

Eastwood News Monday 3rd July 2017

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

Visit from Councillor Ambache

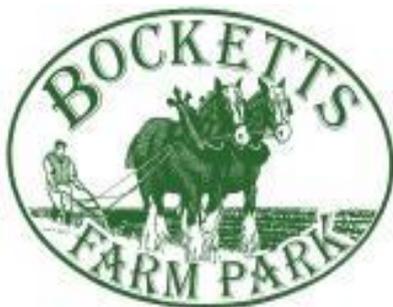
On Friday 30th June we were delighted to welcome Cllr Jeremy Ambache to visit Eastwood. He joined in with singing time and visited classes and the children's centre. We were pleased to be able to show Cllr Ambache around the whole of the Eastwood site and to give him some insight into our early education and children's centre services. He also met with Adam- our Chair of Governors and with Jennie - Our Children's Centre Manager.

Fire Safety

We have been keen to gain reassurance from the Council that our site is safe should we be affected by we requested a visit by Mr Throssel from the Council's Health and Safety Unit. He had a thorough look at our rooms, evacuation procedures and fire doors. We are complying with all the recommended procedures and the Governors will be looking at any feedback at the next full Governors meeting on Wednesday 5th July



Farm Trip



Our 3 and 4 year olds at our Nursery School will be going to the Farm on 11th July 2017. This will be our third big outing to Bocketts Farm on the coach

and we always hope that this will be a memorable first hand experience. This is an

educational trip rather than a family day out and is designed to introduce our older ones to the idea of a school outing and the steps we must take to be safe and well behaved. You will be receiving a more detailed letter with arrangements soon.

Learning and Teaching at Eastwood

Blossom Room

Our youngest children have enjoyed the recent hot weather and explored water in many different ways- washing dollies, filling and emptying bottles, watering flowers and vegetables with a hose, getting wet in play and washing themselves after meals!



Blossom Room have started their Forest School trips and have explored the environment- even finding a rather shy but very beautiful toad under a log to say hello to! They have also been exploring the book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and have negotiated an obstacle course based on the book.

Fantastic 2s

Fantastic 2s went to the hall this week to try out a range of balancing equipment, small apparatus and low-down climbing and rolling opportunities. The older ones were able to feel their hearts beating and recognise that they get thirsty when they exercise. They were also a bit quieter for story time so we may have worn them out!

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Beech Class



As part of the Water topic the children have been thinking about France! They have studied a world map and recognised that we need to cross water to get there - and lots of the children have visited the country themselves. As a result the children have been learning some French phrases in their pop-up French street café and building a giant Eiffel Tower construction in the garden. The children explored tension and angle whilst making the construction and have been precise in their recording, measurements and French speaking!



Maple C lass

Maple Class have continued to explore our new Core Book collection by learning the story of the Enormous Turnip. They have read the story, started growing their own seeds to make enormous vegetables of their own and learning about sequence and pattern by ordering

the events in this traditional tale. Fortunately their potatoes are ready for harvesting so they have pulled up their potatoes and made potato salad! Some board games have been made based on the books the children have been learning and the dice aspect has helped them with counting, recognising number sets and calculation.

Willow Room

Monkey Puzzle has been the story book focus this week and the children have learned this story very well and thought about emotions from the point of view of the baby monkey. They have drawn favourite animals from the story and used simple describing words for their own mummies. The children have also been on a 'colour walk' to find interesting colours around the site. Well done to the children who have moved into Willow Room from Blossom and settled really well.

Cedar Class

The children in Cedar Class have been exploring 'People and Communities' looking at maps and photographs from other countries and thinking about countries the children have been to. There have been some interesting science experiments with bicarbonate of soda and spaghetti and colours. The recent rain has meant that there were some puddles to jump into in Forest School outings and in their hall time the children have been learning about jumping, balancing, climbing and patterns – through repeated movements.

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Chestnut Class



Water play has also been featuring with Chestnut class but on a small scale with little trays and lots of small screw top jars so the children can strengthen their wrists and experience rotational movement and using

both hands in coordinated ways- they need these skills in order to make good progress with their drawing and writing. The children have also



been working on emotional literacy, looking at and drawing their own pictures of faces showing different emotions- angry faces on paper but not on the children!

Keeping Safe at Eastwood

Please note the posters that we have around the site about safety in cars. Our policy is that children being dropped off and collected must be strapped into a suitable car seat and we will challenge anyone who is not complying with the law on this. We would call the Police if we felt a child was in danger.

Keeping Healthy at Eastwood

We ask that all adults- parents, staff and visitors do not smoke or use e-cigarettes or vaping devices near to or within site of any nursery room or in a place where children using our



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Area**

services may see them. We want to ensure that children do not see trusted role-model adults smoking or vaping.

Day Nursery open day

for Two Year Olds- 10.30 to 11.30 on July 5th

If you are interested in a nursery place for your two year old child then do please join us in our Day Nursery to meet the staff, explore the spaces and find out about our curriculum. Refreshments will be provided and we would love to see you!

Vision and Values

We always think it is worth reminding all of the Eastwood Community about our Vision and Values statements. These are the principles that guide our policies and decision making but most importantly how we work with children.: -

- *Always acting in children's best interests to keep them safe and well*
- *Supporting children to become autonomous, decision-making learners*
- *Providing children with memorable first hand experiences*
- *Fostering resilient, confident and enthusiastic children and families*
- *Recognising that achievement and wellbeing go hand in hand*
- *Placing the family at the centre of all that we do*
- *Ensuring children make good rates of progress and reach their potential.*