

Ightenhill Nursery School Newsletter

17th October 2025

Messages

Early Help Support in Nursery

All families have difficult times at some point. We are here to help and support you. Please speak to your child's key person or a member of staff and we will work together to support your child and family.

Contact Details

If your contact details have changed, please inform the school office.

Half Term Closure

Nursery will be closed for half term week beginning Monday 27th October.

Nursery re-opens on Monday 3rd November.

Mobile Phones

Reminder - mobile phones should not be used within nursery or in the nursery grounds

Halloween/ Autumn Activity Day

We are having a Halloween/ autumn activity day on Friday 24th October. Children can dress up for Halloween or a costume they like (if they want to).

Nut Free Nursery



We have a child starting with a nut allergy. The following items should not be brought into nursery:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts
- Any home cooked meals for packed lunches that are made from nuts

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Please ensure that your child does not bring food

containing nuts, thank you.



Tapestry

Please upload photos onto Tapestry for your child to share with their key person group. The children enjoy talking about what they have been doing at home and the photographs prompt their memory. It doesn't have to be an outing or an event, it can be anything that your child enjoys doing, something new they have learnt or something you are proud of etc. We also use the information to plan activities based on the children's interests and to follow their lines of enquiry during play.



SNACK MONEY

We kindly ask for a contribution towards snacks. £2 week for 15 hour places and £3 per week for 30 hour places.

This also contributes to dressing up items, ingredients for baking, gifts at Easter and Christmas and special visitors such as the owls and mini beasts etc.

If you would like to pay for the half term, the amounts are:

Am or pm session only places: £14

30 hours places: £21

If you would like to pay via bank transfer the details are below:

Ightenhill Nursery School
Sort Code: 40-15-17
Account Number: 41031333

RAINBOW ROOM'S SKILLS TO PRACTISE AT HOME:



Putting on our own shoes and taking them off by ourselves





RAINBOW ROOM



This week in the Rainbow Room, we have continued to read 'Whatever Next' as our focus story. We have re-enacted the story, through having our own picnic at nursery (just like Baby Bear and the Owl do in the story). We have been looking at, and sorting pictures of 'day' and 'night' and talking about routines such as we gup, brush our teeth, get dressed etc and come to nursery. We have been singing 5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer and we have been practicing some Halloween songs 'Creepy Castle' and 'Monster in the Bathroom'.

This week we have also been practicing that 'no' plus an object is an early negative, please see the next page of how you can help your child practice this at home.



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SUNFLOWER ROOM



This week in the Sunflower room we have been learning about road safety. We have been learning to 'Stop, look and listen' before crossing the road and that we must walk across using the hand of an adult.

The children have all been practising crossing the road outside of nursery with an adult. We have also been practising crossing the road that we drew in chalk in our outdoor area. The children have enjoyed a special snack of plum on toast. The children used plastic knives to spread their own jam on their toast before eating it. In our discovery area we have been using out sense of smell to work out what's in the different containers and then matching them with the pictures e.g. vinegar, soap, toothpaste, chocolate etc. In nursery we're also starting to get ready for Halloween, following the children's interest in this. Song this week has been 'Frere Jacques'



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Rainbow Room's learning:

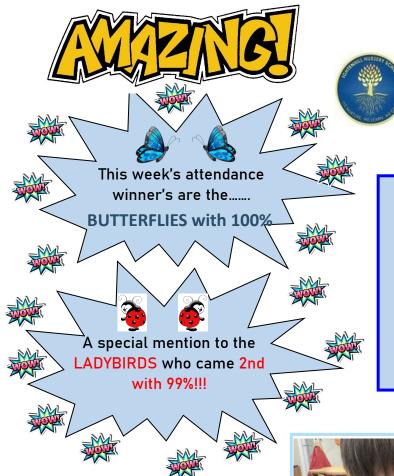
Understanding that 'no' plus an object is an early negative

Why is this important?

Children use negatives to describe the 'absence' or non existence of an object (e.g. a child finishes his/her drink and says 'no juice'). Before children learn to use 'no' in two-word phrases, they must first be able to understand these structures and to use them appropriately.

What to do

- Gather together two favourite toys (e.g. cat, puppy, doll, Spiderman).
 - Use just two toys to begin with.
- From a store of everyday objects, choose a few (e.g. ball, cup, hat, socks).
 - Give an object to one of the toys (e.g. put the hat on the cat's head).
 - Ask 'Who's got no hat on?'
 - Encourage the child to point to the toy without the object.
- If the child points to the toy wearing the hat, say 'Teddy's got a hat, who's got no hat?'
- If this continues to prove difficult, prompt by guiding the child's hand towards the right response and reinforce it with 'Look, teddy's got no hat on'.





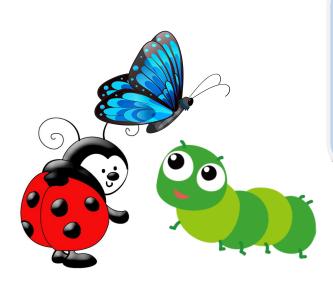
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Mission Statement

The focus of the school community at Ightenhill Nursery is to nurture each child in a happy and secure environment, encouraging them to develop and learn and to meet their full potential whilst having fun.

We nurture, we learn, we grow!

Key Contacts

Headteacher Mrs Daniels-Green Number for the school office- 01282 427154



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