



Ghanshyam Nursery School

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Spring 2 2024 Newsletter

Welcome to our Spring 2 Newsletter. To start with, thank you to all the parents who wrote an email to congratulate us on our recent Ofsted achievement. I would like to take this opportunity to announce that we received a **Good** rating from Ofsted. The inspection was completely unannounced so we had not done any extra preparations, instead our staff carried on with their normal daily activities and routine. This showcase that we continue to provide the same quality teaching and learning opportunities as we would on any other day. I would also like to thank all the staff for being so supportive throughout the process, and also like to extend this gratitude to the Board of Governors for their continuous support. On behalf of myself and the staff, we would like to sincerely thank all our children for consistently showing efforts to overcome the learning objectives set by us. Please see the ofsted report - <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50239077>

We have also undergone few changes and are in the process of updating our systems. We sadly had to say good bye to Bhavna (Tulip class) who has left her post due to personal reasons. We would like to welcome Drashti as our new practitioner. A warm welcome to our deputy Manager, Angelina.

What are we learning this term?

As an extended learning of animals and getting into our Spring 2 term with lots of celebrations, we are going to focus on Spring and Easter theme across the nursery. Easter is all about new life and new beginnings so we have planned our events on that basis.

Getting ready to dive into the amazing world of life cycles as we embark on our spring theme: "Nature's Wonders!" Each room has chosen a specific life cycle to focus on, exploring, igniting curiosity and fostering a deeper connection with the natural world.

Blue Bells: From egg to fluffy duckling, our Blue Bells will be learning all about how ducklings grow and thrive in their environment.



Tulip: Fluttering into the realm of transformation, Tulip Room will explore the fascinating stages of a butterfly's life, from caterpillar to chrysalis to majestic butterfly.



Sunflower 1: Ribbit, ribbit! Sunflower 1 will hop along with the life cycle of frogs, observing the miraculous journey from tiny tadpoles to hopping frogs.



Sunflower 2: Get ready for an amazing adventure! Sunflower 2 will delve into five different life cycles, including butterflies, chicks, and more, discovering the wonders of growth and transformation in the natural world.

With each room focusing on a different part of life cycles, our children will enjoy engaging activities, captivating stories, and hands-on learning experiences that will spark their curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world around them.



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Harrow Council Funding Hours

It is very important that parents understand the funding process:

1. A parent must have a valid eligibility code for the term they are applying for funding. Codes must be requested PRIOR to the start of a term. If a code is applied for during a term it will only be valid the following term;
2. It is the responsibility of the parents to make sure they have **valid codes** in place for each term and not the Nursery;
3. Please note the below table as to when a child is entitled to funding. Just because they have a code / have turned 3 does not mean they are entitled to funding;
4. **The attached parent declaration needs to be completed by all parents. This is only required for the First Term they apply for funding.**
5. The child must be present during headcount week each term. If they are not present, their funding may be withdrawn / adjusted by Harrow Council
6. If a child starts part-term from another nursery, we need to confirm how many hours have already been claimed for. We then need to apply to Harrow Council for the additional funding.
7. The council provides funding for 30 hours per week for 38 weeks of the year (during school term time). We are open for 45 hours a week and 51 weeks a year. Therefore, the funding is applicable between the months of September to July.
8. **Please keep yourselves up to date with the latest updates and funding from HMRC and Harrow Council website new funding i.e. 9 months and 2 years old funding.**

Below is further information on funding from Harrow Council:

[3 and 4 year olds – Free early education and childcare – London Borough of Harrow](#)

News from the Governor

Congratulations to all the members and family of Ghanshyam Nursery School on the school achieving the 'GOOD' rating from Ofsted.

The governors have conducted the annual one to one meeting with the members of staff. This is an annual surgery where staff are provided with an opportunity to open up and talk anything and everything. It is vital to note that the governors and advisors are unpaid volunteers from the community nominated by the Managing Committee and Trustees of the Temple. They provide their valuable time, expertise and experience. As a result, the nursery is able to provide reduced fees due to these dedicated professional volunteers.

This also includes back end support like finance and human resources. Many of these advisors work over the weekends. As such, your financial queries will be dealt with according to our policy (within 14 working days).

We would like to thank you all for your continues support.

BIRTHDAYS

Krish V – 16th Feb

Anvi P – 18th Feb

Karissa A – 23rd Feb

Aesha J – 28th Feb

Neave P – 5th Mar

Shray P – 21st Mar

Esha P -29th Mar

Prashi V – 29th Mar

Parents can donate £70 to celebrate a child's birthday. This amount would cover the lunchtime meal. We do not order any cake.

NEW PARENTS APP - <https://parentportal.eylog.co.uk/parentportal/>

We have migrated from Blossom to **eyLog** as a parent app. This is due to feedback from the parents as well as the various technical issues whilst using the app. We hope the new app will provide all the necessary update about your child's day in the nursery. This will also reduce the handover talk which can then focus on your child's day at the nursery whilst you would have had the opportunity to look at their standard routine on the app.

Settling Policy: We would like to clarify to the new parents that no fees are charged for the first three days when the children spend between 1- 4 hours in the nursery. The full day fees are charged thereafter and this is also based on pro-rata over the course of the year not month or on a daily rate.

Emergency contacts: Can I remind all parents to ensure that you are providing the nursery with the correct contact numbers and names for all the adults who can pick up your child in an emergency. We are unable to send the children home with anyone that you have not authorised us to do so.

Children's clothing: Please provide appropriate clothing for the colder season, this includes wellies and jackets (ideally waterproof). The children will be going out in all weathers to make sure they get fresh air during their time at the setting. We do not want any children to miss out due to not having appropriate clothing. Please ensure that all your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their name as the clothing items are getting mixed up.

Children with temperatures: A polite reminder, that if your child has or develops a temperature within the nursery, they will not be allowed at the nursery the next day. This is to help keep all the children safe and reduce cross infection. The same applies to diarrhoea. Please refer to our Managing Children who are Sick, Infectious or with Allergies Policy.

Social Media: As we are in 2024, we are very pleased to announce that we have our website Facebook page and Instagram. Parents can join the Facebook page by invite only and follow Instagram. Our website link is get.sksst.org. We will add the social media links on the website once the security protocols have been set up.

Oral Hygiene: We would appreciate if all children are registered with the dentist through NHS and be a part of our HEYL award drive. It is important for children to have a regular check-up since childhood as these are the crucial years for their growth.

Policies – We have various policies in place to ensure the smooth and effective running of the nursery. Please see two separate attachments – Promoting positive behaviour and use of physical intervention policies.

REMINDER: NO PARKING, STOPPING OR WAITING AT THE FRONT OF THE TEMPLE OR DISABLE BAYS. Please use the rear car park which is much safer for all the community members.

