



The Academy Nursery School

Important Points

November 2023

OPEN DAY & NURSERY APPLICATIONS

For those who might have an up and coming Academy Nursery School Pupil, please come along to our Open Day on 6th December 2023 between 2 & 4pm to see where your child could happily Play, Learn & Grow with confidence!

If your child was born between 2nd July 2020 and 1st July 2021 then please take note of the important dates below, for you to submit your application in order to secure your child's nursery school place next year.

Applications must be completed online at www.eani.org.uk/admissions
Applications will be available online from 12 noon on 9th January 2024 until 12 noon on 26th January 2024.

More information will follow closer to the time however if you would like to speak to us feel free to contact the school where we will be happy to help you.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

For our current pupils moving on to the next stage in their education please follow the same procedures and timeline for applications as outlined above. Please note also that Primary 1 Admissions Criteria for all schools will be available on the EA website from 12th December 2023 to help you make the correct choice for your child.

Autumn Walk

The children have been observing and talking about Autumn. We would love the opportunity to take the children on an Autumn Walk to Brooke Park during the month of November to explore signs of Autumn and have a play in our local park.

For us to be able to carry this out safely for child/adult ratio we would need parent volunteers to help support us to make this possible We would welcome any volunteers so please let your class teacher know if you are available to help.

Date will be confirmed closer to the time and a full risk assessment will be carried out by the staff prior to the visit.

Please ensure that the children come to school dressed in appropriate clothing and footwear.

Permission has already been sought from parents at the start of the year but please let your class teacher know if you have any concerns or wish to withdraw your consent.

Special Points of Interest

- ☺ Open Day, Nursery & Primary School Applications
- ☺ Autumn Walk
- ☺ Parent Teacher Meetings
- ☺ Curriculum
- ☺ Eco School
- ☺ Songs and Rhymes
- ☺ 3+ Reviews with Health Visitor
- ☺ Nursery Rhyme Week
- ☺ St Anne's PS Visit
- ☺ Christmas Show
- ☺ Information Update



Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher Meetings will be taking place during the month of November. A sign up sheet with date and time slots will be posted outside each classroom in due course.

This is a settling in meeting to discuss your child's progress and, an opportunity to voice any concerns.

If you are unable to attend in person, we are happy to arrange a telephone call.



Curriculum

During the month of November we will be looking at the theme of night and day.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

- To discuss our own safety in darker autumnal evenings e.g. wearing reflective clothing;
- To discuss the importance of sleep;
- To explore fears of the dark through discussion and stories e.g. Owl Babies, Can't you Sleep Little Bear;
- To develop an awareness of personal hygiene routines in the morning and evening;
- To discuss the importance of breakfast.

Language Development

- Opportunities to listen to stories related to the theme in small and large groups as well as at individual book browsing;
- Opportunities to learn songs and rhymes related to the theme - Wee Willie Winkie, Activity Songs such as I get up In The Morning (Sticky Kids), Sleeping Bunnies;
- To introduce information books related to theme;
- To learn new vocabulary related to the theme night and day, moon , stars, bedtime, late, early, morning;
- To recall past experiences of night and day;
- Opportunities to read bedtime stories to our friends;

Mathematical Development

- To learn early language related to time ;
- To develop an awareness of the pattern of our day e.g. getting up in morning, bedtime routine, meals;
- To sort and match pyjamas by colour and pattern, top and bottom;
- To explore day and night shapes e.g. circle, crescent moon, star;
- To sort objects by night and day.

Curriculum (contd)

The World Around Us

- To plant our winter bulbs and discuss how they need to be kept in the dark to start to grow;
- To discuss clothes that help us to be seen in the dark;
- To discuss nocturnal animals and sounds;
- To develop an awareness of safety with regard to darkening nights;
- To discuss different occupations that involve day and night shifts e.g. nurse, fireman.

The Arts

- Opportunity to dress up/take on roles with regard to bedtime;
- To choose appropriate clothing for dolls day time and night time and opportunity to develop imaginary scenarios;
- To explore the different rooms in the house;
- To explore the theme through art/craft activities e.g. fireworks, light and dark paper;
- Opportunity to explore light and dark colours.

Physical Development

- To develop large motor and fine manipulative skills through dressing and undressing bedtime clothes at house area;
- To develop physical skills e.g. movement, spatial awareness through the use of action songs related to theme;
- To develop fine manipulative skills by dressing and undressing dolls in autumnal clothes;
- To continue developing cutting skills and extend to cutting around circular shape for more experienced child.

Eco School — next episode...

