



The Ark Newsletter

May 2022

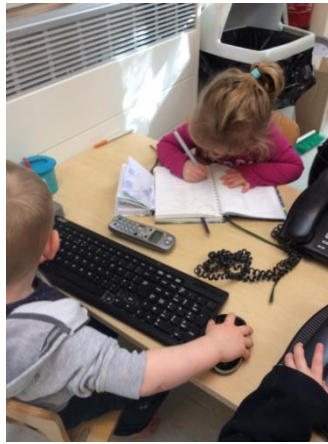
Staff

Sadly the toddler room said goodbye to Kenyarna, we wish her all the best in her new venture. We have successfully recruited a lunchtime supervisor for the baby room, Nikola who has settled into her role really well.

Children's Activities

Our youngest children are developing so many new skills, sitting upright, cruising round furniture, walking independently, taking off their own shoes and socks and washing their hands. Their personalities are changing too, and we have had so much delight in watching them grow in confidence and sharing in their smiles and laughter each day. They continue to love books and rhymes and the children independently choose their favourite puppet from the basket, indicating which rhyme they would like to sing.





In the preschool room we have had a real focus on developing fine motor skills. Fine motor skills are essential for performing everyday skills like self care tasks (e.g. clothing fastenings, using cutlery) and academic skills (e.g. pencil skills of drawing, writing and colouring). These activities help to build up the muscles in their hands and help them to hold and control a pencil. Out in the garden, every opportunity is taken to have a bug hunt and excitement roars across the garden when a 'creature' is found! The staff have followed the children's interests both inside and outside. Some children have been wanting to use the balls in the garden in a variety of ways, such as playing throwing and catching games or even trying to hit them with a racket



The preschool children have also been learning about different occupations and cultures. They have been lucky to receive some special visitors to come and talk to them.

Sun cream and sunhats – All parents must have signed the sun cream permission on their child's admission form to enable The Ark staff to apply sun cream to their child. Without this permission your child will not be able to enjoy our outside space during the hottest times of day. We have nursery sun cream, but if you prefer and/or your child has sensitive skin, you may provide your own cream to be handed to a member staff when you drop off your child. Please clearly label your sun cream with your child's name and the expiry date of the cream. All children also need to bring a sunhat in to nursery (again clearly labelled with their name).

Preschool Parents Evening

Preschool will be hosting a parents evening on Thursday 30th June 530-7pm for those children who are transitioning to school in September. This will be an opportunity for your child's key worker to discuss the school readiness toolkit with you and celebrate their learning journeys.

If you would like an appointment please speak to Doreen or your child's key worker

Preschool Graduation will be taking place on **Tuesday 19th July at 12pm** more details to follow.

Dates for your diary

The Ark will be hosting their annual Summer BBQ for all families on **Saturday 25th June from 12-2pm** This is a fun social event for families to enjoy a relaxing afternoon with great food and drink and a chance to meet other families. We do not charge for children and aim only to cover our costs.

We would be most grateful if parents could let a member of staff know if they would like to attend. **If you have any special dietary requirements, food allergies or intolerances please let a member of staff know.**

Adult's £5.00 children are free.

On Wednesday May 18th Preschool children will be joining sports day at St. Nicholas School and taking part in a race from 130pm.

Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April – Friday 22nd July

Half-term and Holiday Club Monday 30th May – Tuesday 7th June

**Bank Holidays Thursday 2nd June and Friday 3rd June when The Ark will be closed
Holiday Club/Inset day Monday 6th June.**

Summer and Holiday Club Monday 25th July – Friday 26th August inclusive

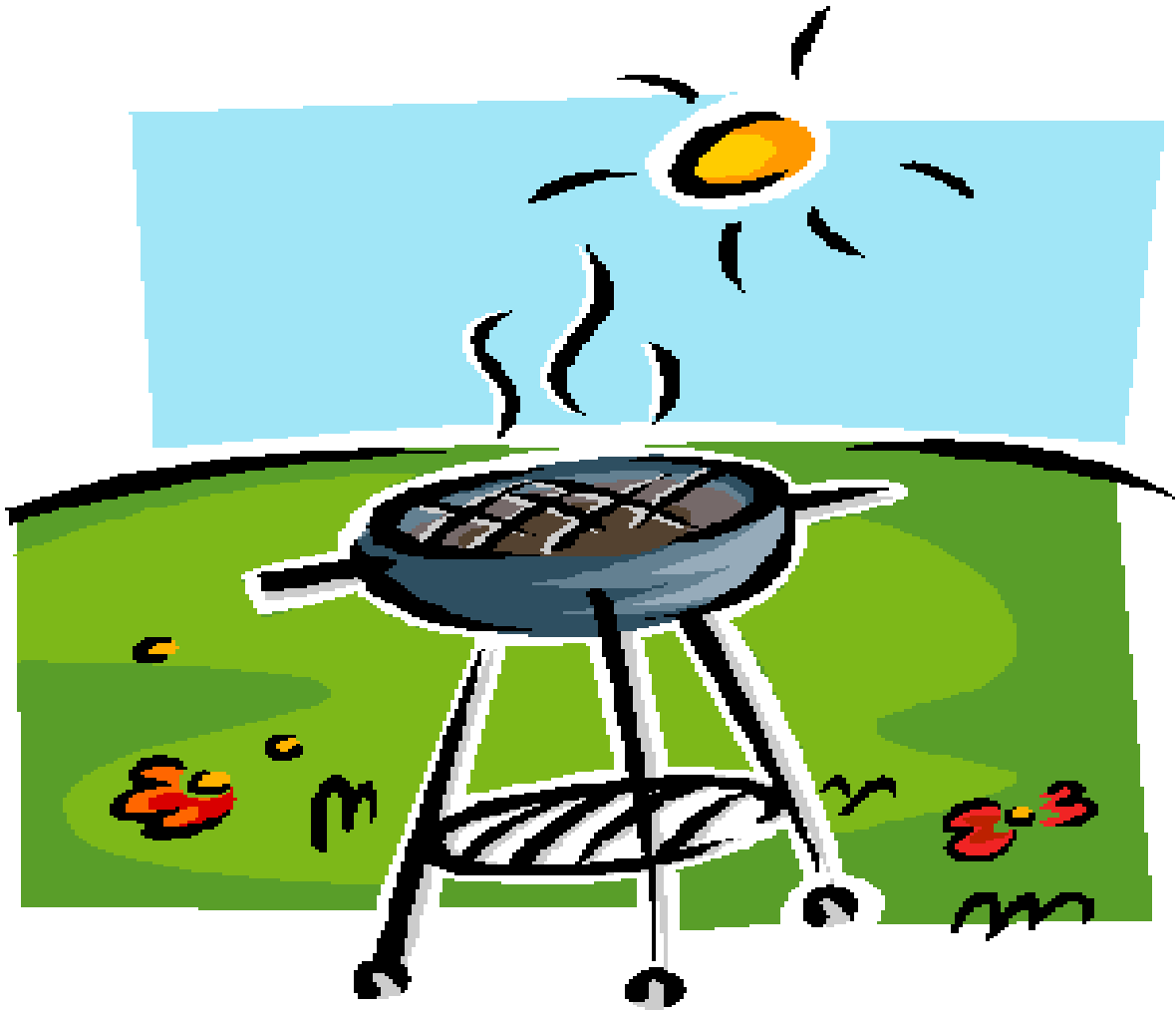
The Ark Closure week Monday 29th August – Friday 2nd September

Sarah McNab

Nursery Manager

FAMILY BBQ

SATURDAY 25th June FROM 12 NOON



£5 PER ADULT, CHILDREN FREE

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!