



Why Do You Play So Much?

Have you been wondering why your child always seems to be playing instead of working in our nursery.

It's because play IS the work of a child!

Research has shown that play is the most effective way to teach preschoolers.

Here are some of the things we are learning

Social Skills like sharing & self control

Fine Motor Skills to prepare us for holding writing tools

Gross Motor Skills like coordination & balance

Creative Expression & Taking Pride in our Work

Literacy Skills like book care and recognizing familiar words

Math Skills like counting, sorting & comparing

Science Skills like constructing, experimenting & observing

Rest assured - your child is learning AND having fun!

Move, Move, Move...

Over the last two weeks we have had a very smooth transition run. Lots of changes for you as a family and new staff faces. The children are doing really well, in fact brilliantly, and are settling well in their new thriving environments but we do worry about some of our parents faces on the early morning drop. So on that note please do not hesitate to come and chat to one of us for any reassurance needed or just the obvious.....'Who's looking after my child today?'

And here comes another!

Take 2 here comes the second newsletter and before you know it Easter will be here. So don't forget if you need the odd extra session book in early! Too many Bank Holidays so just a little reminder we are closed on the below dates.....

Closed Friday 19th April & Monday 22nd April

Closed Monday 6th May

Closed Monday 27th May

Recruitment Updates... The Mat Leave Team are coming backSoon !!!! Siobhan , Dionne and the fabulous Jenna!!!!

Team Updates

A big thank you as we say goodbye to....



Ellice who will be joining a childcare setting closer to home



Karen who is leaving due to personal circumstances



Lauren who will leave 26th April to pursue other paths in childcare

Rock Your Socks

For World Down Syndrome Day



Thank you so much to everyone who baked cakes, bought cakes and made a donation. We raised a magnificent £152.48 for a local Down Syndrome charity 21plus (21plus.org.uk)

21.03.2018
World Down Syndrome Day
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Need to know, Need to do!

Siblings - If you are thinking of registering your little ones, you need to get your skates on as places are filling fast! Please ask for a registration form.

Leavers - We are slowly approaching our Summer term when so many of our big boys and girls will leave us. Please could you let us know by 19th April your child's intended leave date otherwise we will automatically put in the predicted leave date as 31st July to ensure your last invoice is correct.

Sun Cream & Hats - The sun has finally got his hat on, hooray! That means it's now time to bring in a sun hat and sun cream (MUST not contain nuts due to allergies) for your child. Don't forget to label them!

Accounts - Just a little reminder that monthly fees are due by 5th of every month !!

Learning & Development

(Birth to 3 matters & Foundation Phase is our curriculum guidance)

What an awesome month we've had....

Life & Kids

Quote of the Month...

The key to making a book interesting for both of you is to let yourself go! Do the voices, make the noises. Your child will love it!



Did you know?

Reading is a skill not a natural talent. To learn any skill children need opportunity, support & time.

Preschool - There are so many great benefits from water play. Not only does it help with gross motor skills, water play also helps with academic learning. **Science**-learning about floating & sinking and seeing that different objects can sink and float. **Maths**-learning about measuring a certain amount of water into a bucket, more and less by filling one bucket with more water and one bucket with less water. Water play also encourages **creativity**. The children are able to pretend and use their imagination, while playing with the water. Water play is a lot of fun and has so many wonderful developmental benefits for your child.



Babies
-Beginning to be a mini Picasso already!

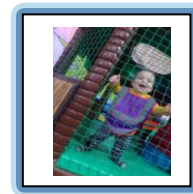
Babies
-Opportunity to delight in sensory exploration



Providing assistance in a way that does not disrupt the babies flow of thinking

Infants
- Toddlers are socialable using a variety of ways to gain attention

Infants
-Developing physical skills to make social contact



Acquiring social confidence & competence

Juniors
- Learning how plants grow
Sunlight
Water
Soil

Juniors
-Choosing flowers based on colours & smells



Healthy Choices
-Being able to make decisions

Foundation Phase - Have been practising their writing skills using red paint and carrots. It's important to recognize that handwriting is made up of so many areas.

TASKBOOKS...Due to lots of conversations and chats we are slowly going to introduce these. Pre-writing skills are essential for a child to be able to develop the ability to hold and move a pencil fluently and effectively and therefore, produce legible writing. The first edition is All about Me!! Every child will complete this and then an assessment will be made as next steps. Occasionally you will have a weekend sheet to complete!!




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