

Newsletter Autumn Term 2021

Welcome

We would particularly like to give a very warm welcome to our new children and families who have recently joined the BEYA community.

We are delighted that you have joined us and 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.

The uncertain future of BEYA

As you may know, Maintained Nursery Schools across the country are facing a financial crisis. We had been awaiting the government's autumn spending review, in the hope that a solution would be found for this long-term issue of under-funding. A solution was not found. We will be meeting with the council to consider what the next steps are for BEYA's Nursery schools. We will keep you informed.

Admission to Primary School

If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31 August 2017 you need to apply online for their school place in a reception class for September 2021. [Please visit our website](#) for further information and to apply. The closing date for applications is 15 January 2022.



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.



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



Stay safe

Please adhere to following guidance when onsite at nursery and in your day to day lives to protect yourselves and others.

- Wear a face covering that covers your mouth and nose, to protect yourself and others when on nursery premises at drop off and collection times.
- Please inform us if any member of your household tests positive for COVID-19. If a member of your household does test positive, we would prefer your child to isolate at home with the rest of the family.
- Please adhere to guidance if contacted by NHS test and trace.
- Wash hands regularly.

We understand, particularly at this time of year that children can become unwell. However, if your child is unwell and develops a temperature, a persistent cough or loss of taste/smell, you must take them for a PCR test and they can return after a negative result.

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they cannot return to nursery until 48 hours after their last episode.

Please remember to call the nursery if your child is going to be absent.

By working with us we hope to ensure that our nursery environments remain as safe as possible.

The safety and health of the whole BEYA community, children, parents, and staff is absolutely paramount to us.

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.

https://padlet.com/Barnet_Early_Years_Alliance/r2kyrehl1xz3768n



Risky Play

Children at nursery engage in 'risky play' activities such as climbing trees, making dens, using real tools and woodwork. These activities support self-confidence, self esteem and resilience as well as promoting independence and well being. The environment is risk assessed and well supervised. We work together to support children to ask for help (verbally or non verbally) if they need help or have hurt themselves. We encourage children to be independent and explore the whole nursery environment, inside and out, in all weathers.

Christmas

All nurseries have Christmas parties planned for the last week of term. You will be receiving information on these soon.

Due to the current COVID situation, we will not be able to have parents attend our Christmas sing-a-long this year. Instead, we will be putting together a video of the children singing, which you will be able to view either via Learning Journals or a private YouTube video link.

If you DO NOT want your child to appear in this video, please let us know and please do not share via social media, thank you.

**The first day back for
children is Wednesday
5th January 2021**



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.

Online Safety

Tuesday 7 December, 5 – 6pm

Do you know how to keep your children safe online? Do you know the risks of sharing photos of children on social media? Please join our online safety parent's session led by Perryn Jasper from the local authority to find out more. The link will be sent to you soon.

Oral Health

Monday 31 January, 9.30am

Did you know almost a quarter of 5 year olds have tooth decay? The Oral Health team will be delivering a virtual parents information session for BEYA. We will send joining details nearer the time and really hope to see you there.

In the meantime, here's a couple of toothbrushing songs to encourage brushing...

To the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"

Brush, brush, brush your teeth
Gently round your gums.
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,
Brushing is such fun!!

Brush, brush, brush your teeth
Brush them every day.
Don't forget to brush them all
To keep the germs away!

To the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"

Got my toothpaste, got my brush
I won't hurry, I won't rush.
Making sure my teeth are clean
Front and back and in between.
When I brush for quite a while
I will have a happy smile!

Welcome Meeting

Monday 7 February, 7 – 8pm

We will be holding another Welcome meeting for our new families joining us in January, to talk through our philosophy at BEYA, our curriculum and how we work in partnership with you to support children's learning and development. There will be the opportunity to ask questions at the end, so please feel free to join us if you were unable to do so last term.

BEYA Term dates 2020-2021

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

Tuesday 7 December – Online safety session, 5-6pm

Friday 17 December – Last day of term

Wednesday 5 January – First day back for children

Saturday 15 January – Closing date for school applications

Monday 31 January – Oral health session, 9.30am

Monday 7 February – Welcome parents session, 7-8pm