



October 2023 Parent Newsletter



Mrs Sally Appadu – Head Teacher's Welcome

Time is flying by and we are already in October! Please remember to provide your child with a nice warm coat. The weather is starting to get cooler and the children have been collecting conkers from the horse chestnut tree. This is just outside nursery.

Each month, I will be introducing a member of the team on this newsletter. This month its Sam Bowker our class teacher. She started with us in 2021.

Safeguarding and E Safety

If you have any concerns regarding children's welfare, please let us know. Safeguarding is of the utmost importance to us. All our policies can be found on our website, including our safeguarding and child protection policy.

<https://lilliandelissa.sch.life/>

Internet safety (e-safety) is constantly in the news and is growing in relevance for us all. You may find these websites helpful in supporting your child when using the internet.

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

<https://www.o2.co.uk/help/online-safety>

Staff member of the month



Sam Bowker is the Nursery school teacher and has been a member of the Lillian De Lissa Nursery team for 3 years.

Sam is taking on the role of the SENCO lead and is also a Designated Safeguarding Lead at the Nursery. She has also taken on the role of the Startwell lead for healthy eating and is the Wellcomm Language champion for the Edgbaston District.

She is currently supporting parents with applications for Receptions places for September 2024.

If you have any concerns about your child or need some support and advice, please come and speak to Sam.

Dates for your Diaries

Autumn Term 2023 Term Starts: Monday 4 September 2023

Half Term: Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 3 November 2023

Term Ends: Friday 22 December 2023 Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Tuesday 9th January 2024

Half Term: Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024

Term Ends: Thursday 21st March 2024 Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8th April 2024

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024

Term Ends: Friday 19th July 2024

Inset teacher training day: Friday 15th September 2023- Nursery closed
Inset teacher training day: Monday 8th January 2024- Nursery closed

Smiley Shen



Startwell

Oral Health

Smiley Shen encourages us to keep our teeth clean and healthy.

Help your child/children to:

- Brush their teeth for two minutes, twice a day from (6 months of age or as soon as the first tooth erupts)
- Use horizontal brush strokes or circular movements around teeth and gums (vertical up & down movements can damage the gums)
- Use an age appropriate tooth brush and toothpaste
- Avoid rinsing with water after brushing, just spit out any excess toothpaste
- Visit the dentist regularly
- Make sensible choices around sugary foods and drinks
- Use age appropriate drinking vessels such as free flow beakers
- Talk about oral health and keeping their teeth healthy



Free Vitamins

We are part of a Startwell project this year and as part of this we will be ordering free vitamins for every child. Look out for the posters in Reception. They will be available soon.

Daily Fees

Your early education needs are important to us; we aim to be as flexible as possible for all parents and carers. Our opening hours are 8.45am-4.00pm

Many families are entitled to a free place for their 2 and 3 year old children (15 hours)

There are also 30 hours available (subject to eligibility)

All places are subject to availability and entrance criteria

Our late collection charges are £15.00 per 10 minutes from 3:10pm

All fees are subject to change at any time

Meals cost £2.35 per day

After school club- 3.10pm-4.00pm £10.00. This must be booked a day in advance

Full day- 8.45am-3.00pm £36.00

Sessions- AM 9.00am-12.00 noon midday- £18.00

PM- 12.00 noon-3.00pm- £18.00

Early Help

If you need help with accessing food banks, benefits, housing, finances, counselling, parenting courses or English classes we can help. We can make an early help referral. There are many agencies that can help families at the moment in Birmingham. If you need to speak to a family support worker then phone Doddington Children's Centre on 0121 477 6440. A family support worker will phone you back on the same day between 12noon and 4.00pm

Allergies

Please do not send your child into school with drinks, sweets or other food. We have several children who are severely allergic to fish, pulses and eggs etc. Please note we are also a nut free school. Thank you



We understand that children are unwell sometimes but it is also important for us to promote good attendance at nursery.

The reasons for children to attend regularly at their early years setting are to support their learning and development and to make sure that children are kept safe. It is also important that their wellbeing is promoted and they do not miss out on their entitlements and opportunities.

Children who have achieved 85% or above for their attendance will be awarded a certificate at the end of the autumn term.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL KELLY ON 07850541744

OR GRACE ON 07738119608



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Early Years Career Progression Pathways
FREE Childcare & Family Learning Training

We can support your new or existing career with free
Skills Training and **Work Experience** delivered by
Universities and Industry Specialists.

ESOL Introduction to Childcare

Date: 16th & 23rd October

Time: 12:30pm –2:30pm

Location: Edgbaston Community Centre

40 Woodview Drive, Birmingham B15 2HU

