



# Ghanshyam Nursery School

*'laying the foundations for life'*

*We strive to provide the highest quality childcare facilities and personnel for the social, personal, cultural and religious advancement of the child*

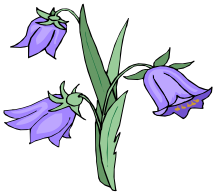


## December 2022 Newsletter

### What we will be learning ...



#### Bluebell Room



Bluebell will be learning about Christmas and we will be doing a variety of activities relating to Christmas. We will be singing Christmas songs and dress up in festive clothing. We will also continue to teach the children about different types of transport.

Parental involvement - Talk to your children about Christmas.

#### Tulip Room

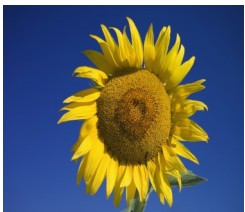


As Christmas approaches, Tulip Room will be doing different activities like making cards, singing Christmas carols, and various art and crafts activities. We will also be teaching the children about appropriate clothing for cold weather, encouraging

them to wear their hat, gloves and coat.

Parental involvement—Attend a local Santa's grotto or winter wonderland and send lots of photos.

#### Sunflower Room 1



For winter we will be looking at arctic animals, learning about different habitats and animal characteristics. During this topic, children will explore the concept of freezing and melting! We will be celebrating the festivals of Christmas and Hannukah. The children will also revise the Jolly Phonics series 1, 2 and 3.

Parental involvement - Try and freeze different materials e.g. sponge, toys, and water and talk to children about the changes.

#### Sunflower Room 2

We will be talking about different festivals and comparing them to one another e.g. Diwali, Christmas and Hannukah. To carry on with our learning, we will incorporate numbers, colours and common shapes in our Christmas activities.

Parents involvement - Take children to look at the Christmas decorations and how experience the festival.



#### Inset days 2023

Friday 17th February

Friday 2nd June

Friday 18th August

Wednesday 15th  
November

#### Happy Birthday

Myra - 2

Shayan - 2

Shivaay - 2

Hetvi - 3

Hirwa - 3

Rohan - 3



#### Staff News

Thank you to ALL the staff for all their hard work, commitment and dedication that they have shown throughout the year.



## Primary Schools

School admissions for September 2023 need to be submitted before 15th January 2023. The email address for the admissions is [www.eadmission.org.uk](http://www.eadmission.org.uk)

## 30 Hours Funding

For all children who turn 3, please check if you are eligible for the 30 hours government grant. If so, please email the code to [enquiries.gns@sksst.org](mailto:enquiries.gns@sksst.org).

**If you already have a code, you must remember to renew it every term through your government portal.**

## Outdoor Learning

We are continuing to develop our outdoor area for the children to be creative, imaginative as well as developing their physical skills. Physical play is very important for healthy growth and development. We take our children out in all weathers so please ensure that they have appropriate clothing.

### Message from the Board of Governors (BOG)

*The nursery fees will increase from January 2023. The parents were emailed the details. Please see the display.*

*Great news—We will begin rolling out the nursery app, **Blossom**, within the next few days. This will improve parents communication and provide regular updates about your child's day at the nursery.*

*Temple anniversary, Ghanshyam nursery performance is planned for on Monday 26th December at 11:00am.*

### **Parent Governor—one position**

*As discussed in the parents coffee evening, we are pleased to inform you that we will be accepting applications for **one** parent governor. If you are interested, please pick an application pack from the nursery office. Please read the guidance before applying. Our parent governor should be able to provide commitment and support with operational aspects of the nursery.*

*In the event of receiving more than one application, voting will take place. The applicants will be asked to write a short personal statement for the parents to vote.*

*Our professional external consultant may look at the applications in conjunction from the current governing. The ultimate decision rest with the Temple's Managing Committee and Trustees.*

*The deadline for application is Friday 9th December, 5pm.*

The policy of the month is:

## ICT and Online Safety Policy

With the increase use of technology in all environment the children access, please see attached our ICT and Online Safety Policy for you to see what we are doing to keep your children safe online at the nursery.

You can also go onto the google website and set up a variety of privacy and blocking settings to stop your children looking at anything inappropriate or stop any pop-ups.

Please visit websites like:

[www.https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

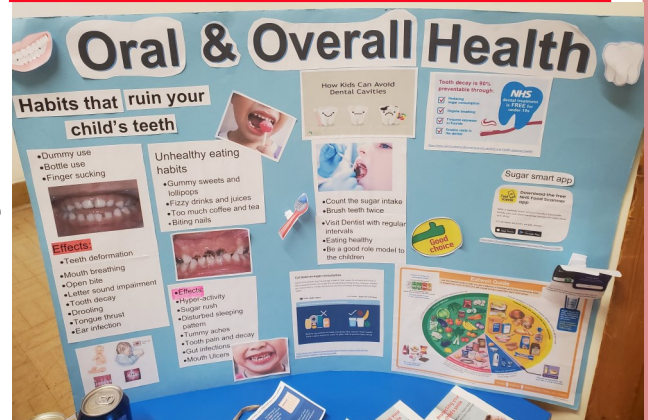
[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

Please ensure you keep your child/ren safe when coming to drop off and pick up siblings from the nursery. A growing number of children are running in the temple car park posing a hazard to all. We would like all the parents to hold their child's hands at all times.

