

Dear Parents/carers,

WELCOME BACK!

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. The Summer Term is finally upon us and with it hopefully the warmer sunnier weather will follow.

On behalf of the Happy Hands team I would like to thank the mums for attending the children's 'Mother's Day Coffee Morning' on 31st March 2014. Thank you also to the parents who brought in snacks for the Coffee Morning.



MOTHER'S DAY COFFEE MORNING

The children enjoyed having their mums for the morning. They sang songs, danced and had their morning snacks with their mums.

PARENTS INVOLVEMENT

We have been fortunate enough to have some parents come into nursery and volunteer to do activities with the children. Children enjoyed sharing the sessions and activities held by the parents.



We encourage parental involvements at the nursery and look forward to having parent volunteers to participate in activities with the children. Please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can book you in for your volunteer sessions.

The Spring Term went well and children have made good progress in their development. The children took part in many exciting activities such as cup cake decorating for Mothers' day gifts, making Easter baskets and going for Easter eggs hunt in the garden.



(Shows understanding of positions such as under, on top, behind, inside, between etc. by carrying out an action – Early Years Development Matters)

UPDATE ON STAFFING

We are pleased to inform you that we have an additional member of staff who joined us as from the 10th March 2014.

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Early Years Practitioner

Level 5 – Foundation degree



THE ADVENTURES OF FLUFF



Hello!
I have been having
fun spending time
with the children!



FLUFF'S DIARY has been a great success with the children. Most children have had the privilege of taking Fluff home and logging their experiences and photographs in Fluff's diary. Children love sharing their experiences by looking through the diary and discussing amongst themselves about what they did. Fluff will continue to go home with children throughout the Summer Term.

(Uses talk to connect ideas, explain what is happening and anticipate what might happen next, recall and relive past experiences - Early Years Development Matters)

MONTESSORI SENSORIAL WORK

Through work with the sensorial materials, the child is given the keys to classifying the things around him, which leads to the child making his own experiences in his environment. Through the classification, the child is also offered the first steps in organising his intelligence, which then leads to his adapting to his environment. Sensorial exercises were designed by Montessori to cover every quality that can be perceived by the senses such as size, shape, composition, texture, loudness or softness, matching, weight, temperature, etc. Montessori categorised the exercises into eight different groups: visual, tactile, baric, thermic, auditory, olfactory, gustatory and stereognostic.

Montessori saw the importance of the manipulation of objects to help the child understand his environment better. Through the child's work with the Sensorial material, the child is helped to make abstractions, he is helped in making distinctions in his environment, and the child is given the knowledge not through word of mouth, but through his own experiences.

SUMMER WEATHER

- Please note that children may wear cotton shorts, uniform t-shirts and cotton sun hats during the summer months.
- Please ensure children have their sun cream on before coming into nursery.
- Please note that open-toed sandals are **not allowed** as they can cause tripping.

SUMMER TERM

22nd April 2014 - 1st August 2014

Half Term 26th May 2014 – 30th May 2014

DATES TO NOTE

27/05/2014 (Tuesday) - Trip to Odds Farm

16/06/2014 (Monday) - Father's Day Coffee Morning followed by Sports Day.

27/06/2014 (Friday) – Teddy Bears Picnic

14/07/2014 – 18/07/2014 - Summer Term Parents' Consultation

23/07/2014 (Wednesday) - Summer Concert

01/08/2014 (Friday) - Last day of Summer Term

PARENTS CONSULTATION

RE: SUMMATIVE REPORTS – WEEK BEGINNING - 14/07/2014

(Please liaise with your child's key person to arrange for the date and time of consultation.)

Kind regards,

KAMARIAH KAZMI

NURSERY MANAGER/HEAD TEACHER