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Mel!



I am pleased to be able to welcome Mel Blackman who works on reception in 166 Roehampton Lane to our Children Centre Team here at Eastwood. Many of you will know Mel. Please pop over and say hello and check out our Children's Centre timetable.

Armistice Day 11th November



Friday 11th November is Armistice Day – sometimes referred to as Poppy Day- and here at Eastwood we encourage children to

have a minute of silence in recognition of this special day. Therefore on Friday all of our nursery rooms and our Children's Centre Play and Learn session will encourage the children to be very quiet or silent for a little while and our older ones may watch the ceremony in central London on their class screens. If you would rather your child was not involved then do please mention this to their Key Person.

Learning and Teaching at Eastwood

Children's Centre

We were very excited this week to welcome 15 enthusiastic 2 year olds and their parents into our new Fantastic 2s Group on Tuesday morning. The children had fun trying new activities and getting to know Eastwood. This is a special invitation only group for

children who are eligible for 2 year old early education (EECP) places. We loved having the children and look forward to getting to know them over the next few weeks!

Blossom Room



Our youngest children have been interested in fireworks and have made some very creative spray paintings after using the IPAD to watch some Diwali celebrations. Even our very youngest children have a small group session each day and this provides an excellent chance for their key person to talk with them and introduce them to new ideas.



There has been lots of dolly washing this week as well! If you have any very small clothes that you can donate then the children can learn to dress the dollies afterwards. We would be very grateful.

Cedar Class



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This week the story of the Gingerbread Man has really caught the children's interest. They have made gingerbread themselves and retold the story with their story props - showing that they are able to understand the story in depth- an important literacy skill. They have been out and about on Forest School outings,



making maps and collecting resources to compare as well as making ribbon sticks! The children have used the white board to look at photographs of the week so they can review and relive their exciting experiences!

Willow Room

Creative and messy play has been a focus this week (as parents could probably tell from the children's clothes) with paint, runny glue, lentils and even mud to explore and experiment with. This is really helping children with early mark making as well as language and early science development. They have been helping to make a family tree display with their family photographs - we think it helps children to feel secure if they can easily see a photo of their family on display at nursery.

Chestnut Class

There has been a watery theme just recently and the children have made a wonderful 'Under the Sea' display to show off their artistic talents! The Chestnut Class children have really been enjoying their music

and movement sessions, responding, learning words and actions and holding hands with partners. We are providing a range of activities and groups to promote their physical development and have been pleased to see the children so keen to join in.

Beech Class

The Moving Around theme has developed well and the children have been exploring shape and space - making increasingly sophisticated designs with blocks and with everyday household materials as they explore 3D shapes, stability and forces in creating their designs. They have become particularly interested in magnets and so have explored a range of forces already. The children have also been helping to design and make instruments for the music garden.

Maple Class

The children have followed up a recent outing to the Paddock School café by making their own café in the classroom - last week they made real sandwiches to sell in the café! The children have been developing physical skills and predicting as they have hollowed out pumpkins. This year the children are particularly keen on drawing and they have made some wonderful drawings of their families, taking care to draw each family member in their own way.

Learning Journeys

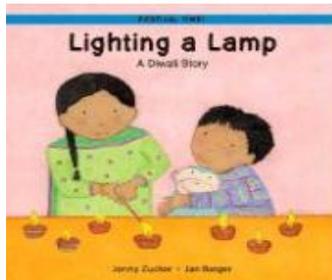
Children can access their own learning journeys in the classrooms and we encourage them to take them home so you can easily add your own photographs and observations. We are always delighted to see observations from home written in the family home language.

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Bedtime Story

It was great to see well over 30 children attend for our Bedtime Story! Lots of the children came in their pyjamas which is always fun and the children did really well listening to a simple version of the Diwali



Story and looking at how we can make a Rangoli Pattern. If you search the 'Cbeebies Diwali Story' online you may be able to watch this very short shadow puppet film yourselves at home. We try to have a family Bedtime Story to mark significant celebrations throughout the year. Thank you for coming and we look forward to seeing you for the next one on 15th December to mark Hanukkah!

Everyone Draw Together

Look out for information on opportunities to come in and do some drawing with your child in the next few weeks.

Safeguarding- Signing in/out

If you need to come in to The Nursery School during the day outside of the normal drop off and collection times we will need to ask you to sign in the Visitors' Book. This helps us to be very clear who is in the building. We are introducing new signing in arrangements in the Children's Centre as well and again this is to help us keep everyone safe.

Diary Dates

There are lots of exciting and important dates to note for



your diaries- not all dates apply to all classes and rooms so check carefully and more details will be provided.

Date	Activity
18th November	Pyjama day - children can come wearing pyjamas for the day in return for a 50p donation all proceeds will go to Children in Need – dress code suspended for the day!
21st to 24th November	The Great Eastwood Bake Off- various baking activities taking place throughout the week in the Day Nursery to promote early science and maths and also to raise some funds from selling cookies! Donations of ingredients will be gratefully received and parents are welcome to join in or teach some baking skills!
25th November	Eastwood closed for a training day on early science. No services or nursery on that day
14th December	Christmas Dinner Day for Maple, Beech and Chestnut classes (Nursery School) for children who have already experienced staying for lunch
15th December	Hanukkah Bedtime Story- all welcome at 4.30pm in the Nursery School
16th December	Christmas Concert for Cedar, Maple, Beech and Chestnut classes (3 and 4 year olds) – parents warmly invited to hear the children sing and join in!

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16th December	Last day of term for EECF children at the Day Nursery.
19th December	Father Christmas visiting all children attending Eastwood
21st December	Last day of term for Maple, Beech and Chestnut classes (Nursery School). School closes early at 1.45pm
23rd December	Last day of term for Cedar, Willow and Blossom rooms (Day Nursery). Children to be collected by 3.00pm please

BBC Children in Need- Wear Your Pyjamas Day 18th November 2016

We would like to support the BBC Children in Need appeal this year by inviting children, staff and parents to wear pyjamas for the day in return for a small donation of 50p. Each nursery class and room will be joining in and the Friday morning Children's Centre group. All the donations will go to BBC Children in Need. It will be important to ensure that the children are still warm enough to play and learn outside so please make sure they are suitably wrapped up as well!

Photographs

The deadline to order the photos is Thursday 10th November 2016 and your photos will be delivered to the Nursery School before the end of the term.