

# Advantage

Childrens Day Nursery

13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 & 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Dear Parents



Iris in Penguins	Olivia in Penguins
Ryan in Penguins	Emma in Rainbow
Mila in Ducklings	Mila in Moonbeams
Taani in Shooting Stars	Ailish in Snowflakes
Devan in Shooting Stars	Maximilian in Snowflakes
Amaira in Shooting Stars	Avlene in Snowflakes
	Bobby in shooting Stars

Parents Evenings-Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June (whole Nursery) and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June (Preschool only)-  
6pm-7.30pm on both evenings.

Each year we hold a Parents' evening for the whole Nursery (and an additional evening for Preschool only). We offer you the opportunity to chat to your child's keyperson about your child. Staff also write and share with you a short summary about your child's learning and share their 'Individual Development Map' (IDM) to show their progress in their learning and development. Our evenings run from 6pm-7.30pm.

Staff will hand all parents a "Parents' story" (from week beg 13/5) for you to write about your child's learning and current interests at home. We would be grateful if you could return these by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May so staff have time to read them before Parents' Evening.

As our Preschool Rooms are very busy we offer 10 minute appointments for both evenings (Tuesday and Wednesday) which parents can 'sign up' to. Please check that your child's keyperson is in on both evenings. Signs will go up on doors closer to the evening with this information (Week beg. 13<sup>th</sup> May).

For children in our 2 year old rooms who are due a 2 Year Progress Check you are welcome to make an alternative time to meet with your child's keyperson if you can't make this evening. It is a Statutory requirement in the EYFS to ensure we share these with you. Please talk to your child's keyperson. For the rest of the Nursery please pop along any time between 6pm-7.30pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

If you have not yet signed up to Tapestry and would like to see your child's Learning Journey before Parents' Evening please ask for a form at Reception to 'sign up' or alternatively if you have completed a form, but not yet 'activated' your account please email Melody via [melody@advantagedaynursery.co.uk](mailto:melody@advantagedaynursery.co.uk) . Please note: Activation emails only last for 30 days. You would need to request a new link if this has expired. Melody will also be resending activation links the week before Parents' Evening to all parents who have not yet activated their account.

## Bank Holiday Nursery Closure & Half Term Holidays

Nursery is **closed** for the late May Bank holiday on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

In addition the 'half term' for Term time only children is from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, with return to Nursery on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.



### SEN Inclusion Hub news

As some of you may be aware our Nursery is one of 12 Early Years settings chosen to be an SEN Inclusion Hub across Kingston and Richmond boroughs (jointly known as Achieving for Children –AfC). Hazel and some of the management team have been attending various training sessions throughout the year and creating important links with other settings within this Inclusion Hub. Ultimately the aim is to continue to upskill our own staff and also support other settings with advice around children with special educational needs in our local area, using our experience and expertise.

If you have a child with special educational needs and are looking for information locally please take a look at the AfC Local Offer [https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/local\\_offer?mode=large](https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/local_offer?mode=large) There is lots of advice, support groups and much more available to you as families with children with special educational needs on this site.

### Staffing News

We have had a busy couple of months with lovely new staff joining our team.

We would like to welcome:

Amelia in Babyrooms (mon-Thurs)  
Jodie in Piglets (Wednesday and Thurs)  
Lucy in Ladybirds (Fulltime)  
Sonya in Sunshine (Fulltime)  
Mara in Snowflakes (Fulltime)  
Holly in Shooting Stars- Supervisor –(Mon-Thurs)  
Rana as a float (Thurs and Fri)  
Tiffany as a Float Tues and Thurs)  
Jack in Ladybirds (Fulltime)

### Preschool Graduation-Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July

We have now confirmed the use of Tolworth Girls School hall on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July for our Preschool Graduation for all school leavers. You will receive more details closer to the event. We anticipate starting around 11am with a short performance by the children and a 'graduation' presentation too. Please put the date in your diary if your child will be leaving us to go to school in September. Please also note: you need to give us 4 weeks notice in writing as per our terms and conditions (including term time only children) before your child leaves Nursery.

