

Dear Parents/carers,

**WELCOME BACK!**

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break and had made the most of the warmer weather. The Autumn Term is here again and with it the promise of cooler climes and shorter days.

On behalf of the Happy Hands team I would like to thank the Dads for attending the children's 'Father's Day Coffee Morning' and the parents who also attended the Sports Day on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014. It was a fun day and the sports events were enjoyed by all; for not only did the children participate in the sports day events but so did the dads and mums too!



### TRIP TO ODDS FARM



The trip to the farm proved to be a success as the children had a fabulous fun filled day at the farm. They certainly enjoyed the tractor trailer ride across the farm whilst enjoying the view of the farm animals.

### SPONSORED TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

The sponsored Teddy Bears picnic has raised an amazing amount of £220.00 to help the little boy with cerebral palsy. The children loved showing off their teddy bears and enjoyed lunching al fresco too.



### SUMMER CONCERT

The children's performance for the Summer Concert was enjoyed by all. The children danced, sang songs with actions in Makaton and performed the play based on "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". The older children leaving the nursery to join Reception Class had their graduation ceremony.

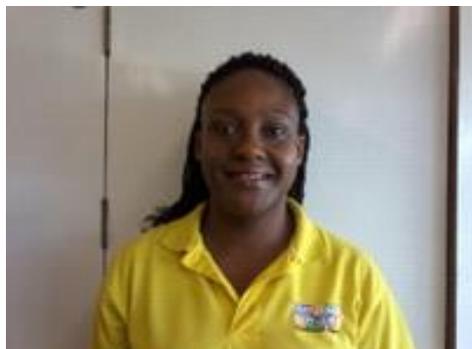


### PARENTS CONTRIBUTION

I would like to thank the parents who have contributed towards the food, drinks and gifts which are truly appreciated and in particular I would like to say a very big thank you to Thomas Hall's parents for supplying the caterpillars and the butterfly hatchery set for the children to enjoy and learn about the life cycle of the butterfly.

## UPDATE ON STAFFING

We are pleased to inform you that we have Ms Evelyn Hammond who has now joined us to replace Ms Meena Sugandha. Ms Evelyn was here last September 2013 until she was moved to the Neasden branch but we are glad to have her back.



Evelyn Hammond (Montessori Practitioner)  
BSc Hons Computer Science,  
Montessori Diploma,  
CAF Lead Professional,  
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## AUTUMN TERM

2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2014 – 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2014

### FESTIVALS & CELEBRATIONS:

- Rosh Hashanah 25/09/2014 (Thursday)
- Eid ul Adha 04/10/2014 (Saturday)
- Diwali 23/10/2014 (Thursday)
- Guys Fawkes Day 05/11/2014 (Wednesday)
- Hanukkah 17/12/2014 (Wednesday)
- Christmas 25/12/2014 (Thursday)

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Parents/key persons consultation week beginning 24/11/2014 (Monday)
- Christmas Concert 11:00am 12/12/2014 (Friday)
- Christmas Party 12:00pm 12/12/2014 (Friday)
- Last day of term 01:00pm 12/12/2014 (Friday)
- First day of Spring Term 2014 05/01/2015 (Monday)

## MONTESSORI - MATHS

Montessori believed that the human tendencies lead one to be mathematical in thought. That is, basic human tendencies such as order, orientation, exactness, repetition, activity, and manipulation of objects, all lead to the development of a mathematical process of thought. “The child perceives, without conscious reasoning, patterns of relationships: things to things, things to people, people to people...The mathematical mind [therefore] is a power to organize, classify and quantify within the context of our life experience” (Helfrich, The Mathematical Mind). Additionally, Montessori believed that this manifests itself naturally within each person. For this reason, the study of mathematics should follow a similar organic process and be considered a natural progression of educational growth. Interestingly, it is no accident that the basic materials of the Sensorial apparatus are based on the quantity of ten. Likewise, the area of Practical Life nurtures the mathematical mind of the child through its precision and order. Furthermore, one can surmise that the entirety of the Prepared Environment is a foundation for the mathematical mind of the child.



Quantifying - Matching quantities to number symbols

Kind regards,

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