

Our Nursery Newsletter April 2009



PENNIES WEBSITE LAUNCHED

We are pleased to announce the long awaited launch of our new website. Please take a look at www.pennies.co.uk. We would be really grateful for your feedback and comments. We will be adding to the site in the near future and will be updating the newsletter page regularly. Pennies are really delighted with the final product and we hope you feel the same way too.

The Book People

The Book People are one of the nations largest supplier of top quality books. There's no obligation to buy, Savings are at least 50% off the publishers recommended price and often more than 75% off!

How do they do it?

Every title is purchased by the book People in huge quantities, which is why they can afford to offer us such great savings? They sell their books directly to the customer, with no retail sites, no middle men and therefore lower overheads.

Service to Parents

The Book People currently deliver a selection of books to the Nursery, approximately once a month, which the staff can order from. As many of you may already order from the Book People we thought it would be a good idea to offer the service to parents, as lots of the books on offer are reading books, educational and childrens books, along with a few cookbooks. We will leave a booking form in reception. If you would like to order a book, please complete the form and leave your payment inside the envelope. If you are paying by cash, please leave with a member of staff in the office. Once the books have been delivered to the Nursery, we will leave them with a member of staff in your child's room.

Water Bottles

As the weather is now improving, we are introducing water bottles for the children from Bluebells upwards to keep with them at all times throughout the day, especially during garden playtime. This is in addition to the current policy in place, whereby children have access to drinking water in their rooms all day. We provide beakers and water jugs for the children to help themselves to and drinks are given with every meal. The idea behind the water bottles is that the children will be able to take their bottles into the garden with them, again so they have instant access to water when playing outside. The under 2's will be given extra water throughout the summer period, in addition to the normal snack times and in between periods. If you would like to purchase a "we love water" water bottle, please let a member of the team know. They are £1.75. per bottle.

Open Evening Wednesday 6th May

We will be holding our parents open evening at Newnham Court on Wednesday 6th May from 6.00pm-8.00pm. If you would like to check on your child's progress within the Nursery, or have any questions that you would like answered, then please speak to a member of staff in your child's room, to book a slot. We will be sending out letters to the parents with further details nearer the time.

What's On?

Lee Baddeley, our Nursery Photographer will be coming in to take family photographs on **Saturday 9th May**. There will also be a family session on **Saturday 19th September**.

There will be time slots allocated, so if you are interested in booking for **Saturday 9th May**, please allocate yourself a time slot for on the sheet you will find on the parents noticeboard. Times start from 9.00am and run every 20 minutes up until 12.40pm.

You can view Lee's website at

www.myshoot.co.uk

Pennies Legionnaire Hats

Pennies have a stock of red legionnaire's hats for sale for a bargain price of £1.50. Great protective hats for the Summer! Please let a member of staff know in your child's room if you would like to purchase one.



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Alyson Cocks
Employee of the month

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Congratulation to Alyson Cocks who has been nominated for this month's employee of the month. For all of the hard work not only within her unit but as the student coordinator of which she showed great initiative and superb organizational skills. She has now handed over the role to Caroline Hannant as she takes on the Head of Unit role in Daffodils and Tulips while Kirsty is on Maternity leave.

NDNA Nursery of The Year Awards

Thank you to all parents who completed the NDNA Nursery and Carer of the Year forms. We received some fantastic feedback; your comments were amazing. We really appreciate the time you took to complete them. Unfortunately, we have received a letter back to inform us that we have not been shortlisted on this occasion, but there's always next year. Thank you for your support, it means a lot to us.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mia and Rachel who both gave birth on Easter Sunday. Mia had a little boy Kayden and Rachel had a little girl called Jessica. Both Mums and babies are doing well and we hope to meet the new arrivals soon!

Staff Changes

Thanks to Alyson and Louise who are covering Daffodils and Tulips whilst Kirsty is on maternity leave. Alyson has the covering role of Head of Unit and Louise is covering as senior Nursery Nurse. Good luck to Jessie Ling will be joining Buttercups team.

Pennies Vespers Netball Team



Vespers Netball Team started their Winter Season in September 2008 in the 3rd Division in the Malling and Maidstone Netball League playing at Aylesford Rugby Club and had 20 matches to play, due to bad weather over the winter we had 4 re-arranged games which meant we did not finish our last game until April 27th 2009. We started the season with a good start as we had brand new kit due to the very generous Sponsorship of Dominic Scotton, Operations Director of Pennies. The Team were determined to get back into Division 2 and every Monday evening throughout the Winter they played some hard fought matches and won 19 out of the 20 games and were clear winners of the Division by 6 points and scored over 150 more goals over the season than any other team. It was a great effort by the Team. The Summer Season Starts on Monday May 11th and it's hoped the Team will build up even more confidence ready to take on Division 2 in September when the Winter Season will start again. A great effort by Vespers who will receive their Trophy on June 1st at the League AGM. The team look forward to Division 2 and thank Dominic for the continued support from Pennies.

