



Newsletter March 2018

The Big Freeze!

We had a great time in the snow and cold last week! What an excellent opportunity for children to learn about ice and to experience snow. Of course we did allow children out in it to make snow shapes, snow angels and throw snowballs!

Thank you to all the staff who ensured that they got in to work on time so that we could keep Eastwood going and provide full days of early education on every snowy day!

Volunteering Course

We have had a great take up of our new Volunteering Course in the Children's Centre. Currently 12 parents are undertaking this course whilst their children have fun in the crèche.

The next stage is our Volunteering Placement Workshop to help volunteers find effective work experience that will help them on their journey.

World Book Day

The children looked wonderful in their costumes to celebrate World Book Day- thank

you for your efforts! A very big thank you to all parents who came in to read stories with the children.

ASDA rewards

Thank you so much for voting for us with your green tokens at ASDA! The children's centre was thrilled to be awarded £500 toward new soft play equipment for our very popular movement sessions in the Centre on Mondays and Thursdays

Dads Go Wild

'Dads Go Wild' is our monthly Saturday morning outdoor activity session for all young children in the area. Dads, granddads, uncles are all welcome with any child from birth upwards. Our next session is 9.30 to 11.30 but will take place on 14th April (normally this group runs on the first Saturday of the month)



2018 Nursery Applications

It isn't too late to apply for the Nursery School! We are continuing to accept applications. We run show-rounds most Friday mornings at 10.00 and will be running open days for all our nursery school and day nursery classes on Thursday 26th April and Thursday 3rd May 2018. You can arrange nursery school show-rounds by calling us on 020 8876 3976 option 1. A breakfast club is available.

Our Day Nursery also has availability for year-round extended day places and shorter sessions. To book a show-around please call 020 8876 3976 option 2

Learning and Teaching at Eastwood

Blossom

It is always amazing how quickly Blossom finish their breakfast and get down to business. They have been making some very creative items for Mothering Sunday and for St Patrick's day! No wonder they can get a little messy! Our youngest children have also been learning to help prepare the snack time by cutting up the fruit.

Oak

The children in Oak class really do enjoy a circle game or ring song and they join in superbly with Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush and Oats and Beans! Well done! The children really do get out and about to the local shops- in particular enjoying catching the bus to Asda!

Cedar

Cedar class have been exploring photography in preparation for their exhibition in week beginning 26th March. You can already see many of their own photographs in the corridor. Along with the other children in Blossom and Oak, the children were fascinated by the wide range of animals that came to visit from the 'Zoo Lab' recently!



Chestnut

Along with our other classes at Eastwood, Chestnut class children do get out and about quite a lot! They have been visiting the shops in small groups to buy ingredients and items for use in the classroom. Recently they discovered that a bag of oranges is really quite heavy! The oranges were carried safely back and used to practice important fine motor skills and rotational movements by peeling them!

Beech

The shop play in Beech class was wonderful and worth showing off to Ofsted and the many teachers who come for training courses at Eastwood. The opportunities for children to learn a range of mathematics skills are extensive and in a playful context they are applying those skills straight away. Beech class are now busy growing vegetables from seed.

Maple

The Maple Class children have now just about come to the end of their project on skeletons and bones. Many of them can identify a pelvis and tell you how many bones there are in the body! There are some wonderful, detailed observational drawings on display and until recently the elephant skeleton sculpture that they made together. Maple class are now also very busy growing vegetables from seed- when they are not having their hair done in the class hairdressing salon!

Ofsted Inspection

Our Nursery School underwent an Ofsted Inspection at the end of January which confirmed that we are providing an 'Outstanding' quality of education for our children. Governors were very proud of the hardworking staff and confident children who were eager to talk with the inspector about their learning.

Stronger Safeguarding at Eastwood

If you are at Eastwood and have cause to be concerned about a child's safety or wellbeing or the actions of any adult please tell a member of staff immediately or ask at reception to speak to a Designated Safeguarding Manager in confidence.

At Eastwood we have a duty system so you will always be able to talk with a qualified designated safeguarding manager: -

- Jennie Ramsey (extension 508)
- Wendy Thrussell (extension 401)
- Rob Nicholson (extension 301)
- Karen Pearson (extension 304 or option1)

Please join us in our aim of 'always acting in the child's best interest to keep them safe and well'.

Health and Safety

Please be mindful of the law on car seats and restraints in cars at all times including when you come into Eastwood and use the Council Car Park here. Children must be in a suitable seat and (where possible) in the back seat. We will challenge you if we notice that this is not happening as we have a duty to safeguard children from harm. Please never leave a child unattended in a car whilst you collect a sibling.

Collecting Children

It can be a challenge for us to give effective feedback to parents and to manage the children toward the end of the Day Nursery sessions when big brothers and sisters decide to join in! Please help us to keep the children safe by collecting your youngest child first and by asking school age siblings to wait in our reception areas whilst you collect your child from the classrooms.

Toy Donations

Much as we appreciate your kindness, we are not able to accept gifts of unwanted toys or baby

equipment for our nursery classes or children's centre.

Coming soon for the Children's Centre

- 1 year olds health reviews- Monday morning
- 2 year old health reviews- Monday afternoon & Friday morning
- Baby massage- TBC
- Well baby clinic- Tuesday morning
- Weaning workshops- Tuesday afternoon
- Breastfeeding café- Tuesday morning
- Family nurse partnership young parents Group... Thursday afternoon
- Volunteering placement workshops- coming soon
- Contact a family every fortnight Thursday morning

Please see the summer term programme for more details. All services will take place at Eastwood Children's Centre.

Dates for the diary

Please also see our Children's Centre timetable for activities over the holiday period.

29 th March at 9.30	Spring sing-a-long concert for Nursery School
29 th March at 10.15	Spring sing-a-long concert for Day Nursery
29 th March	Nursery School last day of term
30 th March – 2 nd April	Bank holiday- Eastwood closed
16 th April	INSET day- Eastwood Closed
17 th April	First day of summer term

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Easter at Eastwood- Children's Centre Programme

Week 1	Monday 2nd April 2018	Bank Holiday			
	Wednesday 4th April 2018	Eater Egg Hunt at Putney Vale (Newlands Hall near Asda)	10:00am - 11:30am	0 - 8yrs	FREE
	Thursday 5th April	Well Baby Clinic at Lennox Community Clubroom Outreach Worker available from 10am-11am	10:00am - 12:00pm	0 - 4yrs	FREE
	Friday 6th April 2018	Wild Fangs –animal experience Experience Fun with a Ferret, Tricks with a Tarantula and much more (Booking Needed) Please contact the Centre to reserve your place	10:00am - 11:30am	0 - 4yrs	MAX 25 FAMILIES
Week 2	Monday 9th April 2018	Play and Learn Easter Arts and Crafts at Eastwood Children's Centre	10:00am - 11:30am	0 - 4yrs	FREE
	Wednesday 11th April 2018	Play & Learn Session at Putney Vale (Newlands Hall near Asda)	10:00am - 11:30am	0 - 4yrs	FREE
	Friday 13th April	International Celebration Day at Eastwood Children's Centre Dress up in your country's National Costume. Activities to include, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Arts and Crafts and much more (book at Reception or speak with a member of staff)	10:00am - 12:00pm	Family and friends	£2.50 per child. £5.00 for 2 or more children
	Saturday 14th April 2018	Dads Go Wild- meet at the Nursery School Entrance for a morning spent out of doors.	9:30am – 11:30am	Any age with parent	FREE