Work carried out at the Centre: UPDATE

As you may be aware the contractors were very busy over the Easter closure.

The front entrance has been closed off while they undertake major work to enlarge the entrance with the temporary entrance now in place. They have started to take out the large cupboard in the downstairs kitchen to open up the space for our fish tank.

The painting in the corridors and stairwells has continued and the majority of walls are now pale green with darker green doors. This work will be finished off over the coming weeks.

New pegs were installed for the children’s coats and bags. These will be finished with new name labels within the next couple of weeks, in the meantime please accept our apologies for any confusion caused by “mobile” pegs.

The carpet fitters also made the most of the closure laying new vinyl in the entry hallway and hallway to the garden and carpet through the rest of the corridors and stairs.

From Monday 4th April please keep a look out for the murals which will be added to the stairwells at both ends of the building. They will add a lovely burst of colour to the stairs and provide the children with lots to look at.

Finally, we would like to say thank you to all of our parents for their continued patience while the work is being carried out. As you can see from the work that has been completed, the Early Years Centre is already looking brighter and more welcoming to all.

Where Do The Children Grow?

When you see a smiling face
Their happiness all over the place
Singing, laughing, cries of glee,
Come they say, Play with me
The slide, the swing, the monkey bars.
Look at them close to see who they are.
Lots of races, Ready, Set, Go.
This is how the children grow.

If you watch them everyday
You’ll see they learn as they play
They’ll do what they see, and say what they hear.
You’re their teacher throughout the years.
Their ideas and thoughts in their eyes shine.
Imagination is a glimpse of their mind
When you’re not looking, don’t you know
This is when the children grow.

Watch them as they learn to walk
Listen to them when they talk
Keep them safe, away from harm
Wrap them gently within your arms
Teach them to share and how to take turns.
Set good examples from which they will learn.
At home, at school, wherever they go
This is where the children grow.

Could all parents please fill in the ‘All About Me’ page on Tapestry. The keyworkers will find this information very helpful when planning activities for your children.

We have had some cases of sickness and diarrhoea throughout the Centre. We have thoroughly sterilised the rooms so please make sure that your child doesn’t attend the Centre until 48 hours after the last time they were sick to prevent it from spreading.
News from Babies...... Jo is moving to Tweenies after Easter. Lucy and Rebekka will take on her key-children. If you have any enquiries or concerns please speak to Lucy or Rebekka. We are sad to see Jo go but we’re sure she will be just as amazing in Tweenies as she has been in the Baby room!

Pelumi and Florence are moving up to Tweenies this month, the baby room will miss them but we are sure they will both love it! We are welcoming Najla to the baby room!

We have been playing lots with the gloop and made lots of spring paintings including some Daffodils for our latest display. You may have noticed that we have rearranged the base room and created a new book corner for the children.

Some of our younger babies have been practising their sitting up and tummy time and are doing very well!

4th - Nursery Rhymes
11th - Colours
18th - Teddy Bears Picnic
25th - My Home

As one of our themes this month is Nursery Rhymes we will be doing lots of singing and playing with instruments.

We will be doing body painting with lots of bright colours.
What has been happening in Tweenies?

Vicky is leaving Tweenies to go up to Pre-school, this will come into effect after Easter. We will be welcoming Jo from Babies who will be joining the Tweenies team! Jo will be doing Monday and Tuesday full days and Wednesday mornings.

This month we say a warm Tweenies welcome to Florence, Pelumi, Si-Rae, Srishti and Joseph. We look forward to the fun times ahead with you all!

We sadly say goodbye to Harvey, Lila, Liam, Lilia, George Z, Ishaan and Logan who will all be moving up to Toddlers. We hope you all have fun exploring in the big garden!

On St Patrick’s day we enjoyed painting our Shamrocks and even Bertie dressed up for the occasion!

We have been enjoying making Easter creations for our parents and making yummy rice crispy cakes for them to enjoy. We also enjoyed finding rabbits hidden in the Easter rice.

Week beginning:
- 4th April- Spring
- 11th April- Zoo
- 18th April- St George’s Day
- 25th April- Teddy bear picnic

On Thursday 28th April we are going to have a Teddy bear’s picnic, weather permitting it is planning to be outside, if not it’ll be in the kitchen! Please look out for a food list nearer the time.

We are in process of collecting things to decorate our garden with, if you have any clear bottles with lids hanging around at home, please bring them in!
What is happening in Toddlers?

Lauren has now left on her maternity leave and Cheryl is moving to Pre-school from the week commencing Monday 11th April.

We say farewell to Digby, Henriette, Lena, Sinan, Aboodi, Thomas, Aadnya this month as they make the move to Pre-school.

Joining us from Tweenies are Lila, Lilia, Logan, Ishaan and Harvey

Welcome!

Week beginning:

4th April- Spring Animals
11th April- Seasons
18th April- Prince & Princess
25th April- People Who Help Us

On Wednesday 20th April we are having a ‘Prince and Princess’ dressing up day. Look out for posters nearer to the time!

Please can you make sure all your children’s clothes are labelled and please make sure you provide a regular supply of nappies and wipes.

Just a reminder that if your child stays after 4pm you might like to provide a healthy snack e.g. sandwiches, raisins, some carrot/cucumber sticks or fruit. It needs to be a cold snack as we are not able to warm it up.
What has been happening in Pre-school?

Vicky is starting with us on the 4th April and will be working everyday 7.45am - 6.00pm except Thursdays. Cheryl is starting on the 11th April and will be working 8am-1pm Mondays and Fridays, and 7.45am -6.00pm Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

New starters:
Aboodi, Sinan, Emma, Digby, Lena, Henriette, Thomas, Aadhaya.

The month ahead sees us having a ‘Pirate’ dressing up day where children will pretend to walk the plank!

Week beginning:
4th April- People that Help Us
11th April- Reptiles and Frogs
18th April- Circus
25th April- Pirates

Sports Day - Tuesday 14th June 2pm
School Leavers Farm Trip - Friday 1st July
Graduation - Tuesday 1th July 2pm

Common Room—New room changes
We will be using the new room from the 6th April taking 16 children in at any one time. After much planning and preparation, new resources have been purchased to create this new learning environment.

For the first few days we will spend time talking to the children about how we will look after the room and think about the way to behave when using it. Staff will actively model to the children through interactions in play how to use the resources properly. This will serve to provide children with a stimulating and purposeful learning environment.

We will think about the life cycle of the frog.
Get collecting!
28th January - 3rd May 2016

Now's the time to collect vouchers for sports and cooking equipment. Since 2005 Sainsbury's have donated £160 million worth of equipment and experiences to schools and clubs across the UK.

Active Kids vouchers can be collected from 28 January until 3rd May 2016 at all Sainsbury's stores, petrol stations and when ordering groceries online. **Please donate your vouchers to us!**

By exchanging them for an exciting range of active and cooking equipment, and experiences, we can support children to eat well, move well and live well.

Please place your vouchers into the collection box situated just in front of the parent noticeboard. Thank you!
ECAT Top tip for the month: April 2016

Offer your child choices throughout the day? E.g. ‘Would you like your teddy or your car?’

If parents and practitioners keep this in mind, it will help the child to learn more words and get them to respond in the way that you would like!

We will be raising our children to be experienced decision makers and independent thinkers. They will be more confident and able to meet the challenging decisions ahead. We might even reduce some of those everyday battles along the way!