



Early Years Hub:MK

Milton Keynes Teaching School Alliance



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It's the Summer Term!



It may well have been 2°C driving to school this morning but the sun was shining and it is officially the Summer Term! There is lots to smile about!

This term sees us run our first Early Years training courses as well as host a load more Hub meetings across MK. This includes our first meeting for early years managers, leaders, heads and owners being held on the 27th April, 6—7.30pm at Whitehouse School. Please do have a look on the MKTSA website at the courses available and please feel free to email me if you are interested in any of the courses but they are not at a suitable time. I will be looking into repeating courses at different times, if there is the interest.

www.mktsa.com/early-years-hub-mk-blog

It's a really tricky time for early years, with hours and funding changes and I know quite a stressful time for providers. Please do use the Early Years Hub: MK Facebook group to chat things through and ask questions. It's important that we help each other. I am certainly no expert but I am happy to try seek out the answers to your questions and help out where I can. The press is full of articles regarding the changes. This morning I read on the ITV news that the new child care plan is under threat with 1 in 5 nurseries stating they would not be taking part in the scheme according to a survey by the NDNA. The NDNA survey also claims that 51,000 eligible children will not be able to access a nursery place for the full 30 hours. ([full ITV news article](#))

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Why not try...

- [Milk and Science!](#)
- [Dough Faces](#)
- [Easy Tie Dye Art](#)
- [Simple Wind Chimes](#)

Useful reading this month

Whitehall's 30 hours free childcare policy 'in danger' as nurseries opt out—[local gov article](#)

Information for parents—[30 hour funding](#)

[Report calls for QTS for 'devalued' early years teachers](#)

Understanding good early years teaching should be a "prerequisite" of every teacher's training—[read the TES article](#)

Up and coming events

- Tuesday 25th April 1—4pm: 'Learn and Play the Messy Way' course @ Whitehouse School. Booking at info@mktsa.co.uk
- Thursday 27th April: Early Years Hub: MK meeting: 'Business Buddy' @ Whitehouse School 6—7.30. Contact Leah@mind-thegap.co.uk/07584309496
- Tuesday 2nd May: Early Years Hub: MK meeting: @ Acorn at Kents Hill 6.30—8.30pm. Contact: kirstinebeeley@hotmail.com/07815031266

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