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Newsletter – Issue 8

Welcome to our 8th newsletter!

Highlights

- All of our staff recently received the full **First Aid training** or the annual first aid refresher training;
- At the end of last year we held an in house **Behaviour training course** to ensure our staff are equipped with appropriate methods to deal with children's behaviour;
- In addition a few of our staff members across each of the rooms have attended **Child Development training** specific to the age group they are working with;
- We have introduced a **Dance class** for our toddler and pre school children, which is once a month and has been great fun for the children;
- **Thank you to Rachaelle, Hannah K and Shireen** who came into the nursery over the Christmas break to restructure the pre school rooms, which has been welcomed by all of the children who now have a fun messy room!
- **Pre School Book Scheme** – We continue with our pre school book scheme which is available each morning, where the children can choose a book to take home and read, and when finished bring it back and change it for another one.

Reminders



- Please ensure we have your up-to-date contact details and also emergency contact details
- Please don't leave plastic bags on pegs in your child's bag
- Please check your child's bag regularly as you may need more spare clothes or require a set of different season clothes, especially if your child is toilet training
- Please bring in any spare old clothes for pre school children's age
- Please let us know of any dates your child may be on holiday from nursery so that we can amend our records
- Please note that breakfast runs from 8am until 9am, which then enables the staff to set up and start the children's morning activities

Congratulations

We want to say a big congratulations to **Shireen** who achieved her **Level 3** in childcare this month! This is a great achievement and the team are all really proud of her for all her hard work and dedication over the last couple of years.

Fundraising

The staff and children have been busy raising money through various activities and events.

- **Lennox Children's Cancer Fund (£45)**
- **Text Santa (£120)**
- **Crackerjacks Children's Trust (£?)**

Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers! Please pop your vouchers into the box located in the entrance.

Sport Relief

We will be holding a sports and dance day on the **18th March** to raise money for Sports Relief. Please look out for more details.

Nursery Closure

Please note that the nursery will be closed from **Friday 25th March through to Monday 28th March** inclusively for Easter. The nursery will reopen on Tuesday 29 March.

Please also remember that the nursery will be closed on **Friday 1st July for a staff training day.**

Can You Help?

We are looking to expand the children's knowledge about the community including different occupations and ways of life. If you or anyone you know would like to come into the nursery to talk to the children about what you do for a living or any cultural festivals you celebrate, we would love to hear from you!

Expectations at Sunshine

At Sunshine we promote our expectations within the nursery; please can you help us promote these at home by using the following posters:

Walk when we are inside



Use our indoor voices and kind words



Share and take turns



Keep our hands and feet to ourselves

Regular Visits

Zoolab visit the nursery every quarter to demonstrate to the children how animals deal with each season and prepare for the season ahead.

Totstars visit the nursery on the last Tuesday of every month and provide the Pre-school children with a session on basketball, football and volleyball. To give you an idea of the fun the children have with Totstars, please visit this link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtpkM_xBwLY

Sing & Sign visit the nursery once a month to provide all children with a session on signing.

Musical Bumps visit the nursery once a month to provide all children with a session on music and dance.

Dynamic Theatre Arts visit the nursery once a month to provide the toddler and pre school children with a dance session.

EYPP and 2 Year Old Funding Reminder

The Early Years' Pupil Premium (EYPP) is additional funding for early years settings to improve the quality of provision for disadvantaged 3 & 4 year olds. The aim of the EYPP is to close the gap between children from disadvantaged backgrounds and their peers by providing funding to early years providers to help them raise the quality of their provision. A setting is eligible for this funding if a child receiving the government funding is from a low income family, receiving income support or a child is being looked after by the local authority or has been adopted from care. If you feel you may be eligible, please contact us and we will provide you with a form to complete to check eligibility. Please also visit the following link to check eligibility for 2 year old funding: <http://www.familyspacecroydon.co.uk/landing/internal/two-year-old-funding/>



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Baby Room

This term's special book will be 'Old McDonald'.

Over the past few weeks the babies have begun to do actions to Nursery Rhymes. Some babies have also begun to sing some of the words to further encourage their communication and language. We will be covering Nursery Rhymes and singing some of the traditional rhymes, but particularly looking at 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' and 'If You're Happy and You Know it' as these are our favourites.

This term's songs:

"Head, shoulders, knees and toes"

Head, shoulders knees and toes (knees and toes)
Head, shoulders knees and toes (knees and toes)
And eyes, and ears, and mouth and nose
Head, shoulders knees and toes (knees and toes)

"If You're happy and you Know it "

If you're happy and you know it clap your hands
(clap hands twice)
If you're happy and you know it clap your hands
(clap hands twice)
If you're happy and you know it and you really want
to show it
If you're happy and you know it clap your hands
(clap hands twice)
Repeat with

If you're happy and you know nod your head (nod
head twice)

If you're happy and you know Stamp your feet
(Stamp feet twice)

If you're happy and you know shout "we are" ("we
are")

Toddler Room

This term's special book will be 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'

This term the toddler room are reading this book and looking at different weather; exploring water, snow, rain, and mud, as well as partaking in planting and digging activities.

This term's songs:

"Five Little Bears "

Five little bears in the deep dark wood went for a
walk one day
1 looked left and right and he didn't like the sight, so
1 bear walked away
Repeat with 4 little bears, the 3,2,1

"Incy Wincy Spider"

Incy Wincy spider climbed up the tree
Down came the snow and made poor Incy freeze
Out came the sunshine and melted all the snow
So Incy Wincy spider had another go!



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Pre-School

Pre-school will be looking at the famous fairy tale stories such as Jack and the Beanstalk, The three Little Pigs and many more. They will discover different sizes, creatures and animals that are bad and good. They will be learning about right and wrong, textures of surfaces, shapes and much more

Skills the Pre-School children will develop this term.

The Pre-school children will be working on fine motor skills, especially using scissors and cutlery for the younger children and phonics with the older children.

This term's songs:

Straw, Sticks and Bricks *(Tune: The Three Blind Mice)*

Straw, sticks and bricks.
Straw, sticks and bricks.
The pigs built their houses
out of straw, sticks and bricks

The wolf came by,
he blew the straw down.
He blew the sticks but the bricks were strong
The pig lived happy all the days long
In their house of bricks.

When Goldilocks went to the House of the Bears

When Goldilocks went to the House of the Bears
What did her blue eyes see
A bowl that was big and a bowl that was small and
a bowl that was tiny and that was all
And she counted them 1,2,3

When Goldilocks went to the House of the Bears
What did her blue eyes see
A chair that was big and a chair that was small and
a chair that was tiny and that was all
And she counted them 1,2,3

When Goldilocks went to the House of the Bears
What did her blue eyes see
A bed that was big and a bed that was small and a
bed that was tiny and that was all
And she counted them 1,2,3

When Goldilocks went to the House of the Bears
What did her blue eyes see
A bear that was big and a bear that was small and a
bear that was tiny and that was all
And she counted them Roar, Roar, Roar