

# Mulberry Bush Nursery, Whitefield - 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.

Well done to our employees of the month. Stacey Ivings was given the award for April and Gemma Hunt for May. Gemma Thomas received the award for display of the month and Carly Tomlinson received it for May.

## 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. Thanks especially to Barrington Biggs for the use of his company's pirate themed bouncy castle ([www.bounce-masters.co.uk](http://www.bounce-masters.co.uk)). 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!!!

## 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 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 parents of children who leave us this summer like the 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 21/09/10 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 Sara or Stacey 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Vacancies

The nursery enjoys a very good reputation and as a result there are very few (if any) vacancies in the nursery. If you would like a place for your child's younger sibling please ask Sara or Candice for an enrolment form as soon as possible.

## 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.

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