



# Golden Manor Nursery Newsletter September 2020



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Welcome to our monthly Newsletter. We would like to welcome back all our children and families old and new this month!!

We know the challenges we are all facing and understand the difficult decisions we as parents need to make for our children. With this in mind, we want to reassure you that we have your child's best interests at heart and will do absolute best to keep them safe, happy and thriving in our care.

We have thoroughly risk assessed our nursery and have stringent measures in place to keep your children and the staff safe.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your children back and are eager to share exciting and inspiring learning opportunities with them all again, albeit within our 'new normal' way of operating.

### Upcoming Events & Important Dates:

**13th September Roald Dahl Day**

**20th September Jeans for genes Day**

**21st September World Peace Day**

**3rd October National German Day**

**4th October Grandparent's Day**



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We would like to wish the following children and staff a very happy birthday:

**Mya, Jessica, Pippa, Ruby, William P, Joshua, Bertie, Paisley, Jac, Indie, Florence, Ruth, Sophia, and Scott**

We will be holding a teddy bear's picnic on Tuesday 8th September 2020 at lunch time to celebrate!

Parents Evening Meeting

Please complete the slip if you would like to attend a parents evening via zoom with your child's key worker and return to your child's playroom to arrange a suitable date and time.

I would like to attend a parents evening with my child's key worker at Golden Manor nursery

Child/Children are:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signed By

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent /Carer

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

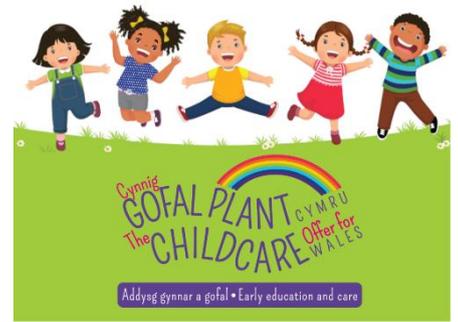
Clothing.

Please can we ask that you provide the following items of clothing labelled with your child's name which can be kept at nursery at all times -.A coat, welly boots, sun hat, a full set of clean clothes (in a bag labelled) and a bottle of sun cream (labelled)

Easy Fundraising

Golden Manor Nursery are now registered with

Easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/goldenmanornursery/?invite=TB2L7U&referral-campaign=c2s>



\*The Childcare Offer Important Update\*

For parents whose child becomes eligible for the Childcare Offer in Pembrokeshire from the Autumn term (children who turn/turned 3 between April 1st and August 31st) will now be able to apply from Monday 9th September and can take up a funded place once Ceredigion Childcare team have processed and approved their application following eligibility checks.

The application opening date has been brought forward to 9th September instead of 21st September. Applications will take up to 28 days to process due to the expected volume of applications. Parents are encouraged to submit an application with ALL the correct evidence. This will speed up the process.

Further information and online application form is available here - <http://orlo.uk/ysip4>



## Meet our Childcare Practitioner Juliet Newton

Juliet was born in April 1966 in South Pembrokeshire Hospital, Pembroke Dock. Juliet was brought up in Pembroke Dock Pembrokeshire and has one older brother. She went to Pennar Primary School and then went on to Pembroke Comprehensive School for Secondary School.

Juliet after leaving Secondary school attended college in Ammanford to study her NNEB between 1983-1985 which she successfully completed.

Juliet continued to develop herself and since leaving college she has gained a NVQ 2 Teaching Assistant and worked at Pembroke Dock Community School.

Juliet joined Golden Manor in 2009 as a Childcare Practitioner in our ABC room and has completed her NVQ level 3 in childcare.



Juliet lives with her 2 sons Benjamin aged 21 years and Joseph aged 16 years. Ben attended Pembrokeshire Comprehensive and is now studying in Swansea University Mechanical Engineering. Joseph is still in school and attends Harry Tudor and is studying A levels in Maths, Physics and Chemistry.

Juliet says she loves spending time with her children, and her hobbies are cycling and running.

Juliet has spent many years at Golden Manor, she says that its like her second family, she loves all the children and her work colleagues, I really enjoy working alongside all the staff. Juliet says that she loves to play with the children and help them settle in and hear them laugh and smile during their time with us.

Next Month we will be finding out all about Rachel Mayled our Childcare Practitioner in the Woodlands room.

## Fun at Home

### Mr Potato Man

Have fun making a Decoration with left over in your fridge.

#### **You will need:**

Potatoes or sweet potatoes  
Assortment of vegetables  
Cocktail sticks



Take a potato (or sweet potato) as your body and use cocktail sticks (they may need to be cut down) to attach other vegetables to form the features. We used broccoli for hair and arms, carrot or the eyes and mouth, a sprout leaf for the nose and sprouts for the feet. You can really let your imagination go.

**Note:** The cocktail sticks are sharp so young children need to be supervised doing this craft.

### **We raise funds to support children affected by genetic disorders.**

There are around 6,000 genetic disorders.

It is estimated that one in 25 children is affected by a genetic disorder. 30,000 babies and children are newly diagnosed in the UK each year.

Some genetic disorders are apparent at birth while others are diagnosed at different stages throughout childhood, and sometimes into adolescence.

