

Eastwood News Tuesday 28th February 2017

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

Newsletter Week Beginning 28th February



Thursday 2nd March 2017

WORLD BOOK DAY

We are all looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March! In fact we are looking forward to it so much that we are continuing to mark the occasion on Friday 3rd March! On World Book Day we have planned lots of activities around stories and books which will take place across the whole week. It is a great opportunity during this week for your child to bring their favourite book to share with their friends whether this is in English or your native language. Detailed information is available from your class about coming in and reading to the children and suggestions for children to dress up!

Children's Centre News and Events

Bedtime Story Thursday 2nd March at 4.30pm



In honour of World Book Day you are invited to **Eastwood Nursery School at 4.30pm** on Thursday 2nd March for our Bedtime Story! Staff members will be reading some of their favourite books and there

will be a bedtime drink and snack. This session is open to all children (including our Children's Centre families)- preferably those who are old enough to listen to a few stories in a large group.

Dads Go Wild Saturday 4th March 2017

Dads Go Wild is open to all dads, grandads and male carers and starts at the **Nursery School at 9.30AM on Saturday 4th March**. We will have a story out in the wilds of Roehampton University Grounds and hopefully finish off with hot chocolate and a campfire. No need to book- come along ready for a little bit of walking and learning out of doors!



ESOL

English for Speakers of Other Languages

We were very excited to see such a good turn out for our new ESOL group that started last Thursday! Good luck to all the parents starting out on this accredited training. We are sure you will do really well!

Enjoying Time With My Child

We are also very excited to have such a good turn out for our latest group 'Enjoying Time with Your Child' with Hannah Skaife (Eastwood's Locality Teacher) and Steph Nelms (Children's Centre Educational Psychologist). The children are settling well into the crèche and the group has got off to a great start!

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

We are collecting the Active Kids vouchers, so if you do your shopping at Sainsbury's please bring us your vouchers.



There are boxes in the reception areas at the Nursery School and Day Nursery and also one in Blossom class.

Learning and Teaching at Eastwood

Beech Class

The children have returned from half term highly motivated to mark make. They are 'unstoppable' in their desire to draw. They have been drawing cats and giving them decorative collars they have been challenging their cutting and making skills to create handbags and capes.

The climbing frames continue to be popular outside,



children love challenging themselves to climb and move across the apparatus that is available for them. It is also been noticed how well the children are supporting each other to use the equipment.

Some new water play equipment has arrived, the children have taken an active role putting the equipment together and particularly enjoyed using our battery operated screwdriver to hold it together.

Maple Class

The children were excited by the wind so we had a go at making kites that we tested outside. The children have made pictures from natural resources found in the garden such as leaves, twigs and soil. Some children have worked together sharing their ideas others prefer to work alone. The children at Eastwood

sing a lot of songs. This week in maple class some of their number work has been based around songs



e.g. 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive. Children have been making props and thinking about what the numbers mean and what the quantities look like.

We have been reading the story of the Hungry Caterpillar, and have made an interactive display showing the days of the week and the number of foods the caterpillar ate each day. The children have been looking at pictures of brightly coloured circles by the artist Kandinsky and having a go at making their own pictures using coloured paper and glue.

The children have been talking about doctors, so this interest has been developed in the classroom. The children have been dressing up and taking on the role of the doctor and patient. As well as talking there have been lots of opportunities for the children to practice their writing skills, filling out forms and writing prescriptions.

Outside

There has been a strong focus on looking after the garden. The children have been clearing and digging the allotment area getting it ready for planting. The children have been planting vegetable seeds in pots that will be kept in the greenhouse before planting in the allotment beds. The children are very proud of their gardening skills. The children have been keen to

write their own signposts and labels to go in the allotment.

Chestnut class

Each week the children make their own play dough the children enjoy this experience and by the end of the year some will be able to make it independently. This activity supports their sequencing skills as well as



developing their physical skills when they hold and use a spoon, tip and pour the flour and knead it into the finished product, play dough.

They have been developing the use and understanding of positional language such as on, under and beside in their play and everyday experiences. They have also been developing their physical skills by using an indoor obstacle course. In writing some of the children have been exploring upper and lower case letters. The children in Chestnut class have also been developing their ICT skills, working alongside the adults in the sensory pod and using the iPad.

Cedar Class

This week our first group of children got to visit the Science Museum, when they returned they



were all exhausted but of course had a lovely time.



We all sat together after tea time to look at the photographs they had taken on their trip. Some of the few exciting things that they got up to included, seeing a large planet Earth, using tablets to make patterns, seeing cars, trains and rockets and playing in a really big water tray. Our next group of children will be visiting the Science Museum on Thursday 2nd March 2017 with myself and Michael. After this we will then display all of the exciting things that we did during both of our trips. Other highlights have included: -

- **Forest school** sessions where the children went on a mini beast hunt on Monday and on Wednesday we made woodland potions; the children even made their own wishes as they poured the potion away.
- We have been **experimenting** with raisins and sparkling water; to make our raisins dance in a jar.
- Outside the children have been **throwing balls** through hoops at different heights.
- *The children made **playdough** and have been using this to make pretend food and drinks.
- *The children used **photographs** taken at the science museum to make picture booklets.

- *At Jabadao the children responded to different music and played **parachute games**.

Willow Room

Last week we had a parent who came in and did a very exciting art activity with the children and I would like to say a big thank you as we all enjoyed this .

Also thank you to parents who brought in fruit and vegetables this week which we enjoyed talking about smelling , tasting and printing with as part of our healthy eating theme .Outside we did lots of balancing and jumping off activities.



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Blossom Room

This week in Blossom room we have been busy dancing and making music. The children have been exploring music from around the world. They've looked at bagpipes, big base drums, harps and trombones. The children have also been looking closely at animals and where they live. They have made their very

own rabbit hutch and explored the water like fish. We are planning a trip in the coming weeks to the pet shop for children to look closely at



real animals. There has been lots of investigations taking place with cause and effect toys. The children have enjoyed pressing buttons and feeding items through and watching where they go. We've made the most of storm Doris by making kites and flying them outside. The children have shown an interest in mixing colours and paint so we will explore this further.