



Welcome to Asya's Nursery

Academic Year 2016-17

We are delighted to welcome both new and returning families to the start of a fresh Academic Year. This leaflet is designed to give you an overview of how we are organized this year, and to answer frequently asked questions.

Key Staff:

<u>Director:</u> Ms. Viktoria Calendino <u>Lead Teacher:</u> Ms. Carlotta <u>Receptionist:</u> Ms. Kate/Ms. Liz <u>Accountant:</u> Ms. Susan	
Morning classroom:	Afternoon classroom:
Bluebirds: Ms. Mel	Nightingales: Ms. Mel
Pandas: Ms. Bonita	Squirrels: Ms. Nathalie
Hummingbirds: Ms. Lynn	
Buttercups: Ms. Ensi	Bunnies: Ms. Ensi
Butterflies: Ms. Eman	
Ladybugs: Ms. Bridgett	Bumblebees: Ms. Selma
Chipmunks: Ms. Joanna	

The name of your child's class and teacher were emailed to you. If you are not sure of the class please check the subject line of this email and you will see the class name.

Meet the Staff:

We would like to invite you to come and meet the Room Leader and classroom staff on Monday 29th August. At this time we will give you a list of your child's class friends and classroom staff. If your child does not come to school on Mondays you are welcome to either attend anyway or to arrange a different time with the Room Leader.

-) 09h00 (morning session)
-) 14h00 (afternoon session)



Nursery Timings:

Morning Session 1	8h00 – 13h00
Morning Session 2	8h00 – 15h00
Afternoon Session 1	8h00 – 18h00
Afternoon Session 2	13h30 – 18h00

Learning at Asya's Nursery:

-) We follow a play based curriculum incorporating hands on activities.
-) We are guided by the Early Years Foundation Stage (the English curriculum) which the Room Leaders use to plan and assess the children against key development points.
-) Assessment takes the form of observations, both snapshots and long durations. This informs the next steps for the child and feeds into planning.
-) The curriculum is categorised into 7 areas of learning. These are used to plan and assess children throughout.
-) Included in our weekly morning routine are Arabic & French.
-) In the afternoon we offer optional extra curriculum activities such as ballet, yoga, kinder gym, soccer, golf, mini martial arts and chess.

Areas of Learning:

The 7 areas of learning are important and interconnected. The Prime Areas are crucial for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, and building their capacity to learn, form relationships and thrive. (DfE, 2012)

There are 3 Prime Areas:

-) Personal, Social and Emotional Development
-) Communication and Language
-) Physical Development

The 4 Specific Areas:

-) Literacy
-) Mathematics
-) Understanding the World
-) Expressive Arts and Design



Communication:

There are varying ways to share information about your child at Asya's Nursery. Talking to your child's teacher during drop-off and pickup; or by using the communication book are the easiest way. Classroom planning and letters will be emailed to you on a weekly basis by your child's Room Leader. Note that if your child stays from morning to afternoon you will receive two emails, one from each Room Leader. Please ensure you are receiving the emails and that your contact details are always up to date with reception. Regular emails are sent from reception (reception@asyasnursery.com) and should you wish to contact the Lead Teacher or Director you can phone/email her directly:leadteacher@asyasnursery.com and wiki@asyasnursery.com respectively.

Important information:

Please ensure our Admissions team always has a current copy of the following documents:

-) Emergency Contact
-) Vaccination Record
-) Passport & Visa copies
-) A photo of your child & pick up authorities

Belongings:

Please ensure that any and all of your child's belongings are labelled and marked clearly with their name. Some parents find it helpful to tie a small piece of coloured ribbon into the label of their child's clothes to help them more easily identify it as theirs. Each child will have a named basket in their classroom to hold their belongings.

Snacks and Lunch:

Please send a water bottle for child every day. The nursery provides a healthy snack, lunch and fresh fruit (apples, oranges, pears, bananas, melons, etc.) each morning for the children. Catering is supplied by Rite Bite (a private company hired to bring in healthy food). There is a 4 week rotation of menu items. The complete menu is available at reception. If you would like to send extra snacks for your child kindly ensure that they are healthy, no chips, no biscuits, no flavored milk or juice drink. We are a NUT FREE, CHOCOLATE FREE school. You may send a variety of fruit, vegetables, yoghurt or cheese.



The School Nurse:

If your child becomes unwell during school hours, he/she will be taken to the nurse. The nurse will contact you to make you aware and you can pick them up from the clinic. The nurse will also always first call and ask permission to administer any medication. Please make sure that your contact details are always kept up to date. Only the nurse may hold and administer medication so never leave medication with another staff member.

If your child is unwell before nursery time, please phone reception and email your class teacher to advise them of the absence and the reason. Parents are advised to be cautious about sending their child into school if they are unwell. Due to the nature of the weather in Dubai and the need for air conditioning, germs spread very quickly and can affect both children and staff.

First Day of Nursery:

Each child will have an allocated classroom to go to. At reception children will be greeted with a sticker showing their name and classroom, there will also be signs to help guide you to the correct classroom. On Sunday there will be a quick opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and to see your child's classroom. Please understand that on the first day the focus of the staff must be on settling the children into their new environment. On Monday there will be an opportunity to speak to the Room Leader at 09h00 (morning session) and 14h00 (afternoon session).

Settling in:

In the first few weeks, your child will be getting to know their classroom friends and the other adults in the nursery. They will be learning new routines and classroom expectations that ensure they are developing independence and practicing skills taught. Your child needs to feel safe and secure to be happy so they will have access to familiar activities such as play dough, board games, puzzles, paints, role play, cars, Lego, etc. But most of all they will be enjoying themselves. You are free to contact reception during the first few days to check in on your child. We will also call you should we have any concerns.



FAQs

1. What are the term dates?
Please see the attached calendar with important dates.
2. What will my child be doing throughout the day?
A timetable and weekly plan will be sent to you via email by your child's Room Leader.
3. Are there after school activities?
Yes, we will be offering Ballet, Soccer, Yoga, Mini Martial Arts, Golf, Kinder Gym and Chess all at an additional fee. To find out more please contact reception.
4. Do children get exposure to other languages?
Yes, we offer French and Arabic twice a week as an extra learning language as part of your child's daily routine schedule. At the moment this is only in the morning.
5. Is there an opportunity for parents to get together?
At Asya's Nursery we offer an opportunity at least once a term for parents to come in and enjoy a coffee morning set up by the Nursery. We will have a set topic of discussion and a guest speaker for the topic.
6. What snack can I provide for my child?
We are a NUT free and CHOCOLATE free school. We supply lunch and snack but you are welcome to pack in an extra snack for your child as long as it includes fruits, vegetables, yoghurt and/or cheese.

If you have any questions or queries you are also welcome to contact Ms. Viktoria Calendino our Director or Reception. We have an open door policy and encourage all and any communication or concerns our parents may have.