**Please wear jeans for the week to raise funds for a great cause and donate £1.00 to help change lives.**



## FOREST SCHOOL AT GOLDEN MANOR

At Golden Manor we offer Forest School session daily. Getting hands-on and learning in the natural environment is growing in popularity in schools and nurseries, with many following what is called a Forest School approach. It may seem like a fad, but its roots go back to outdoor learning pioneers in the UK in the early 1900s and to Scandinavia, where play in natural surroundings has been seen as important since the 1950s.

Despite the name, Forest School can be held anywhere from grassy parks to woodland and beaches. It also involves regular, long-term visits. Ideally, children attend sessions all year round, so they can experience all seasons. Sessions are held regardless of the weather as long as it is deemed safe - think of the fun and learning potential of making rain shelters, 'writing' in mud or experimenting with things blowing in the wind. Through regular sessions children can experience risk and challenge and develop skills that are hard to teach in a classroom.

### WHAT CHILDREN DO

It may look like your child is simply having fun outdoors, but practitioners are trained to plan, observe and adapt sessions to react to children's interests and the ever-changing natural environment, while also building on their knowledge, skills and confidence.

Sessions are child-directed, so the range of activities that can take place are huge, but they all take advantage of natural resources and reinforce children learning to respect and care for the natural environment. These can include: sensory walks, foraging, team-building games, hunting for minibeasts, building shelters and dens, playing in puddles, natural arts and crafts, tying knots, using tools for a purpose,

Children are given the space to explore but, don't worry, there are high ratios of adults to children, and early sessions establish rules which continue to be reinforced.

### THE BENEFITS

The benefits of taking part in Forest School include children: undertaking practical physical activities which encourage them to be more active and help to develop gross and fine motor skills starting to understand and appreciate the natural world and environmental issues working together to complete challenges, take turns and problem-solve: How can we make a big den? developing communication and learning new vocabulary, becoming resilient, independent, enquiring and creative learners. Learning to assess risks and make informed decisions. learning maths skills: How many big sticks will I need to build a den? developing imagination and creativity: What shall I put in my 'magic' potion? learning in different ways - Forest School can appeal to children who are less engaged in the classroom, and can improve behaviour, motivation, concentration and confidence. enjoying better levels of mental health and well-being.

### SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

If you feel anxious about your child participating in sessions then please speak to us.

Your child will attend the Forest School area daily so please can you ensure they have appropriate clothing which can be left at nursery, typically: wellies, waterproof jacket and trousers, long-sleeved tops and full-length trousers to protect arms and legs. Woolly hats and gloves for winter and sun hats and suncream for summer. Provide old clothes and let your child know that it's alright for them to get dirty at Forest School.

**Remember Forest School won't be cancelled due to rain - there is no such thing as the wrong weather, just the wrong clothes!**



### Golden Manor Childcare

#### FOREST SCHOOL ADVENTURES



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What's happening in September 2020 - Under 2's	
Day	Activity
<b>This Weeks Topic: Back to School/ Introducing Ourselves</b>	
Tuesday 1st	<b>Physical:</b> Join in with a welcome back dance along
Wednesday 2nd	<b>Social and emotional Activity:</b> Look at Ourselves and others in mirrors and discuss our expressions and facial features.
Thursday 3rd	<b>Forest School session:</b> Play in the muddy kitchen and make a school dinner
Friday 4th	<b>Sensory Activity:</b> Play with the back to school sensory tray
<b>This Weeks Topic: The Three Little Pigs/ Roald Dahl Day (13th)</b>	
Monday 7th	<b>Sensory Activity:</b> Play with the three little pigs sensory bin
Tues 8th	<b>Teddy Bears Picnic Day :</b> Dress up for Roald Dahl Day
Wed 9th	<b>Physical Activity:</b> Build the three little pigs houses using sticks, bricks and straw
Thursday 10th	<b>Creative Activity:</b> Decorate your favorite Roald Dahl character
Friday 11th	<b>Forest School session:</b> Read the story of the three little pigs in the log circle
<b>This Weeks Topic: The Gruffalo/Jeans for genes day (20th)</b>	
Monday 14th	<b>Sensory Activity:</b> Play with the Gruffalo sensory tray
Tuesday 15th	<b>Forest School session:</b> Search for the Gruffalo flashcards in the woods or garden
Wed 16th	<b>Creative –</b> Design and decorate your own jeans picture
Thurs 17th	<b>Physical –</b> Make Gruffalo healthy paw print flapjacks
Friday 18th	<b>Knowledge and understanding-</b> Read the Gruffalo story
<b>This Weeks Topic: Jack and the beanstalk/ World Peace Day (21st)</b>	
Monday 21st	<b>Science activity:</b> Exploding volcano activity
Tuesday 22nd	<b>Forest School session:</b> Listen to the story Jack and the Bean stalk in the log circle
Wednesday 23rd	<b>Movement activity:</b> Grow from a seed to a beanstalk
Thursday 24th	<b>Sensory Activity:</b> Explore the play people in green jelly
Friday 25th	<b>Creative activity:</b> Decorate a world peace day picture
<b>This Weeks Topic: We're going on a bear hunt, National German Day (3rd), Grandparent's Day (4th)</b>	
Monday 28th	<b>Creative:–</b> Create cards for your grandparents
Tuesday 29th	<b>Language-</b> Read the story of "were going on a bear hunt" in the woods
Wednesday 30th	Use tissue paper and glue to decorate the German flag

