Early Years Centre
August 2015 Newsletter

Race for Life—July 2015

With our trainers at the ready, staff put on their best pink running outfits and took part in this year’s Race for Life held at Southampton Common to show cancer who is boss! The atmosphere on the day had a strong sense of sisterhood, uniting all women with a common goal, to raise funds to beat cancer. It has already been decided that we will certainly be doing it again next year.

Well Done Jo!

Jo's superb fund-raising effort of braving the 'Head Shave' is now complete. Thanks so much for everyone’s good wishes and support. Jo and her hair are very grateful. The total now stands at just over £1,000! Everyone was so generous and the amounts donated are in aid of such an amazing cause - it is hard to believe that vaccinations against Cancer could be a fact of life in the future.

Staff changes throughout the Centre

At the end of every academic year, management staff review the staffing within each of the rooms. It is good practice for the staff to rotate throughout the groups as opposed to staying within the one team. The structure for the groups from September 2015 has now been decided and all staff have been informed. Please speak to your child’s keyworker to find out if there are any changes and please see the attached staffing structure attached to this email.
Time for yourself ........

Some ad-hoc childcare sessions are available over the Summer for that extra little bit of “me time”. Whether it is for study time, a shopping trip, or simply to put your feet up with a book, we can offer additional childcare sessions as “extras” subject to availability.

To get the strongest chance of obtaining your preferred date, these should be requested at least a week in advance. Fridays are usually a day when space is often available - so what better excuse to take a lovely long weekend!

To book an extra session, simply call us, email or pop in and we will be happy to help you.

For your friends & colleagues not currently registered with us.....

If the stress of the summer holidays is all too much and a break is needed, please pass on the good news! The Early Years Centre can offer a “Summer Holiday Childcare Placement” from one day up to eight weeks (subject to availability). Selected sessions are currently available for all age groups up to 5 years old.
News from Babies......

From the beginning of September, we will be losing Emily and Shahpiray from our Babies' team. They will be joining the Tweenies team and, although we will be very sad to lose them, they will be a familiar face for all our babies moving up!

Joining the babies' team is Jo from Preschool and Sam Buist who will shortly return from maternity leave. We also have Carolyn as our lunch cover. We are really looking forward to working in this new team and seeing the development within babies! We are also having a new Modern Apprentice starting with us named Kayleigh, who we are looking forward to joining our team!

This month, we are saying goodbye to Hermen, Jessica and Lily-Mae, who are all moving up to Tweenies! We will miss you all but know that you will have a brilliant time in Tweenies.

We also have Emily, Myron, Oliver and Adam joining us this month, we cannot wait to start having fun with you!

We are still trying to take our babies to Major Minors on Thursday mornings, which is a brilliant music and singing group.

During August......

3rd - Bugs and Insects
10th - Nursery Rhymes
17th - Under the Sea
24th - Jack and the Bean Stalk

The weather cannot seem to decide what it is doing at the moment, so can we ask parents to be aware of the weather and provide suitable jackets, hats and apply sun cream where applicable; we try to go on our daily walks as well as into the garden!

We have not had any illnesses to report in Babies, but can we please remind parents of our sickness policy which says that if your child has had any sickness or diahorrea they cannot return to the Centre until 48 hours after they have last been sick./had a case of diahorrea.
What is happening in Tweenies' this August?

We have Daniele, Lauren Keable, Katrina and Nina joining our team from the first week of September. Emily, Danielle and Nicky will leave us to join Tweenies. Lauren has printed out letters to notify parents of any changes to their child’s keyworker,

We welcome Macey-Mae, Hermen, Jessica, Maxence, Isis, Youcheng, Lily-Mae is off to Tweenies we are excited to have fun times ahead with you! We say goodbye to Kalei, Aran, Ariya, and Jack who will be moving upstairs to Toddlers! We know you will have lots of fun!

We enjoy Major Minors on a Thursday morning. Please make sure you bring your child in before 10:30am, so they can join in with the Major Minor fun!

Themes for the month ahead:

3rd - Messy Week
10th - The Beach
17th - Under the Sea
24th - Under the Sea
31st - Children’s Interests

Week beginning 3rd August we are doing messy week, Tweenies are becoming artists with their hands, feet and body! Please bring them in clothes you don’t mind getting messy as we will be having lots of fun!

Please can parents refer to the Tweenies white board to keep updated with any supplies your child may need.
What is happening in Toddlers?

We would like to thank all parents who came along to our Garden Party and contributed with party food. All the children and staff enjoyed the afternoon and we have lots of photo’s which can be seen displayed on the doors leading to the Toddler room.

Toddlers would like to welcome **Izzy, Jack, Aran, Ariya, Kalei, Lily, and Seo** to the group this month. We hope they enjoy their time in Toddlers. We are sad to say good bye to **Jenny, Jacob, Abigail, Alfie, Olaya, Hour, Abdul, Abdullah, Beatriz, Noryar, Kaughtar Ammon, Robin**, and we wish them all the best for their move to Pre-school.

On a very sad note we say goodbye to our beloved member of staff Charlotte who has worked at the Centre for two and half years. We would like to wish her all the best as she sets out to start her teacher training in a nearby school. She will be greatly missed.

**August will see us focusing our learning on:**

3\(^{rd}\) August – The Ocean– Under The Sea Creatures.

10\(^{th}\) August- Colours and shapes

17\(^{th}\) August- Safari

24\(^{th}\) August- Our World

We would also like to add that if any parents are thinking about toilet training we have a hand out on out parent board with help and guidance. Please see a member of staff for more details.
What is happening in Pre-school?

We are losing quite a few children this month who are having a long nice break before school; Hadeel and Ajee, Thomas, Hana, Andrew, Mimi, Faith, George, Isabelle, Ewan, Athirah, Isobella, Iman, Hannah, Stella, Adelene, Zimia, and Gleb.

We also have new children starting and have Artin, Abigail, Jenny, Beatriz, Abdullah, Hour, Kaughar, Norayar, Amon, Alfie, Abduall, Anna, Robin, and Olaya moving up from Toddlers; Welcome to Preschool!

Talking Tots has now finished for the Summer.
Fit Kids will continue to run over the summer and if numbers allow we will take all the children over in one group.

Themes for this month:
3rd—People Who Help Us
10th—Circus
17th—Countries
24th—Prince & Princesses

Preschool will be having a visit from the Police in the first week of August and this normally involves a little talk from the Policemen about looking after themselves followed by a dressing up session….last year the children were able to sit in the police car! Children in Preschool will be also be creating Princess and Superhero invitations for their party, making their own party crowns, playing ‘Kiss the Frog’, painting their nails, making Superman cuffs, food tasting, and looking at the different countries’ flags……..
Lots to do and learn this month!

Reminders: Please label tea boxes.
Bring in a spare set of clothes for your child.
Sun cream to be applied before your child's session.
Please try to remember to close the garden gate when leaving the garden!
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**Top tip for the month is:**

Praise your child for even the small things they achieve!

Praising a child's effort, known as process praise, "sends the message that effort and actions are the sources of success, leading children to believe they can improve their performance through hard work,"

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**Contact Information**

We need to be able to contact you in case of an emergency. Therefore please can you ensure that we have your correct contact details registered for you here at the Centre.

If your details change please keep us updated too! 😊