

Mulberry Bush Nursery, Walshaw - Newsletter June 2010

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Staff news

Sue and John's daughter, Jo Kinloch, has joined the family business to work alongside her two brothers Paul and Andy. Jo studied law at Cambridge University before working in Hong Kong, London and Manchester as a banking partner in a law firm. After having two young children, who currently attend our Tottington nursery, she has taken the decision to change career and join the family nursery business. Please say hello and introduce yourselves if you see Jo around the nursery.

Congratulations to Sam Foster who was promoted to Deputy of Kindergarten. We wish her well in her new role.

Farewell to Kate Jackson who left to start her maternity leave at the end of April. Kate's baby is due in June.

We would like to welcome two new qualified members of staff to the nursery. Danielle Hensman (NVQ Level 3) has transferred here from our Tottington nursery where she worked for eighteen months and is now based in the Kindergarten unit. Nicola Brooks has a Teaching Certificate and is based in the Preschool unit.

Well done to our employees of the month. Amy Webb was given the award for April and Lisa Milne for May.

Renovations

Our final renovation project has just started. The old boiler room had previously been used a workshop by our caretaker, Frank. The two large water tanks have been removed as well as all of Frank's tools. The sign will be moved and another window installed in order to allow us to convert it into an office for the Joanne, Paul and Andy.

Grand opening

We would like to thank Zoe Robinson, Paralympic Boccia Gold Medallist 2008, for officially opening our new Pre-school building and outdoor play. She very kindly agreed to come in and cut the ribbon and to talk to the Pre-school children about her amazing achievement. The children have learnt about Boccia, the Paralympics and made their own medals to show Zoe.

Charity event 2010

A big thank you to all the children and staff who made such a great effort with this year's pirate themed charity event.

Since we first started fundraising we have raised more than £55,000 for over 40 charities. Last year we raised a combined total of £4,520. We donated £3,000 to the Good Life Orphanage in Kenya and £1,520 to Hurdles, a local children's charity which supports children and young people with disabilities and additional needs. This year we would like to give further support to the orphanage as well as Royal Manchester Children's Hospital Charity. Please return your sponsor forms to the office as soon as you can, in order to make this year's event another massive success. So far we have raised £2010.50!!!

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 and we'll do our best to act on any requests/suggestions made in the questionnaire responses. 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.

Vacancies

The nursery enjoys a very good reputation and as a result there are only limited vacancies in the nursery. If you would like a place for your child's younger sibling please ask Stacey or Sarah for an enrolment form as soon as possible.

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 who are leaving to go to school. This year's parties will be held on Monday 14th June. If your child does not normally attend nursery on a Monday, please drop them off for 2.00pm and come back to collect them at 4.00pm.

Leavers' photograph

We hope parents of children who leave us this summer like your child's leavers' photograph. It will no doubt become something for your children to treasure in years to come. Your copy is available to buy from the office and costs £9.50. Please pay by cheque rather than cash, payable to 'H.Tempest Ltd'. The photographer will be back in nursery to take individual photographs of all the children on 28th and 29th September in time to give out at Christmas!

Leavers' dates

If you know which date your child will be leaving the nursery this summer, please let Stacey 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.

Pram storage

We now have a blue wooden shed to be used solely for the storage of any prams, buggies or car seats. This will help keep the entrances of both buildings tidy and free from any potential trip hazards.

Reminders

During any hot spells of weather please apply high factor sunscreen to your child before they come into nursery. We'll then apply more cream, with a protection factor of at least 30, later in the day. Please do not leave plastic bags on your child's peg. They can be potentially very dangerous. Please place any spare clothes in your child's pumpbag.

Song of the month

I hear Thunder,
I hear Thunder,
Oh don't you?
Oh, don't you?
Pitter-patter raindrops,
Pitter-Patter raindrops
I'm wet through,
I'm wet through.
I see blue skies,
I see blue skies,
Way up high,
Way up high,
Hurry up the sunshine,
Hurry up the sunshine,
I'll soon dry.