What's Happening in September 2020 – Over 2's	
Day	Activity
<b>This Weeks Topic: Back to School/ Introducing Ourselves</b>	
Tuesday 1st	<b>Personal and social:</b> Welcome back all our old friends and enjoy participating in a PATHS session discussing our feelings.
Wednesday 2nd	<b>Forest School Activity:</b> Enjoy a story and healthy snack in the log circle all about starting nursery or going back to school.
Thursday 3rd	<b>Physical Activity:</b> Explore our SKIPP bag and participate in an obstacle course.
Friday 4th	<b>Creative Activity:</b> Children to make and create a paper plate portrait of themselves.
<b>This Weeks Topic: The Three Little Pigs/ Roald Dahl Day (13th)</b>	
Monday 7th	<b>Physical Activity:</b> Children to build houses using wooden blocks
Tues 8th	<b>Teddy Bears Picnic Day:</b> Children to dress up as their Favorite Roald Dahl character
Wed 9th	<b>Cooking Activity::</b> Make pig biscuits using pink icing, wafers, marshmallows, chocolate buttons.
Thursday 10th	<b>Forest School session:</b> Children to enjoy listening the story Three little Pigs then build houses out of sticks.
Friday 11th	<b>Creative Activity:</b> Children to make paper plate pigs using a variety of craft materials
<b>This Weeks Topic: The Gruffalo/Jeans for genes day (20th)</b>	
Monday 14th	<b>Creative:</b> Children to make spiral snakes and decorate them with a variety of craft materials.
Tuesday 15th	<b>Welsh Activity:</b> Learn the welsh names and colours for the different animals in the Gruffalo story.
Wed 16th	<b>Forest School session:</b> Listen to the Gruffalo story in our log circle then make different homes for the animals within the story using resources found in forest school.
Thurs 17th	<b>Cooking activity:</b> Make Gruffalo rice Krispie cakes and decorate with purple prickles, edible eyes and a poisonous wart. :
Friday 18th	<b>Personal and social activity:</b> Come dressed in denim and design and decorate your own Jeans.
<b>This Weeks Topic: Jack and the beanstalk/ World Peace Day (21st)</b>	
Monday 21st	<b>Creative Activity:</b> Children to make junk modelling candles out of kitchen roll tubes and other craft materials to celebrate World Peace Day
Tuesday 22nd	<b>Personal and social activity:</b> Children to participate in a 'Bucket time' session with Margaret
Wednesday 23rd	<b>Forest School session:</b> Search for magic beans and golden eggs within Forest school.
Thursday 24th	<b>SKIPP activity:</b> Children to participate in the Bean game, moving body into different positions for different types of beans.
Friday 25th	<b>Mathematical activity:</b> Children to count and match different coloured beans and develop recognition of written numbers.
<b>This WeeksTopic: We're going on a bear hunt, National German Day (3rd), Grandparent's Day (4th)</b>	
Monday 28th	<b>Sensory activity:</b> Make sensory bottles to go with the story We're going on a bear hunt.
Tuesday 29th	<b>Forest School session:</b> Children to re-enact the story We're going on a bear hunt within Forest school and grass area.
Wednesday 30th	<b>Creative activity:</b> Make cards for Grandparents or someone special.



## Our Welsh Key

### words for September

#### Week of the 1<sup>st</sup> September

##### Back to school / Introducing Ourselves

- School - Ysgol
- Teacher – Athro
- Class - Dosbarth
- Friend - Ffrind
- Happy – Hapus
- Sad – Trist
- Scared - Ofnus

#### Week of the 7<sup>th</sup> September

##### The Three Little Pigs/ Roald Dahl Day

- Pig -Mochyn
- Three -Tri
- House -Ty
- Straw - Gwellt
- Bricks - Briciau
- Sticks - Ffyn
- Wolf – Blaidd
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#### Week of the 14<sup>th</sup> September

##### The Gruffalo/Jeans for genes day

- Fox - llwynog
- Owl - tylluan
- Snake – Neidr
- Mouse – llygoden
- Nut – cneuen
- Gruffalo - Gruffalo

#### Week of the 21<sup>st</sup> September

##### Jack and the beanstalk/ World Peace Day

- Bean – Ffa
- Giant – Cawr
- Beanstalk – Coed ffa
- Goose – Gwydd
- Egg – Wy
- Harp - Telyn
- Peace – heddwch
- World - Byd

#### Week of the 28<sup>th</sup> September

##### We're going on a bear hunt,

##### National German Day, Grandparents Day

- Bear – Arth
- Hunt – Hela
- Grass – Glaswellt
- River – Afon
- Woods – coedydd
- Cave – Ogof
- Storm – Storm
- Grandparents - Neiniau a theidiau

CYMRAEG

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Learn