

# Eastwood News Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016

Improving lives through education for young children and their families in Roehampton.



Thank you for supporting our recent good causes! We had a lot of food to donate to the foodbank and we collected £100 for Children in Need.

The children had some very interesting pyjamas!

## Armistice Day (Poppy Day)

The children did very well to stay silent for a short time on Armistice Day and the older children watched the ceremonies in central London live on their white boards in class. We do not expect children to understand the significance of Poppy Day at this stage but we feel it is important for them to have the opportunity to join in and understand that lots of adults and lots of children in schools keep quiet for two minutes on this special day. Over the years this will help them to develop a better understanding.



## Learning at Eastwood

### Children's Centre Fantastic 2s

We continue to be very excited to see many children continuing to attend our group for children eligible for free 2 year old nursery places. The children are settling into the session well and enjoying playing and learning alongside their parents.



### Cedar Room

The children in cedar have made a shoe shop; they have been measuring their feet and comparing sizes.

Exploring what sizes fit and which ones do not. They have also had a great time inventing stories about the shoes they are wearing such as going to ballet. The children have also been exploring how to hop and standing on one leg counting how long they are able to do this for. The older children made treasure maps for their forest school session where they hunted for a hidden treasure chest that was full of golden and silver coins. They also brought in teddy bears, made caves for them and left them outside overnight! The children discovered that some of the bears did not hibernate and got covered in ice and frost (the teddy bears did recover and are safe and well!)



### Blossom Room

Our youngest children have been very creative and have made some emergency vehicles using cardboard boxes and quite a lot of paint. They showed them off very proudly at the end of last week and there are plans to add to the fire engine and ambulance. The children do see a lot of emergency vehicles as they pass by on Roehampton Lane so this is a good example of the staff picking up on the children's interests.

### Maple Class

Maple class have been thinking about the garden and the changes in the weather and they have made some tasty treats for the birds using fat and bird seed. The birds have been enjoying their winter meals! There has also been a great deal of activity in the garden with planting some of the new winter bedding plants to try and keep our garden looking attractive through the winter months.

## Willow Room

The children were busy making playdough with some new recipes this week- a process that they clearly enjoyed and got them deeply involved! They used cornflour, oats and water and had to mix these together carefully. They were very enthusiastic - even at the clearing up stage!

## Chestnut Class

There has been quite a lot of baby play going on this week. Some of the children have babies at home so learning about caring for babies, describing them and enjoying play with the baby dolls proved to really capture the children's interest. They have also been learning to make marks and to be less bothered by stuff on their hands by having regular messy play - coconut cream and hair gel made a good combination!



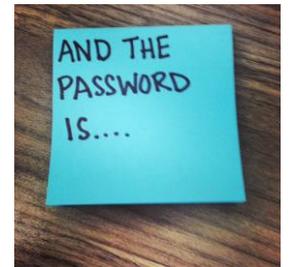
## Beech Class

All of our children in Eastwood have some small group time every day. The children in Beech class have been investigating maps of the garden and relating them to the areas that they particularly like. They have also been using feely bags and observational memory games to develop descriptive language. The children in Beech class are keen on drawing and they are proving to be very independent in using their name cards to help them write their names effectively.



## Safety at Children collection Time

Please remember that when your child starts we ask you who is authorised to collect them other than you. Over time this may change so please do keep us informed and arrange carefully if your child is going to be collected by someone we may not have met - provide a password, a photograph of the person, some detailed information that only that person would know and always be available by the phone so that we can contact you to verify the person. If we are in doubt we will not allow children to be collected.



We know that sometimes it can be hard to get through on the phone to tell us you will be late. Please use option 1 on the phone if you need to contact the Nursery School (Maple, Beech and Chestnut classes) or 501 for the Day Nursery (Willow, Blossom, Cedar classes) if you are running late and need to get a message to us.

## Fruit

We like to provide the children with a piece of fruit for a snack during the sessions and each class would be grateful for donation of fruit to put in the bowl. We encourage children to be quite independent with snacks and fruit so we can get through quite a lot! Donations will always be used for sharing. We are growing fruit trees, but these are very young and we only managed 3 apples this year!



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## INSET DAY

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016, Eastwood closed for training day. No services or Nursery on that day.

