

PPCC NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2016

Dear Parents...

Welcome to the autumn update of the PPCC Newsletter which tells you what has been going on at your Nursery! In this issue we would like to welcome our new families to the nursery and hope that your children are enjoying their experience with us. We will give out some important reminders and some dates for your diaries, as well as reporting on some recent events...Enjoy!

Friendships formed!

The beginning of term has been an important time to form new relationships. Children have transitioned from group to group. This means settling in with their new key person, and also meeting and forming friendships with children who started this September. We are having lots of discussions around feelings and golden rules. Please come and take a look at our display boards in the Nursery. We would also like to welcome Janet to the Nursery, who has joined us as Davika has gone on maternity leave.



VOLUNTEERING PARENTS ARE A HOOT!

A big thank you to Philippa, Ella's mum for reading the story 'Owl Babies' to the children.



INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE IN THE NURSERY

October saw a number of occasions that were celebrated in the nursery. The children enjoyed a week of varying textures, spices and flavours with our Caribbean themed lunch menu. There were also different activities to celebrate black history month, Diwali and Halloween!



Elwin (left) celebrates Diwali, whilst the children (above) cook Caribbean food and Beau carves a pumpkin



And a big thank you to Mia, Marley's mum for baking two cakes with the children! Jamaican spice cake and a dairy free spice cake. Yum! We are looking forward to more parents volunteering in the Nursery. Read, sing, dance or anything else? Just get in touch!



ECAT

Ecat means 'every child a talker'. Please familiarise yourself with our Ecat board, located next to our other notices when entering the nursery as there will be weekly strategies on how to communicate with your child

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Do you have any old pots and pans, utensils, or kitchen equipment – bowls or cutlery you could donate for our Mud kitchen? Also we would love some Xmas decorations you can spare

ROOM FOR A SMALL ONE

The baby room has been settling-in new children over the last few months, and the good news is all new babies are settling well. Babies from last year have adjusted well to changes to their key person. The babies are exploring the environment through sound, touch and taste. There has also been a lot of musical instrument playing lately which has been very exciting.



SAY CHEESE!

Baby room parents. Please remember to bring in family photos for our family board! Mum, Dad, Grandma, dog....

Please DO tread mud through the kitchen...

This week, Leona, 4, and Hayden, 3, were spotted enjoying the mud in the Paradise Park garden. Witnesses say that the reason they loved it so much may have been because they were wearing really suitable footwear! Please remember to provide labelled welly boots for your child as we will be doing a lot of activities in the digging area and in the mud kitchen!



Leona and Hayden (left) and Kai (above) playing in the PPCC garden's mud kitchen

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 8th November 10am-12noon – Advisory Board meeting. Email simon@islingtonplay.org.uk for details

Saturday 19th November 11am – 4pm – Volunteers needed to build the stage. See Marie for details. marie@islingtonplay.org.uk

Wednesday 30th November – Inset day, Nursery closed

Thursday 15th December 12-1.30pm Children's Christmas dinner. If your child does not attend on a Thursday they are more than welcome to come but you will have to stay with your child.

Friday 16th December 2pm – 4pm Father Christmas will be coming to the nursery. If your child does not attend on a Friday come in with your child to see Father Christmas and collect a present

Wednesday 21st December – last day for all children (Christmas Holidays)

Tuesday 3rd January 2017 – Inset day, Nursery Closed

Wednesday 4th January 2017 – Nursery re opens for all children

Any queries – 0207 697 7330 – marie@islingtonplay.org.uk

Reminders

Once you are given your child's interest forms, please return by the date provided as this information is added to the planning alongside key people's observations to enable us to extend your child's learning

Please provide labelled welly boots for your child as we will be doing a lot of activities in the digging area and in our mud kitchen

Please ensure that you abide by your contract hours. If you arrive early in the morning, you will have to wait with your child until your contract hours have started. Late parents will be charged £1 per minute

Please sign the register for your child on arrival and upon leaving, for health and safety

Please remember to lock the nursery door on entering and leaving the nursery. Please share this information with friends/ family that may be dropping off or collecting your child