



Keswick House Nursery

Nursery Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We have enjoyed a wonderful couple of weeks. Despite the uncertainty in the weather, the children have embraced every opportunity to choose outdoor learning whenever possible. The summer term always reminds us of how lucky we are to have such a beautiful garden, brimming with a wide range of resources and natural discoveries the children bump into each day. There is truly something for everyone to enjoy and explore. Last week saw great excitement and curiosity in class when there was a clap of thunder; it was fascinating for them to watch the heavy rain through our large school windows.

Many of the children are becoming increasingly grown up and are now expressing themselves with greater confidence. They certainly do not miss a trick! By the end of term, we are confident that Upper Nursery children will be “Reception Ready” and our Lower Nursery children will also be prepared for the more grown up environment offered in the Upper Nursery classrooms.

We have observed some wonderful collaborative play during both free-flow learning and garden time. It is lovely to see how well the children play together, with many strong friendship bonds continuing to develop; friendships we hope will flourish for years to come.



The children have also been thoroughly enjoying our “The Greatest Journey” project and have explored exciting topics such as journeys to the moon and adventures around London.



We were also delighted to celebrate Heritage Day. The children enjoyed talking about their own heritage and learning about the backgrounds and traditions of their friends. Many children came dressed in beautiful traditional outfits and it was wonderful to see everyone proudly sharing their cultures and experiences. It was a fantastic celebration of the diversity within our Nursery community.



Mathematics has become a huge area of interest for many of our children. They have particularly enjoyed completing the Montessori Bead Stair using gems and are showing an incredible enthusiasm for numbers and counting. It has been so impressive to observe the children confidently matching numbers to quantities beyond 10, demonstrating excellent concentration and focus during their learning. Some can even add up in their heads!



Our role-play office has also been extremely popular with the children. They have loved answering the telephone, using the keyboard and taking on different office roles through imaginative play. Alongside this, we have seen incredible progress in their writing skills, particularly when independently writing their own names. The children have been working hard on developing the correct pencil control and it has been wonderful to observe the growing confidence, focus and pride they are showing in their mark-making and early writing. The children also adore expressing their creativity through painting, eagerly experimenting with colours, textures and different techniques to create their own imaginative masterpieces.



The children have also been learning all about oral hygiene. They have been discussing why we brush our teeth, how many times a day we should brush, which foods are good (and not so good) for our teeth and sharing their own experiences of visiting the dentist. We have attached NHS guidance for your information.

Preparations for Sports Day are well underway. The children are showing fantastic enthusiasm and competitive spirit, while also focusing on completing each race in the correct sequence and cheering on their friends; a wonderful display of teamwork and encouragement.



Forest Camp continues to be a huge success. The children love every opportunity to forage and explore outdoors. This week, they focused on shapes within nature and worked together to recreate different shapes using natural materials they found around the camp.

Spanish is an exciting part of the children's timetable and we are looking at names of farm animals this term which they are picking up fast. Any family who may have a Spanish book to share in class we would love to welcome books from home.



We have lots of exciting events coming up over the next few weeks, including:

- Break the Rules Day
- Sports Day
- School Photographs
- The Summer Fair
- A trip to the main school library for our Upper Nursery children
- Hobbledown Farm
- Parents Evening
- The Summer Concert

Please also remember to save the dates that have already been sent out to you.

Finally...

The children are to wear their summer uniform when we return from half-term. Can we please remind parents to adhere to the correct uniform especially when choosing hair ties. Shoe bags need to be fully stocked as there will be a lot of water play at Nursery.

A reminder to contact Lina our Upper Nursery parent rep if you would like to help with the summer fair on Saturday 20th June. It really is a wonderful day out for both parents and children with so much on offer and a wonderful summer buzz. Please reach out to Lina or if you need her contact details the school office will gladly pass her details on.

Books to explore:



Best wishes

Nursery Team