

Summer has arrived!

What a busy three months we have had and it is so lovely to be having warmer weather, lighter mornings and long summer evenings. Last month we had our Ofsted inspection after 6 years, sadly I still cannot tell parents the outcome until the report has been published on the Ofsted website. We are expecting this to be any day now as we have received the final report. As you are aware this is the first Ofsted inspection since I took over as Manager last May, this was also many of the staff's first ever inspection. Although I cannot tell you the result, I can say I am immensely proud of the team and this is the recognition the team deserve for all their passion, love and commitment they give Poppins every day.

As always, we are very grateful for all your positive feedback and comments, as well as your continued support.

Staff News



We welcomed Catherine joining us with open arms at the end of March and since the day Catherine has started she has slotted into the team. Catherine is a wonderful practitioner and we are supporting her with the final stages of completing her level 3 qualification. Please support her in her final push and Catherine is due to complete in August. Catherine thank you for joining the team and bringing your commitment, enthusiasm and motivation. Catherine works three days a week in the Nestlings team.



Laura joined the Poppins team at the start of May and we feel very thankful to have her. Laura is very committed to improving outcomes for children and she has loved getting to know the children, the parents and the curriculum we offer at Poppins. Laura says since starting Poppins she feels supported and her well being has improved which is lovely to hear. Laura is a qualified early years practitioner and she will be mostly in the Nestling team, however you will also see her sometimes in Hatchlings. This is great as the children have someone they see across the whole Nursery. Thank you for joining the Poppins team Laura!

Parent Review Meetings

Our parent review meetings are a priority for us here at Poppins, and we thank you for giving your time for these. They are a fantastic way of your key person building a relationship with you, as well as sharing all the wonderful things your child is learning at home and Nursery. Please do try to book an appointment with your key person on one of these days. Here are our future dates for your diary.

- **The Hatchlings –**

Tuesday 12th September and Thursday 14th September

- **The Nestlings –**

Wednesday 20th September and Thursday 21st September

Future Stay and Play Dates

Once a month we open our doors for a stay and play, which is a wonderful opportunity to come and have a play with your child in Nursery. This helps children feel secure in their nursery environment, helps form attachments and allows parents to see what happens behind that black front door!

Here are our future dates, we would love for you to join us!

All sessions are 2.30-3.30pm

Thursday 20th July - Join us for our Cooking Enrichment

Tuesday 15th August - Join us for our Mindfulness Enrichment

Friday 15th September - Join us for our Physical Enrichment

Wednesday 18th October - Join us for our Cultural Enrichment

Thursday 16th November - Join us for our Forest School Enrichment

Friday 8th December - Join us for our special Christmas stay and play

Tapestry

Just a polite reminder to please check Tapestry regularly for updates. We try to be quite eco-conscious of how much paper we are printing which is why we use Tapestry as a communication method to share letters, important dates and newsletters.

Also we love to hear from parents on Tapestry, to see photos of things you do at home so please do remember to share and make comments. This is really important as it tells us what your child is interested at home, which we use as a starting point for their learning at Poppins.


Thank you for your support.

Outdoor Play Tower

As you may have heard we are doomed in our efforts to try and provide the children with a lovely outdoor climbing tower with slide. Unfortunately after waiting a long six months for delivery the last one arrived really poorly made, to the point it was unsafe for children to use. We were beyond disappointed and had more faith as it was purchased through a well-known, reputable early years resource provider.

Six weeks ago we then purchased the one you see below through Mama's and Papa's – and guess what – it didn't arrive!! After lots of phone calls and empty promises we are now back to square one. We are however now in talks with the Manufacturer to hopefully order this direct.





CLASS OF 2023

We cannot quite believe the time of year is here where we say good luck and goodbye to our Nestling preschoolers! We are hosting a preschool leavers tea party which we would love to invite parents to come along and cheer and clap as they receive their certificate and medal.

The date is Thursday 3rd August at 2.30-4.00pm so please pop the date in the diary and invites for the children will follow shortly.

Get the tissues ready 😊



The sun has got its hat on...

Can we please ask all parents to apply factor 50 sun cream to children before attending Nursery and pop the sun cream in their bag so we can reapply throughout the day. This is really important as it means the children can be outside when they first arrive. Thank you 😊

Can we also please ask parents to provide a named sunhat and some swimwear so we can utilise the paddling pools. If your child wears nappies can you please provide a swim nappy and pop this in their bag. Thank you 😊

We will be doing everything we can to keep the children as cool as possible including using the shaded areas of the garden, lots of water play and the paddling pool, yummy ice lollies and fans inside.

Polite Reminders

Can we please ask all parents to please ensure they provide wipes for children that require nappy changes and please ensure all clothing/milk bottles/wellingtons/sunhats and anything else they require **are named**. This is to avoid items going missing, being taken home by mistake (we often see the same styles of tops) and hopefully all items can be returned to the right child. Thank you.



We have booked the Christmas pantomime!!

Last year the Nestlings had a wonderful time watching Cinderella at the Swan Theatre so we thought we would be incredibly organised and book a date for this year!

Just like last year this will be for Nestling children only and parents will be invited to come along too
(first come first served)

So save the date! Tuesday 12th December at 10am for Jack and the Beanstalk.

Update on Marion's recovery

I am delighted to report that Marion is keeping well and she is now walking without her boot, and sometimes with a stick for support.

I have a meeting on Monday with Marion to discuss a phased return back to work and I will keep you all informed.

Those of you that haven't met Marion yet, she is our wonderful practitioner all the way from Australia. Marion however hasn't been a stranger and she has sent videos of herself telling stories to children and we have done a couple of facetime calls too to help lift her spirits.

Millie's Holiday!

Millie had her own little holiday in May with Zoë! She had the best time visiting pub gardens, horses in fields, riding in the front of Liv's car, trying strawberries (which I believed were infused with gin...which Millie scooped herself directly from the gin glass...!)

Here are some photos, as you can see she made herself at home!