Sunhats

Please can all parents ensure that their child now has a named Sun hat in Nursery at all times? Pennies will provide the sun cream. Currently we are using Nivea 50+. If you would like a specific brand or your child has an allergy to the cream that we use at the Nursery, please let a member of staff know.

Car Seats and Buggies

Please can we also ask parents who leave car seats and buggies to do so behind the front desk in the entrance hall? It would also be useful if they could be named to ensure there is no mix up.

Pennies Children's Clothing

Pennies will be launching a new range of children's clothing by holding a Pennies Fashion Show. Look out for our new range. We are currently looking at stock and aim to hold our fashion show at the end of May.

Extra Sessions

Please can we remind all parents that we require payment for extra sessions on the day? Please leave payment with either a member of staff or with a member of the management team.

PKC After School Lost Property

Please can parents of after school children check the pegs at the bottom of the stairs for lost property? There is a PE kit on the peg and various other items of uniforms etc. We will leave the lost property where it is for another 3 weeks and then we will remove it.

Good Luck

We would like to wish Jackie Bean, Becky Hayward, Claire Barber and Becky Colyer Good Luck as they embark on their Level 4 in early Years Care and Management.



PKC Holiday Club

Don't forget to get your Holiday Club booking forms back to us ASAP.

MAY HOLIDAY CLUB

Tuesday

A Trip to the Natural History Museum

2 places left

Wednesday

Dinosaur Day

6 places left

Thursday

Flintstones Day

10 places left

Friday

I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Pennies

7 places left

We have an open door policy at Pennies. If you ever feel the need to discuss an issue, or want to ask a question, please speak directly with Michaela or Sarah. Alternatively you can email on

michaela.stone@pennies.co.uk
or newnhamcourt@pennies.co.uk
or call on 01622 737733.

Don't forget to visit our new website:

www.pennies.co.uk

Snapdragon

We hope that everyone in PKC enjoyed their Easter break, we had a great time in Holiday Club and the weather was for the most part, kind to us. We had a lovely sunny day for our visit to Bedgebury Pinetum, and a spooky trip to Chislehurst Caves!!

We are about to send out letters to those of you who have applied for PKC places in September 2009, and are beginning to take registrations for September 2010, so if your child is due to start school next year, don't forget to register!

Our May Holiday Club bookings are looking healthy, but there are still a few left, please see elsewhere in this newsletter for our programme.

We welcome Sasha and Alex Heine, Alice and Madeline Hill, Grace Stingemore and Stephanie McClellan, who have recently joined PKC, and we hope that you enjoy your time with us. We also welcome back Samantha Dickson.

Tesco, Morrisons and Sainsbury vouchers

We have recently received seeds, planters and a weather station courtesy of Morrisons vouchers, and the Sainsbury and Tesco voucher collection is going well, we have over 5,000 Tesco vouchers, and about 2,000 Sainsbury vouchers. Thank you for collecting these, they help us to provide new equipment for the nursery every year.

Milk Bottle Tops Required

Thank you to everyone who has brought in milk bottle tops, so far. We are doing really well and have half filled our black bin. Please keep them coming in! We are collecting for Pembury Special Baby Care Unit. The unit can provide care for babies who require special care, high dependency care and can look after up to three babies who require neonatal intensive care nursing.

Parents Forum

Dates for your diary:

Our next mums night out will be held on Tuesday the 21st of April at Newnham court inn (pub next to Pennies). There will also be a salesperson from Phoenix cards attending to give you the opportunity to purchase greetings cards should you so wish. This will be a good opportunity to socialise with other mums and to have a break for a few hours!

Pennies will be holding their first parents evening of the year on Wednesday 6th of May. It's a really good opportunity to meet with your child's key worker to discuss your child's progress at Pennies and their development.

General:

Easter fun day - Thanks to everyone at Pennies for making the Easter fun day such a success and thanks to all the children for entering the colouring competition run by the parent's forum and congratulations to the three prize winners.

PKC - The children have really enjoyed the Easter PKC with activities ranging from a visit to Bedgebury, cooking pizzas and Scooby Doo day. The children were very lucky with the weather especially on the day trip to Bedgebury where it looked like it was going to rain all day and infact turned out to be a lovely sunny day. If you have not been to Bedgebury it is certainly worth a day trip out. Thanks to the PKC staff for making the two weeks such fun. Plans have already been made for the May half term week including a trip to the Natural History Museum and a Dinosaur Day.

Place of interest:

Kent Life

The Museum of Kent Life has recently re-launched itself to become Kent Life. It now offers an indoor play area, a large outdoor play area and animal cuddle corner in addition to all of the original features. Entry costs £7 per adult or £21 for an annual pass.

For more information please visit <http://www.museumkentlife.co.uk>

If you have any places of interest including restaurants etc that you would like us to recommend to other parents please email us.

Kind Regards, Caroline, Heather, Libby and Marion