

Early Years Centre

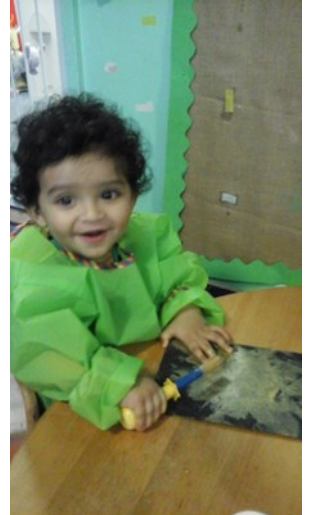
February 2016 Newsletter

News from Babies.....



This month Aseel, Alexandra, Sebastian, Jaya and Akonda are moving to Tweenies. We will miss them but we know they will all love the Tweenies room! We are excited to welcome Dhanvi, Lore and Simone to the baby room!

The new babies have settled very well.



Over the last month we have been painting, and the older babies have been using the paintbrushes a lot more.

We decorated nursery rhyme pictures, it was lots fun!



And.....messy play with peas!! It was great!

Themes for February;

1st February - Disney

8th February - Chines New Year/ Valentines

15th February - Jungle

22nd February - Sensory Week

29th February - Mothers Day

We are planning to do a lot of musical activities and dancing this month.

What has been happening in Tweenies?

You may have noticed a new face within the Tweenies' team. We would like to introduce you to Vicky! She is a full time member of staff and will have Thursday off.

This month we say a warm Tweenies welcome to Anas, Poppy, Aseel, Jaya, Akonda, Sebastian and Alexandra we look forward to the fun times ahead with you!

We say goodbye to Serene who will be leaving the Centre; we will miss you!

For the past month we have been getting the children into their routine again after having a nice break off for Christmas. We have been doing messy play as we know the children love it.



1st February- Valentine's Day

8th February- Chinese New Year/Pancake Day

15th February- Under the Sea

22nd February- Under the Sea

29th February- The Farm

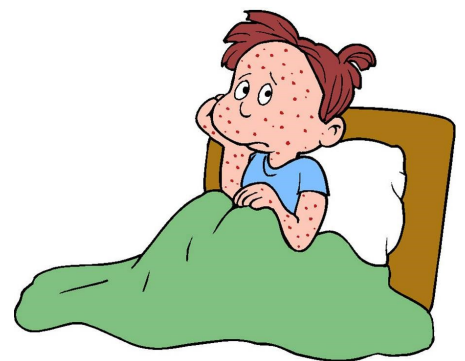
We're going to be spreading the love in Tweenies' and making valentine's cards for our mummy's and daddy's to enjoy. We are going to celebrate Chinese New Year and make pancakes on Shrove Tuesday! Yum Yum!

****MISSING****

A pink and multi-coloured hand knitted hat is missing in Tweenies! Please can parents check it hasn't gone home with them by mistake, thank you!

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!

We've had a small outbreak of chicken pox within the Tweenies' room.



We enjoy **Major Minors** on a Thursday morning. Please remember to bring in your child before 10:30am if you would like them to participate.

What is happening in Toddlers?

The Toddler team would like to welcome the following children to the room; Aboodi, Jibreel, Asim, Elise, Dinis and William.

Throughout the past month we have enjoyed our 'Colour Week' where we have been playing with gloop and shaving foam. Fit kids returned on the 26th

January 2016.

In February, our themes are the Chinese New Year, Valentines Day, The Dentist and Healthy Eating. We will be reading 'The Gingerbread Man' story.

Our planned activities include a Chinese tea party where the children will be able to look at and taste a variety of foods to try. They will also bake their own Gingerbread men.



Please can we remind all the parents because of the cold weather to provide hats, gloves and scarfs; with their names on.

If your going to bring your child in late can you ring up and late us know so we know to save them a lunch.

We have recently had an outbreak of head lice so we remind you to please check your child's hair.



What has been happening in Pre-school?

Welcome to Dimitrios, Hollie, Maryam, Victoria, and Shun!

Themes for February:

1st February - Chinese New Year

8th February—Valentines /Pancake Day

15th February—Animals

22nd February—Transport

29TH February— Mothers Day

We will be.....

Chinese food tasting

Making Chinese fans

Making Chinese lanterns

Learning a popular dance and acrobats from China. The children will practice dancing with ribbons.

Angel delight play

Making heart biscuits

Mother's day cards

Pot a plant

Phonics for February:

V, W, X, Y



Reminders

Please label children's clothing and tea boxes so that if they do go "walkies" we can return them to you.

If you want your child to have breakfast they need to arrive before 8.30am.

The children's trays are full of their art pieces! Please remember to take artwork home.

Monday mornings now mean 'Pyjama Drama' ...!!
A great drama activity club for our pre-schoolers.

Notes from the "Front Office"
Time for yourself.....

We would just like to remind all our parents that some ad-hoc childcare sessions are available over the coming months for that extra little bit of "me time".

This is particularly possible Tweenies & Toddlers. Whether it is to catch up with your studies, a lazy lunch with friends or simply to put your feet up with a book, we can offer additional childcare sessions as "extras" subject to availability.

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, or to add a permanent change to your child's booking pattern simply email us on eycentre@soton.ac.uk and we will be happy to help you.



The Students' Union's 'Laughter Lounge' upcoming events:

To be held in The Bridge at the Students' Union:

Doors open at 7pm for all evenings.

Standard tickets cost £6 or, for tickets plus nachos, £8.

COMEDY TRAINED CENTRAL PRESENTS
the **LAUGHTER LOUNGE**

GET YOUR GIGGLE ON
IN THE BRIDGE

30TH JANUARY WITH
JOSH WIDDICOMBE
PLUS IVO GRAHAM
& ADAM VINCENT (MC)

4TH FEBRUARY WITH
ANDREW O'NEILL
PLUS BOBBY MAIR
& IAIN STIRLING (MC)

18TH FEBRUARY WITH
ANDREW RYAN
PLUS GEORGE LEWIS
& LLOYD GRIFFITH (MC)

3RD MARCH WITH
BIRTHDAY GIRLS
PLUS TOM LUCY
& JOHN HASTINGS (MC)

17TH MARCH WITH
TOM RICHARDSON
PLUS JENNY COLLIER
& MAFF BROWN (MC)

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ECAT Top tip for the month: February

Say your child's name before you communicate with them.

This is important because your child might not know you are talking to them if you aren't looking at them.

Your own name is music to your ears. Our children are no different, plus it helps to get their attention before delivering your message.

For example...

“George, please go and get.....”. Young children can often only concentrate on one thing at a time. Call your child's name until you have their attention before you speak. Eg “Helen”. (Wait until she stops kicking the ball and looks at you.) “Lunch will be ready in ten minutes”.