Recycling

As part of our Eco School transition, we will have a Recycling Bin in situ outside the school gate.

This will become an active part of school life and will provide a token remuneration which will go towards school fund and resources for our pupils

We would actively encourage you to recycle the following items into the bin:

Good condition clothes,

Paired shoes

Hats, Scarves, Belts & Handbags

Bedlinen, Curtains & Towels

Should you have anything that you want to donate before the bin is actually in place, please leave it in school: we can arrange to have it collected.

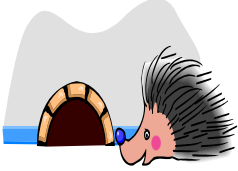
You support is much appreciated.

Thank You!

Songs and Rhymes for Autumn and Day and Night

Hollie the Hedgehog

Hollie the hedgehog, Hollie the hedgehog
Nobody wants to dance with her
She's got prickles, how they tickle
All the other animals all have fur.



Five Autumn Leaves

Five Autumn Leaves so bright and gay
Dancing about on a tree one day
The wind came howling through the trees

OOH OOH ,OOH OOH
And one little leaf came tumbling down
(continue for 4,3,2,1, leaves)



Pick Up A Leaf

Pick up a leaf and put it in your basket
Pick up a leaf and put it in your basket
Pick up a leaf and put it in your basket
Yellow orange brown.
I had a leaf and I put it in my basket
I had a leaf and I put it in my basket
I had a leaf and I put it in my basket
Orange, yellow brown
How many leaves do I have in my basket
How many leaves do I have in my basket
How many leaves do I have in my basket
1,2,3,4,5,



Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are
Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle, twinkle little star how I wonder
what you are.

Wee Willie Winkie

Wee Willie Winkie
Runs through the town,
Upstairs and downstairs
In his nightgown.
Rapping at the windows,
Crying through the lock,
"Are the children all in bed?
For it's now eight o'clock."

Hey Diddle Diddle

Hey diddle diddle the cat and the
Fiddle
The cow jumped over the moon
The little dog laughed to see such fun
and the dish ran away with the spoon.



3+ Review

If your child is in his/her final preschool year and moving to Primary one next September you will be offered the opportunity to have a 3+ Review.

Pre-school education settings recognise that parents/carers are the child's first and continuing educators, who provide a wealth of information about each child on entry to pre-school.

Our school's Health Visitor, Ami Leonard, parents and staff in the pre-school settings, will carry out the 3+ Review. The review will help to assess children's overall development at this key stage, and also identify any developmental needs, facilitate early provision of support where required or onward referral if needed, and assist the pre-school in planning.

The 3+ Review is usually carried out in 2 stages:

1. completion of a questionnaire by the child's parent/carer which you will have received already;
2. meeting between the health visitor and the parents/carers in the preschool setting to discuss the child's development, including the information provided in the completed questionnaire.

Ami and her colleague will be carrying out the reviews on 27th & 28th November 2023.. They will take place in the school. Please return your form if you have not already done so and please consult the sheet on the Multi Purpose Room window to make your appointment, should you wish to be here with your child during the review.

World Nursery Rhyme Week 13th—17th November

We will be promoting this in school and hope that you will at home, in the car or out walking too. Nursery rhymes are great tools for speech and language development, memory, imagination and fun!

St Anne's PS Visit

We will be honoured to have some of St Anne's Primary School P5 pupils here on 7th November to read to our pupils — we hope this shared reading experience will be engaging and rewarding for all.

THE >>> Christmas Show >>>

The stage will be set for our world famous Academy Nursery Christmas Show on Tuesday 12th December. Our pupils will be working very hard over the next few weeks to get their songs, their lines and their cues perfect for their audience.

We have attached copies of the songs for you and would appreciate you helping your children learn them at home.

In order to facilitate this great day in the Academy Calendar, we will work the day as detailed below:

Miss Quinn's Class should arrive at their normal time of 8.45am. Their show will run from 9.30 -10.00am. Miss Quinn's class will finish at 10.00am: children will go home then with parents /guardians.

Mrs Ferris's class should arrive at 11.00am (not 8.45am). Their show will run from 11.30am—12noon. Mrs Ferris's class will finish at 12noon: children will go home then with parents/ guardians.

To allow for limited space we would ask that only 2 guests per child attend the Christmas Show.

Please note that there will be no school dinners / lunches on 12th December.



Information Update

It is important that parents keep the school up to date with regard to addresses, contact telephone numbers and changes in people with permission to collect their child. This can be done by talking with your child's class teacher.

