

# PPCC NEWSLETTER

## Summer

*Dear Parents...*

Welcome to the summer update on the goings on at Paradise Park Nursery. In this issue we will cover some dates for your diary, upcoming events, recent activities at the Nursery, and discuss preparation for school, and how we have been helping the children get ready for this transition. Happy reading...

## Who's ready for School?



This term, as part of the school transitions, we have been doing different activities to prepare the children who are going to start primary school this September. The staff have been reading stories about schools, and the children making up school stories with props. Naz and Kit have been taking some of the children on school visits, where they met their teachers and explored the different activities in their classroom.

## Babies get messy!

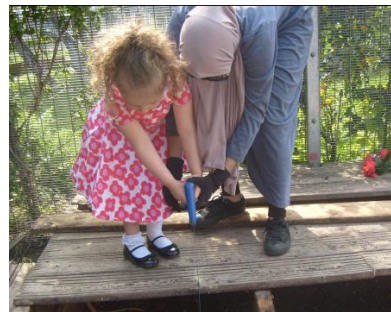
The focus has been on messy play in the baby room. Children are always engaging in new experiences. We have both indoor and outdoor space where children can explore tactile activities such as paint, cornflour and shaving foam, and the babies seem to be loving it.



## CHILDREN CENTRE STAGE

It is the moment everybody has been waiting for! The materials for our stage have arrived. When built, the stage will host many performances, shows and story times, it will be a beautiful addition to our garden. Please check out the notice board for the build dates, as we are asking volunteers to help with the build.

*The children were involved in helping disassemble the old stage. (Pictured right is Scarlett and Naz)*



## PARENT VOICES HEARD!

The parent's voice meetings have been very well attended and we appreciate all of your wonderful comments regarding our children's centre and Nursery. We have taken on board all of your suggestions. A big thank you to Leander's Mum, Chloe, and Elwins Mum, Roxy for chairing the meeting and writing the minutes that represent the parents voice. The next parent voice will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 6-7pm with a crèche provided.

## Changing Rooms

Jermaine & Fatima recently switched rooms. So Fatima is now in the Toddler room, and Jermaine the 0-2's. The children have settled well with their new key person and vice versa

## Simon says he's settled

As you may know, our previous administrator, Grainne, moved on to pastures new. Though do not fear, as her replacement, Simon, has settled well into his new role. He says he enjoys the variation in the work, and helping parents and children of PPCC Nursery.

# International Day

We are having an international day on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2pm – 4.30pm to celebrate the diversity in our nursery. Could you please write on the white nursery door any dishes you may bring to help us celebrate this afternoon? Please be aware that we have some children and adults with allergies so could you please label all ingredients that are

included in your dishes. We also have a bouncy castle and have raffle tickets on sale. If your child does not attend the nursery on a Tuesday, you are still welcome to join us. If there are any parents who would like to volunteer their talent for the afternoon such as face painting, dancing or even balloon making, please let us know!

## Nature Area shown some TLC



The nature area picture before (above) was nurtured, and now looks beautiful (right)



We now have a new and improved nature area. The nature area will be used for focused activities, bonfires and storytelling in small groups.

## SAY CHEESE!

Who remembers school picture day? I do! Well, on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July a photographer will be coming to the Nursery. It will be lovely to capture those children who will be leaving for big school in the summer, though the photos are also open to all ages. You'll see a price list in the Nursery, and don't forget to give your permission, please see the notice on the Nursery door. Also, and on the same theme...please give your key person, or email Simon or Marie a family photo for our board.

## Events & Announcements

Islington Council are planning changes to Children's Centres across the Borough. They would like to hear your views: please fill in the online form at <http://www.islington.gov.uk/consultations> or pick up a paper copy in the café. Please underline the importance of Paradise Park Children's Centre as a community hub as well as a nursery!

There will be a parent's tea and cake morning to discuss this and fill in the consultation forms on Thursday July 7th 10-12.

There is an open day about employment, volunteering and training support at Arsenal Red Zone on Benwell Road from 10-2 next Wednesday July 6th. They are offering a free Stadium tour and lots of family friendly activities if you want to pop in!

Our next Cluster Advisory Board meeting will take place on July 7th 10-12 in the Board Room at Paradise Park. We will be discussing Healthy Children's Centre achievements and the Early Years Transformation and consultation; and hearing updates from the three Head of Centres. Please come along, we would value your input!

Holloway Children's Centres  
Parents Coffee Morning  
Paradise Park Children's Centre  
Thursday July 7th 10am – 12 pm



Join us for tea and cake !

We will be sharing the Parent Consultation on proposals for changes to early childhood services and helping you to have your say!



## Reminders

Sign your children in and out of the register daily

Label children's clothes and footwear

Late collection – Please can all parents stick to contracted hours, lateness will be charged

Collect all wet clothes and creativity at the end of the day

## Dates for your diary:

13<sup>th</sup> July – Development Morning, Nursery will reopen at 11.30am

11<sup>th</sup> July – Photo Day

19<sup>th</sup> July – International Day

20<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of Nursery for Term Time children

For 'All year round' children the nursery will be closed from 1<sup>st</sup> August & re-open on 15<sup>th</sup> August. You can use the playscheme during this time for £23 per day (only if your child is 3)