### "What to Expect When- a parents guide to the Early Years Foundation Stage"

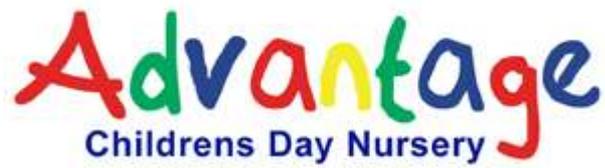
This is a useful link for you to understand the learning and development of your child at various ages in parent friendly terms. It will also help you understand your child's focus week and observations we write on Tapestry. If you would like to download your own copy please follow the following link:

<https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/what-to-expect-when/>

If you have any questions about the Early Years Foundation Stage please talk to staff in your rooms or alternatively email Melody Cox, our Education Consultant on [melody@advantagedaynursery.co.uk](mailto:melody@advantagedaynursery.co.uk)

### Question of the Week

Don't forget you can 'vote' for our 'Question of the Week' in Reception. Your feedback is important to us and this is a simple way for you to let us know about how you feel about various aspects of the Nursery.



### Tapestry

In the last few weeks quite a few children have moved rooms. Please look out for a new activation email if your child has moved to nursery or preschool recently.

We welcome any feedback about Tapestry. If you would like to share your feedback please email Melody Cox on [melody@advantagedaynursery.co.uk](mailto:melody@advantagedaynursery.co.uk) . Thank you.

If you are new to Tapestry we hope you are enjoying looking at your child's Learning Journey. If you want any other relatives to access your child's Learning Journey you would just need to check with them they are happy for you to share email details and then send their details to Melody Cox (see below), along with your child's name and room. Melody will then upload details onto your child's account.

Please contact Melody Cox via email [melody@advantagedaynursery.co.uk](mailto:melody@advantagedaynursery.co.uk) for any queries or feedback about Tapestry.

### 30 hours Government Funding

If your child has or is turning 3 between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 31<sup>st</sup> August you maybe eligible for 30 hours funding. Please check and apply by visiting the government website at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk). Should you already be eligible please remember to re-confirm your eligibility every three months. Failure to do so will result in you falling out of entitlement.

### Tax Free Childcare

Paying by Tax free childcare is getting more and more popular. Please can you ensure you pass on your Tax free childcare reference number to Bernie at Reception via email [admin@advantagedaynursery.co.uk](mailto:admin@advantagedaynursery.co.uk) so that your payments can be correctly allocated. Thank you.

If you want to find out more about Tax free childcare and the 30 hours extended funding please follow the link [www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator).

### Twitter & Facebook

Thank you for following us on Facebook and Twitter. We are enjoying reading your comments and hope you love the updates too.

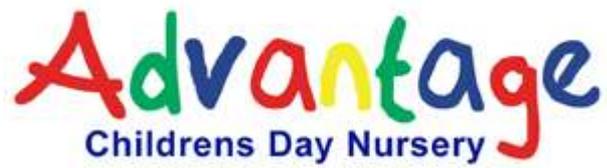
If you would like to follow us on Facebook the link is <http://tinyurl.com/advantagefacebook> Please take a look!

If you would like to follow us on Twitter our account is [@AdvDayNursery](https://twitter.com/AdvDayNursery). You can also see all our tweets on the home page of the website at the bottom of the page.

This week's menu is Menu 4 and next week's (W/B 20/5/19) is Menu 1, which you can view or download from the Parents section of our website [here](#). Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

**Hazel Moody**  
Nursery Manager



### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### **May**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday- Nursery closed

Monday 27<sup>th</sup>-Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Term time only children Holidays

#### **June**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening (whole Nursery, incl Preschool)

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening (Preschool only)

#### **July**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Preschool Graduation for School Leavers

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Last day of term for 'Term time only' children

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Kingston Rotary Dragon Boat Race day-more details to follow