

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of this term, we look back on the wonderful activities and memorable moments we've shared. From themed celebrations to creative learning experiences, it has been a wonderful time of growth and joy for everyone. A big thank you to all parents, carers, and staff for your continued support and contributions this term.

Please note that the nursery will be closed from the 23rd of December to the 1st of January.

Looking ahead to the spring term, we are excited to bring even more fun, creativity, and learning opportunities for the children. Thank you once again for your ongoing support. We wish you all a safe, joyful, and restful holiday season!

Farhana Yasmin

Spring Next Term

Our topic for Spring Term is 'Healthy Eating and Growing.' We'll be reading, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle to explore the importance of food and how it helps us grow strong and healthy. Children will have the opportunity to try and taste a variety of fruits and vegetables, making it a fun and hands-on experience. We'll talk about taking care of our bodies by brushing our teeth and staying active. We'll explore the stages of a butterfly's life cycle to help the children understand how things grow and change. Then, we'll reflect on how much the children have grown since they were babies. We'll look back at their pictures from September to celebrate their progress and development. It's going to be a fun and engaging start to the Spring Term!

Dates to Remember

- 23rd Dec - 1st Jan – Nursery Closed
- 2nd Jan – Nursery Reopens
- 6th Jan – Funding Starts/Spring Term Begins
- 29th Jan - Chinese New Year
- 31st Jan – Parents Evening
- 13th Feb - Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday)
- 14th Feb - Valentine's Day
- 17th Feb – 21st Feb – Half Term Holiday



Staff Updates

This term, we said goodbye to our wonderful team member Tasnia, who has moved on to begin a new chapter in her journey. Tasnia has been a valued member of our nursery, and we will miss her greatly. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours!

Packed Lunch and Snacks

As part of our Healthy Eating and Growing topic, we kindly remind parents who provide a packed snack and lunch from home to include nutritious options for their children. We encourage healthy choices such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and proteins. Please avoid sugary snacks and drinks, as we aim to support the children in developing healthy habits that will last a lifetime.

Thank you for your continued support in promoting healthy eating habits at Nursery!



Newham Enhanced Community Pharmacy Service for Children with Asthma and Wheeze

Newham Enhanced Community Pharmacy Service offers free face-to-face consultations for children with asthma or wheeze registered with a Newham GP service. It educates families on air pollution's impact on health and supports key aspects of asthma care. Go on the link below to view the service details and a list of participating pharmacies you can book without a GP referral

<https://northeastlondon.icb.nhs.uk/news/free-sessions-for-newham-children-with-asthma-and-wheeze/>

Colder Weather and Label Personal Belongings

As the weather gets colder please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, including warm layers and proper shoes. To help prevent items from going missing, please label all children's clothes, jackets, and bags with their names. This makes it easier for us to identify and return belongings to their rightful owners.

Let's Celebrate

This term, we explored the topic of Celebrations. The children actively participated in creating wonderful decorations to adorn our nursery. They also helped make a keepsake snow globe gift for their parents and enjoyed a fun mini photoshoot in their festive Christmas Jumpers.

Here are some of the highlights:

Cultural Party

The children explored various cultural festivals through engaging mini worlds, each representing a different celebration.



Remembrance Day

We held a special Remembrance Day march to our memorial area in the garden. The children proudly carried the poppies they made, sang 'Poppy, Poppy, Bright and Red,' and observed two minutes of silence to honour the day.



Diwali

The children celebrated the Festival of Lights by making colourful rangoli patterns, decorating divas, and learning about Diwali traditions.



Halloween Party

A spooky yet fun-filled day where the children enjoyed dressing up in costumes, playing games, and taking part in creative activities.



Bonfire Night

We created bright firework pictures using paint and glitter. The children also learned about firework safety.



Christmas Festivities

To end the term, we had a delightful Christmas dinner followed by a festive Christmas party. The children amazed everyone with a wonderful performance, enjoyed a visit from Santa (with presents!), and took photos in Santa's grotto.

