

St. Andrew's Montessori School

Newsletter



Welcome to our Summer Term - June 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after half term, I do hope you all had a good break. Everyone seems refreshed and ready for the remainder of the term ahead. We have lots of exciting plans for the coming weeks so please do note dates of the upcoming events on your family calendar. We have also laid out our 2023/2024 Term dates for your information.

The Childs View and Gardening news

Thank you all so much for the beautiful photographs depicting Spring that were taken by you and your children. They are absolutely gorgeous and have lent themselves to many a discussion on the seasons and how things grow. Keeping to this theme we have some very exciting news! We have been able to obtain permission from Islington Council, The Church of England Diocese and our lovely local residents who maintain our garden to have some ladybug planters, Bug Hotel and surrounding stumpery in the garden!

As part of our Montessori curriculum, we expose our children to the idea of caring for the environment and the part we can all play in helping to protect our planet. Through songs, stories and projects we help them to relate to and appreciate the natural world and understand how to care for living things. With this in mind, we would absolutely love to build and place the following in the gardens in conjunction with our children and parents.

Ladybird planters - We can learn to grow our own vegetables, starting life and sustaining it through care and attention. The teachers and children have already started painting wooden planters, depicting a bright yellow and bright red ladybird and are looking forward to planting produce that they will be able to eat after Half Term!

Bug Hotel (Bug Ben) - teaches us about recycling, using things again rather than throwing them away as well as creating a wildlife habitat. We would absolutely love it if there were any parents keen to help us design and build this, please refer to the image below of a Bug Ben we created in my local park. Any ideas, assistance and materials are most welcome. If you feel this is something you would like to help create, please let us know by Friday 9th June and we can start planning 😊.

Materials needed are...

Pallets

Bricks

Chicken wire

Materials such as biodegradable packaging, chipboard, egg cartons etc

Last but not least a wooden clock face for Bug Ben!



Stumpery - Similar to a log pile, deadwood makes a wonderful wildlife habitat, providing food and shelter for a huge number of invertebrates, including wood boring beetles, solitary bee's, woodlice and stag beetles. This will be put in place once the Bug Hotel is built and we will call on all gardeners for any branches, stumps and logs they can spare. We are so looking forward to the children and local community enjoying the finished product! 😊

Staff updates

We are both so sad but proud to announce that our lovely Tilly will be leaving us at the end of this term to further her education for a PGCE. It absolutely goes without saying that Tilly is an amazing member of our team, we will miss her greatly but equally wish her the absolute best for the future.

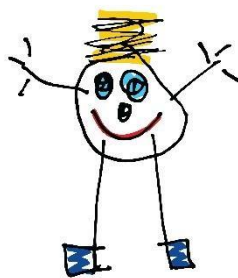
We will be welcoming Uzma Anverally to our team in September. Uzma is a talented and extremely experienced Montessori teacher who is very passionate about children's learning and outcomes. She has nearly twenty years' experience, loves swimming, travelling and pottery painting. I am sure you will join us in welcoming her to the St. Andrew's Montessori family!

End of Term Summer Party 9.30 – 12 noon

We very much look forward to celebrating the end of our school year with an end of term summer party on Thursday 13th July, 9.30 am – 12 noon. We will have face painters, entertainers and hopefully great weather! All children are to be attended by a parent or carer and there will be no afternoon class that day. As a little change we thought it may be fun to ask every family to bring a favourite dish to the party. This may be a national dish or a special recipe, but we do ask that it be nut and seed free. We hope you agree that this will be a fun way to celebrate all our different cultures and cuisines.

With our very best wishes,

Samantha, Nici and the Team



Term Dates 2023

Summer Term 2023

Wednesday 19th April – Thursday 13th July

Half-Term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Wednesday 28th June – Yoga Joining Day

Thursday 29th June – Yoga Joining Day

Wednesday 5th July – Ballet Recital

Thursday 13th July – End of term Summer Party

Autumn Term 2023

Wednesday 6th September– Thursday 7th December

Half-Term: Monday 16th October – Friday 27th October

Spring Term 2024

Wednesday 3rd January – Thursday 28th March

Half-Term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Summer Term 2024

Wednesday 17th April – Thursday 11th July

Half-Term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st June