Please note that running is also not allowed in the nursery premises.



## **Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Online Safety Policy**

Ghanshyam Nursery School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children as we believe that this is of paramount importance. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We uphold the rights of everyone to equality under the law regardless of gender, age, race, belief, ability, disability, sexual orientation or identity.

We believe that our core school motto ('Laying the foundations for life' - We strive to provide the highest quality childcare facilities and personnel for the social, personal, cultural and religious advancement of the child) and British values are not mutually exclusive. We focus on ensuring our work is effective in securing this motto; challenging children, staff and parents/carers who express opinions contrary to the British values with regard to our duty to prevent extremism and radicalisation. Ghanshyam Nursery School has the highest regard for the safety of the children in our care and will carry out its duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children at all times.

This policy document sets out the nursery's aims, principles and strategies for the delivery of Information and Communications Technology (ICT). Ghanshyam Nursery School will creatively and imaginatively harness the potential of ICT in teaching and learning.

Ghanshyam Nursery School has provided a variety of ICT equipment for example, digital cameras, PC's, tablets and laptops for use by staff as an important tool for teaching, learning and administration of the school. Use of school computers, by members of staff is governed at all times by the following policy. Please ensure that you understand your responsibilities under this policy and direct any questions or concerns to the manager.

All members of staff have a responsibility to use the schools computer system in a professional, lawful and ethical manner. Deliberate abuse of the school's computer system may result in disciplinary action (including possible termination of contract) and civil and/or criminal liability.

The Early Learning goal for Technology, from the Early Years Outcomes, states that children should "recognise that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools. Children select and use technology for particular purposes."

The steps for 30-60 months to meet this statement of learning are as follows:

- Knows how to operate simple equipment.
- Knows that information can be retrieved from computers.
- Completes a simple program on a computer.
- Interacts with age-appropriate computer software.

At Ghanshyam Nursery School we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum where ICT is incorporated into all curriculum areas. The children have access to tills, mobiles, telephones, kitchen equipment, office equipment and cameras. We have a variety of software applications that are suitable for use with children of all abilities. ICT helps children take greater responsibility for their own learning, plan and organise their ideas, and produce and present work of a high standard. It also enhances creativity.

### **Online Safety**

New technologies, especially internet-based technologies, are presenting new challenges (and opportunities) for young people. Staffs receive on-going online safety training. All laptops and computers are installed with appropriate children security. Meaning no child or member of staff can access any harmful sites.

A range of teaching and learning styles will be reflected in carers planning, assessment and classroom practice. These will include:

- Using the computer or appropriate presentation to demonstrate to a group of children.
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- Individual, paired or group work developing ICT concepts and skills using non electronic media.
- Collaborative and co-operative activities in groups.
- Guided discussion and evaluation of work-in-progress and finished work.

Children working individually either independently or supported by an adult.

NB: Children are always supervised by a member of staff when using ICT equipment.

Where possible Administration and Curriculum ICT are integrated to enable effective collection of student data; to reduce duplication of data; enable better analysis and monitoring of performance and support target setting.

The Manager is responsible for:

- Meeting statutory ICT requirements.
- Ensuring that there is an ICT policy and that it is implemented.
- Reviewing and updating the ICT policy.

Monitoring and evaluating the purchase of ICT equipment.

The nursery practitioner is responsible for:

Developing the student's ICT capability in accordance with nursery policy and the requirements of the EYFS.

- Ensuring that each student has equality of access to ICT resources.
- Ensuring that equipment is used safely and responsibly.
- Monitoring and evaluating each student's experiences.
- Developing their own capability to support their teaching and students' learning.

Reporting faults to the managed service provider as per to the ICT call logging guide.

It is our policy to make the school's resources as accessible as possible both to staff and to the wider community. We ensure that our equipment is given an annual electrical PAT test.

### **Copyright and data protection**

We ensure that we have legal licenses for all our software, and we will not re-publish any scanned or digitised images without checking copyright.

### **Computer security and virus protection**

We strive to make equipment readily available and yet secure. All feasible equipment is security marked and all computers are virus protected.

### **Privacy**

- Use of the school computer system, including email accounts and storage areas provided for staff use, maybe subject to monitoring by the school to ensure compliance with this ICT policy and applicable laws. The one connect system does keep a record of all websites visited, however passwords and usernames are not recorded.
- Staff should avoid storing sensitive personnel information on school computers i.e.-photographs and financial information.
- Information stored on the school systems can be accessed by the manager or one connect, so please do not assume that files, communications, emails and activities are private.



## DECEMBER EVENTS

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day  
(Donate £2 to charity)



Hanukkah

Monday 19th December- We will be talking to the children about Hanukkah.

**Monday 19th December - Friday 23rd December (no uniform)**  
Monday - Wear White  
Tuesday - Christmas Concert from 3pm (Wear sparkly clothes).  
Wednesday - Wear Green  
Thursday - Wear Red  
Friday - Xmas Lunch (Wear sparkly clothes)

Please note the last day of Nursery is Friday 23rd December and we will return on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

