

23rd January 2017

Happy New Year Everyone and many thanks for all the lovely gifts and good wishes we received over the Christmas period. We hope you all had a lovely break.

Projects

Pre-school children are continuing with their **animal** and **shadow theatre** projects which started in September and which continue to engross and challenge their thinking. Younger pre-school children are taking part in 2 creative projects- **Language of food** and **Here come the dinosaurs**. Both projects have come from children's interests and already creative activities have started. Our younger infants are involved in 3 projects this term which again have emerged from their daily interests, such as **the body**, **the big bang theory** and **who am I**. More news on all these projects will be given during this term.



A Winter Painting,
By Naomi, Aged 3

Trips

We are in the process of arranging and organising local trips around Sutton and to the Erdington library, and the train station. All trips are focused around children interests and projects. Hope to have more details soon.

Emails

As well as receiving our lunch/tea menus, more information such as newsletters, project up dates, visitors, up coming trips and general reminders will also be emailed. If you have any further suggestions or questions, please see Surbjit or Donna.

Environments

We have just recently finished making big changes to our side garden, by adding new and challenging resources based on children's ideas and thinking. We are also in the process of making changes to the learning environment- the garden room, where most of the ideas have generated from our infants in how the play and utilise the space around them. If you would like more information or would like to see both environments, please ask a member of staff.



Autumn spiced playdough,
By Dev, Aged 2

Parent Workshop

Please let us know if you would like to arrange to join us for a session. Parents often come and work with a member of staff to help with a variety of activities including cooking, gardening, story or art. Some parents just want to observe their child at play. There is no obligation but we all get so much out of it in terms of information and fun. I know it's hard to fit all we'd like to do in our busy schedules but it really is worth the effort. Just speak to a Surbjit or Donna for more information and /or arrange a visit.

Security Reminder

Please **don't forget** to sign **in and out** when dropping or picking up your child as the register is used for our fire drill practises. Also announce clearly on the intercom who you are and who you have come to collect when you arrive outside each day. Please don't open the door to other parents, as senior staff needs to control entries and exits.

Parking

Please ensure when parking that you take note of the restrictions in operation outside the nursery. In particular, you are prohibited from parking directly outside where there are zigzag lines or in the nursery car park if any part of your car overhangs the pavement. The police do make occasional checks.



A Winter painting,
By Mason, Aged 4

Reminders

- Please remember to leave **all toys** at home, as we have very young children at the nursery. Some toys can be a choking hazard and can be a source of conflict. Children can bring in books to share at group times.
- With the cold weather, it's very important that you **label all** your children's clothes. This includes jumpers, T-shirts, hats, gloves, scarves & coats. Also don't forget to **label** jumpers, which you have purchased through the nursery.

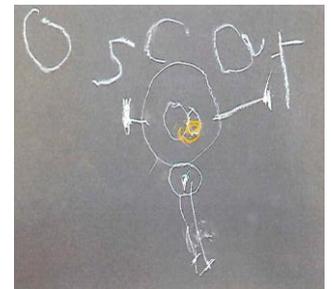
Celebrations

We have quite a few celebrations this term:

January	Chinese New Year
February	Valentines Day
March	St David's Day - National Day for Wales St Patrick's Day - National Day for Ireland Hoil - Hindu Spring Festival Vaisakhi - Sikh Festival Mothers Day World Book Day
April	Easter St George's Day - National Day for England



Snowman chalking,
By William, Aged 4



Snowman chalking,
By Oscar, Aged 4

If we haven't included any festivals you like to celebrate let us know and we will add them to the list.

Dates

Half Term - Nursery Closed for Grant places
End of Spring Term Grant Places
Training Day - Nursery Closed
Good Friday - Nursery Closed
Easter Monday - Nursery Closed
Summer Term - Start Date for Grant Places
May Bank Holiday - Nursery Closed

Mon 20th - Fri 24th February
Friday 7th April
Thursday 13th April
Friday 14th April
Monday 17th April
Monday 24th April
Monday 1st May