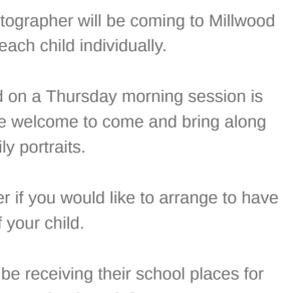
To continue their learning at home you can sit and draw pictures with your children and talk about what they have drawn and what shapes they are using to form their pictures.

When out and about you can talk to your children about 'stranger danger' and 'road safety' along with giving reassurance of the people who are there to help us.

## CELEBRATIONS AT MILLWOOD HOUSE



Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, we will celebrate "Eid" with stories, art activities and a special lunch



Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, we will celebrate St George's Day by having a knight and princess day so you are invited to dress your child for the occasion if you wish.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April, A professional photographer will be coming to Millwood House to take portraits of each child individually.

Any child who does not normally attend on a Thursday morning session is welcome to come along and parents are welcome to come and bring along siblings for family portraits.

Please speak to your child's Room Leader if you would like to arrange to have photos taken of your child.

Some of our Butterfly Class will shortly be receiving their school places for September 2024. Are you school ready?

### Getting Ready for School

It is nearly time to start school! Here are some things you can practise at home to help you get ready for school.

- Self-Care and Independence**
  - I can wash and dry my hands.
  - I can wipe my nose.
  - I can put on/fasten my coat and shoes.
  - I can use the toilet.
  - I am learning to dress/undress - this will help me change for PE.
  - I am happy to be away from my parents or carers. I know they will be back soon.
- Playing with Others**
  - I join in games and activities with other people.
  - I can share and take turns.
- Speaking and Listening**
  - I can talk about my ideas, needs and feelings.
  - I can ask a grown-up for help.
  - I can follow simple instructions.
- Eating and Drinking**
  - I can use a spoon, knife and fork.
  - I can open my lunch box as well as wrappers and packaging.
  - I can drink from a water bottle, carton or open cup.
- 12345 Numbers**
  - I can count a small number of items.
  - I like singing number rhymes or songs.
  - I am learning to say numbers to ten.
  - I can recognise some numbers.
- Reading and Writing**
  - I can recognise/read my name.
  - I can hold a pencil to draw.
  - I am learning to write my name.
  - I enjoy listening to stories and rhymes.

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## FRENCH CLASSES AT MILLWOOD HOUSE NURSERY - SUMMER TERM 2024



We are delighted to be continuing with our French classes after Easter and invite you to sign up for the classes which take place every Wednesday at 9.15am – 10.15am.

Classes start back for the Summer term on 17<sup>th</sup> April, and we look forward to welcoming back existing children as well as new ones that would like to join us.

The Spring term is 12 weeks long payable termly in advance, so the amount to pay is £108.00 for the whole term (or you can pay in two installments of £54.00) Please pay by BACS and our bank details are 30-97-73 37995868 THE LITTLE LANGUAGE ACADEMY. Payment should be made by 8<sup>th</sup> April please.

Vocabulary sheets for the first half term will be sent out once payments have been received. Our first topic for the Summer Term is The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

Kind regards

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## POLITE REMINDERS

Please ensure your child comes to nursery fully prepared for their nursery day. Please provide 2 sets of spare clothes, appropriate outer wear, footwear, and nappies.

Millwood House will provide everything else to ensure a fun filled day.

## REFER A FRIEND ...AND BE REWARDED

Refer a friend to the nursery and when they register you and your friend will receive a week free nursery fees!

ONE WEEK FREE!

REFER YOUR FRIEND TODAY!