

Nursery News



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The Newsletter of Creations Community Children's Centre

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2011. We are looking forward to lighter days and warmer weather. Our themes in nursery for March/April/May will be spring and new life. Children will be looking at how things grow, baby animals and plants etc.

Staff Profile



My name is Kelly Marsden. I qualified in Health and Social Care in 2002; then I went on to do my NVQ. In 2005 I completed an NVQ3 in Early Years Care and Education. I started work at Busy Bees Kindergarten where I worked for eight years. I moved on after this time and worked at Greetland Private Day Nursery before joining the team at Creations.

Book Tokens

We are collecting book tokens from the Daily/Sunday Mirror newspapers. If any parent/carer gets this newspaper please could you cut out the tokens and bring them into nursery? The more vouchers we collect, the more books we will be able to purchase for the children.



Every Child a Talker

The year of communication 2011



On the 1st of March we will be taking part in I CAN's Chatterbox challenge. This is a sponsored event and, with your help, we hope to raise money for children throughout the UK who have difficulty with language and communication.

At 11am we will be joining with other nurseries throughout the country to sing 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes' along with other songs

Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to Ethan's Grandma who made our fantastic mince pie costumes for the Christmas Nativity and for the hairdressing capes for our role play area. Also many thanks to Jake and Luke's Grandma for the lovely knitted puppets



Staffing

Kayleigh is senior Early Years Practitioner in the 2-5s room covering Caroline's maternity leave.

We welcome our temporary staff members Jenna and Georgina who are working in the 2-5s and 0-2s room respectively.

Fundraising

Our recent Valentine's raffle raised £15.00- well done to the winner. The money will go towards our summer trip. Our last year's trip to St Leonard's farm was a great success and enjoyed by all the children. In the coming months we will continue to organise more fundraising events such as a summer fair, sponsored events, raffles etc. Money raised will go towards another enjoyable day out for the children in 2011.

Congratulations



To Caroline who has given birth to a beautiful baby boy:

Will Michael

Congratulations from us all.

Dance in a Bag 0-2s Room

Come along and learn new ideas exploring music and movement through dance. Dance in a bag is a four week course starting on Monday 7th March and continuing over the next three Mondays.

Dance in a bag will also be part of baby play Mondays on the above dates from 1.45 – 2.45. See leaflets in reception for more information.

Book of the Month

We're going on a bear hunt



Celebrating Equality and Diversity

This month staff and students attended equality and diversity training, part of which included African drumming, taste testing and looking at resources. From this training, nursery have now invested in two new jamborees for the setting and we will be trying lots of new fruits at snack time.



This year we have already celebrated Chinese new year and we will be celebrating lots more festivals throughout the year including Easter, harvest, Eid, Divali and world food week etc. During these celebrations we will be enjoying many activities. If any parent/carer feel they may be able to help us celebrate these events or any other not mentioned by passing on ideas and knowledge about them, it will be very much appreciated. Our Equal Opportunities Co-ordinators for the setting are Emma in the 2-5s room and Tracey in the 0-2s room

Songs This Term

Head shoulders knees and toes

This is the featured song for this year's Chatterbox Challenge and is an action song which is excellent for communication skills. Action and touching body parts help children give meaning to words they learn.

Planning Wall

We have implemented an interactive planning wall on the parents/carers board located outside the 0-2s and 2-5s rooms. Parents/carers are invited to write their child's interests on the spider graph provided. This will help us plan for children's individual needs and interests.

Compliments or Complaints

If you are happy or dissatisfied with the service we provide, please speak to Claire Ewart, Deputy Children's Centre Manager. If you are still unhappy and feel that your complaint has not been resolved, please contact Marie Reid, Children's Centre Manager on 01422 434006 or write to the following address:

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