



FEDERATION NEWS

May 2023

Peter Pan & Cherry Trees Nursery Schools
Bedford Nursery Schools Federation



Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to welcome our new families to both Peter Pan and Cherry Trees Nursery Schools. Settling into the new routine of coming to nursery school can take time, each small step demonstrates progress in your child's self-confidence, independence and sense of belonging. Your child's Key Person is available to talk to at the start and the end of each session.

At Bedford Nursery Schools we understand that early child development sets the foundation for lifelong learning, behaviour, and health. The experiences children have in early childhood shape the brain and the child's capacity to learn, to get along with others, and to respond to situations and challenges. Our aim is to ensure that children receive the best possible start to their early education and we work in partnership with families to achieve this. Suzie will be leading some parent sessions this term focusing on Language and Transitions.

On Wednesday 19th April 2023, Peter Pan was inspected by OFSTED. Whilst I am unable to share the outcome of the inspection yet, I would like to thank parents and carers for your responses to the parent survey. I will share the final report with you all as soon as I am able to.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the term and if you have any questions or concerns, please do get in touch with myself or Suzie.

Julie Smith
Executive
Head Teacher



*'Celebrating and Strengthening
our Communities Together'*

Our learning this half-term....

The children have enjoyed another busy start to this half term of playing, exploring and learning.



At the start of term we revisited the children's learning about Ramadan before introducing the celebration of Eid Al Fitre. Families were invited into group time and the children were keen to share their experiences and tell us what they know about Eid. The children have been keen to spot a crescent moon in story books ever since!

Photos kindly sent in of various family celebrations provided much interest, excitement and discussion. Children were very proud to talk about their photos. We were impressed by how well they listened to each other showing respect for our diverse community.

On Thursday 27th April the children took part in the World Daily Mile. Children all over the world ran a mile at school promoting health and fitness. The children started the session with a warmup to music and we talked about the effects of exercise on the body. They were keen to show us how fit and strong they were! They then ran 4 or more times around the outside of the building. They amazed us with their smiles and determination to finish 'one more lap'. We were so proud of their positive attitude to exercise and they were cheered and clapped as they passed each adult around the course. Well done children!



The children took part in Beep Beep! Day and enjoyed many different activities learning about the importance of Road Safety. The children talked about how to cross the road safely whilst walking with an adult, using the stop, look, listen and think sequence. We used the bikes in the garden to stop at the zebra crossings and made different road signs and traffic lights to act out safe behaviour.

More recently, we looked at the life cycle of a frog and the children were fascinated to learn about how they change over time. There were lots of counting opportunities and the children enjoyed acting out 5 little speckled frogs by jumping into an imaginary pool!



Following the nation's interest in the Coronation of King Charles III, the children were curious to find out who the King is and about his family. Watching excerpts from the Coronation gave them an insight into the Royal Ceremony. Some children made connections with their previous learning about the Platinum Jubilee from last year. We have been working hard to prepare for our own Royal Garden Party this Friday 12th May. The children have been making crowns, flags, decorations and cooking scones for the event. We hope that it will be an exciting and enjoyable day for our staff, children and their families.

Please take time to look at the 'Home Learning' and 'Curriculum' pages on our websites

<https://www.peterpannurseryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Nursery+Life&pid=8>
<https://www.cherrytreesnurseryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Nursery+Life&pid=8>

SUMMER TERM DATES

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| Last day of this half term: | Friday 26th May |
| HALF TERM HOLIDAY: | 29th May 2023 to 2nd June 2023 |
| Summer Term 2: | 5th June 2023 to 21st July 2023 |

Safeguarding Procedures

To ensure that safety of all our children at school we would like to remind you about the importance we place on Safeguarding.

- Please ensure that you close all doors and gates behind you as you arrive and leave nursery.
- Please do not let other adults into the building – always ask a member of staff to answer the door.
- If your child needs to use the toilet before their session starts please use the visitors toilet – we ask that parents do not enter the children's toilets.
- Always close the gates as you arrive and leave the site.
- Alert us if you see someone unfamiliar on the school site.
- Please do not use your mobile phone whilst on the school grounds – keep it in your pocket or bag as soon as you come through the gates on to the school site.
- Ensure that the appropriate age restrictions and parental controls are in place and that you monitor/supervise online content that your child watches whilst at home.
- If you are not going to be the person collecting your child from school, please let us know in advance – we will not allow any child to leave with an adult we do not know. The person collecting your child must be at least 18 years old.
- If you are running late to collect your child for any reason please ring the school office to let us know.
- If you see or hear anything whilst you are in nursery that concerns you please ask to speak to a Designated Safeguarding Lead, Julie or Suzie.

Name cards

When you drop your child off, please support them to find their name card in the room. By matching their name card, children begin to recognise and form the letters from their name.

School Fund

Please remember to donate your £1 school fund to the school office. This contribution goes towards providing healthy snack for the children throughout the day. If each family donated just £1 per week we would have over £150 per week to spend on the children.



Mobile Phones

Please remember to stay off your phone from when you arrive at nursery, from when you enter the gate and whether inside or out. Thank you.



Contact details

If you have changed your mobile number or moved house please ensure that you let the school office know so that our records are up to date.



Upcoming Dates for your Diary

12th May

King's Coronation Garden Party Picnics (11am and 2:30pm at both schools)

26th May

New climbing frame installed at Peter Pan

23rd June

Ark Farm to visit Peter Pan

26th June

Ark Farm to visit Cherry Trees

30th June

Cherry Trees 75th Birthday Celebration

7th July

Peter Pan 50th Birthday Celebration

14th July

Carnival Day

19th July

Summer Concert

Children's Centre Groups

Story, Sing and Play Sessions

led by Vicky our Children's Centre Teacher

Tuesday @ Peter Pan from 9:15am

Thursdays @ Cherry Trees from 9:15am



Summer Term Timetable - <https://oneymca.org/app/uploads/2023/03/Print-Full-Timetable-1.pdf>

Parking at Cherry Trees



Please be careful and considerate when parking to ensure that you do not block any of the driveways nearby.

Thank you.

Parent Hub



Please sign up to our Parent Hub app. This is the way we will be sending newsletters and other information home to you.

You can download the app from the Google store or Apple store.

Create an account and search for @PeterPan, for Peter Pan and @CherryTrees, for Cherry Trees.

Please remember to verify your account.