



Mulberry Bush Nursery Group

Whitefield Nursery Newsletter

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Staff training

Several staff have recently attended training courses. Sarah Rowley is currently attending an E.N.C.O. (Equalities) course. Sarah Mather is currently attending a five-week S.E.N.C.O. (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) course. Sarah has also been on an E.C.A.T. (Every Child a Talker) training day. This is a new government initiative aimed at extending children's vocabulary and helping them build sentences. Nicola Kenyon and Emma Petricca have attended a 'Music in Early Years' course. Vida Hamidi also attended a 'Lets Play' course.

Charity Event 2009

A big thank you to all the children and staff who made such a great effort on this year's 'SPOTS & STRIPES' charity event. Since we first started fundraising we have raised more than £45,000 for over 40 charities. Last year we raised a combined total of £3,800 for the Good Life Orphanage in Kenya. This year we would like to give further support to the orphanage as well as a local charity called Hurdles. Hurdles is a Bury based, registered charity which supports children and young people who have disabilities and additional needs. By now you will have received a sponsor form so please help us to make this year's event another big success.

Outdoor play

We are looking at how we can enhance our outdoor play space. We have identified a couple of different areas where we could further improve the facilities for the children. If you have any suggestions please inform the office.

Parent's Evening

Parent's Evening was very well attended. Hopefully you enjoyed the evening and found time to chat to your child's key worker to discuss their development. Many parents took the opportunity to look around the rest of the nursery and to meet other members of staff. We appreciate the very positive comments made by lots of parents on the questionnaires that have been returned. We would also like to thank all of our staff for all of their hard work and for making the night a big success, especially after a busy day at work.

Parent observations and interactions

Thank you to all of the parents who have contributed towards the planning process. A good example is a child who didn't particularly like having their haircut. The home corner was then turned into a hairdressers and the children took it in turns to pretend to have their hair washed and cut. Since the activity, the child has almost enjoyed going to the hairdressers! There is now a box inside the nursery entrance, along with a pen and post-its where parents can drop in any observations, suggestions or comments.

Song of the month: Wind the Bobbin up

Wind the Bobbin up, wind the Bobbin up,
Pull, pull, clap, clap, clap,
Wind it back again, wind it back again,
Pull, pull, clap, clap, clap,
Point to the ceiling,
Point to the floor,
Point to the window,
Point to the door,
Clap your hands together, 1, 2, 3,
Put your hands upon your knee!!

Leavers' party

Many of our Pre-school children have been with us from being young babies. Time seems to go so fast and it's hard to believe they'll be off to school in September. We are sure that they will all settle into their new schools very quickly and continue to enjoy their learning experiences. Every year we hold a party for all the children

that are leaving to go to school. This year's party will be held on Wednesday 17th June. If your child does not normally attend nursery on a Wednesday, please drop them off for 2.00pm and come back to collect them at 4.00pm.

Leavers' photograph

We hope you will like the leavers' photograph. It will no doubt become something for your children to treasure in years to come! Your copy will soon be available to buy from the nursery office and costs £9.00. Please pay by cheque only, payable to 'H.Tempest Ltd'. The photographer will be back in nursery to take individual photographs of all the children on Wednesday 7th October 2009, just in time to give out as Christmas presents!

Leavers' dates

If you know which date your child will be leaving the nursery this summer, please let Nicola or Sarah know as soon as possible. This will allow them to amend your Direct Debit and to take into account your two-week advance payment. It also allows us to keep those on the waiting list informed of a possible start date.

Reminders

- During any hot spells of weather please apply suncream to your child before they come into nursery. We will then apply more cream later in the day.
- Whenever possible, please use the nursery car park at the rear of the building. If the car park is full, please park on the nursery side of Stewart Street so local residents are not affected.
- Please do not allow your child to bring toys into nursery. There is a risk they may get lost or damaged and we have lots of toys and equipment in nursery.