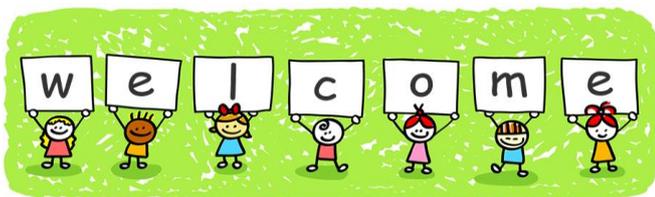




We have been enjoying the lighter and slightly warmer days here at Eastwood and particularly the lighter mornings! I have enjoyed hearing great-tits and woodpeckers in the surrounding trees when I arrive to open up and the children are happy to be outside for that bit longer in the evenings.



This week we are very sad to see Rachel Carder go as she moves to Manchester. Rachel has been our Outreach Worker for nearly 4 years and will be greatly missed.



We have been very happy to welcome Ioanna, our new class teacher for Maple class!

Learning and Teaching at Eastwood

Cedar Class

The children have been busy celebrating different festivals this week including St Patrick's Day and the Holi Festival. The children made some colourful pictures with powder paints and also made their own rainbows for St Patrick's Day.



Following training with our IT consultant Martin, the children have started to create their very own interactive book on an application called Book Creator where they each have a page showing photographs of our recent trip to the science museum; they have had lots of fun doing this drawing and recording themselves. We will hopefully be making more books about forest school and Jabadao too!

Blossom Room

The outdoor area for our youngest children has been having quite a revamp. The planters have been refreshed ready to grow vegetables and edible flowers and a new mud kitchen has been set up and is proving very popular. The chickens also seem to enjoy their new location where the children can walk right round the chicken run. They are so happy that now all three of them are laying eggs!



Willow Room



Lots of exciting things have been happening in Willow Room- the children have been exploring some new wooden number toadstools outside and exploring a set of log letters that they have enjoyed setting out in long rows. They have been trying really hard with songs, nursery rhymes and finger rhymes.

Beech Class



We have enjoyed having a playwright working with the children this week. The children have been writing stories with adults as a result and Sarah (the playwright from the Polka Theatre) has been getting ideas for her next children's play. The children are producing some very high quality drawings and paintings and have finally completed putting together a fiendishly complicated water play system – yet again Rob didn't notice it was self-assembly when he ordered it!



Maple Class

A travel agent has been set up in class and the children have made passports and thought about the countries they would like to visit. St Patrick's Day led to some very impressive River Dance inspired Irish dancing. Outdoors we have been noticing how skilled the children are becoming with their climbing skills. The very youngest ones have been making great progress in their small group time and have been learning many nursery rhymes, finger rhymes and games off by heart which is really helping with their early literacy skills.



Chestnut Class



Several children have taken home some very impressive cardboard box cars this week. There has been a lot of painting going on- the children have been learning to take great care over their paintings and are producing some very impressive work as a result.

Comic Relief- Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is Friday 24th March. We are suggesting that the children wear



Friday 24 March

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something red to Nursery or Children's Centre in return for a little donation for Comic Relief. No need to buy a costume or wear anything unusual but if they have any red clothes that would be fun.

Safeguarding

**How safe is your child online?
Do you know how to protect them?**

Find out more at:
E-Safety workshop for parents

Tuesday 28th March 2017

We are running workshops for parents on E-safety on March 28th at 9.30am, 10.15am, 11.00am and 1.00pm with our IT Consultant Martin. Please do come along as we all need to find out what we can be doing now to ensure that our children and families are safe in the world of tablets, phones and computers. It may also help to understand why we are so strict about use of mobile phones on Eastwood Premises. All sessions are being run at Eastwood and hopefully the times will work well for parents.

Please again be reminded that we strongly advise against leaving babies or young children in the car whilst you collect your child from nursery. This could be very dangerous or distressing for



the child. Please report to us immediately if you see a child left alone in a car and provide the car registration number as we may need to refer this to the community police officer.

Collecting Children

We love seeing you and talking to you at the end of the day and ensuring that we give you succinct information about their day and any information you may need but please remember that staff will be finishing their shifts and planning the next day of learning once the children have gone so please try to not take too long and to make sure you are in control of your child once the handover has taken place.

Governors



We are delighted to welcome Lina Graham and Kerry Sampson to the Governing Body. There was a full meeting on Wednesday looking at all aspects of Eastwood's work, our progress with the strategic plan, the standards of learning and teaching and confirming policies. We have updated our special needs, behaviour, assessment and British Values policies and these will be available in reception areas if you would like to read them.