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Oxhey Early Years Centre

# Newsletter - 13th March

Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, Friends and Families



I would like to extend, once again, my apologies for any inconvenience due to the closure last Thursday. Affinity Water were dealing with a burst water main on Thorpe Crescent and advised closure as they were unable to tell us when our water supply would return. Thankfully it was back by early evening so we were able to open on Friday. Those 'afternoon' children who missed the special dance/music workshops inspired by the Festival of Holi will be able to participate on the afternoon of Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April. We know the children who attended Don Rae's workshops in the morning had a great time.

We wish a Happy Holi to those families celebrating this colourful festival today and Happy St. Patrick's Day to those families celebrating on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**Parent Consultations** begin next week - please book a slot with your key person or complete the sign-up sheet outside your room

Please remember the online Nursery Admissions closes at the end of this week (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March). If you are still unsure how this works please call in to the office.

The Learning Overview and weekly rhyme is emailed separately  
Have a good week.

Rachel Fagan, Head of Centre



## Dates of forthcoming celebrations and events for your diary:

**Hindu Festival of Holi**

**On-Line Nursery Admissions CLOSSES**

**Blue/Purple Room Parent Consultations**

**Orange Room Parents Social Evening (6 - 8pm)**

**Comic Relief- Red Nose Day**

**PA Coffee morning**

**Easter Cake Bake Sale - organised by the PA**

**Last day of term for Nursery School & Term-time only Daycare**

**Good Friday - Bank Holiday - ALL ROOMS CLOSED**

**Easter Monday - Bank Holiday - ALL ROOMS CLOSED**

**ALL ROOMS OPEN**

**Duck Egg Experience**

**Mon March 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**Wk. beg. 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

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**Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March**

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**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> April**

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**begins Tues 25<sup>th</sup> April**

## Parent Governors Needed

We have 2 vacancies for parent governors of the maintained nursery school (Blue and Purple Rooms) Please see the information below:



Are you interested in being a School Governor?

OEYC is made up of a maintained nursery school and a day care provider.

The Maintained Nursery School has a governing body that acts as a "critical friend" to the Head and Senior Leadership Team.

Our governing body is made up of 4 parent governors, 4 co-opted governors, a staff governor, the Head of Centre and a local authority governor.

We currently have 2 vacancies for parent governors.

What is the time commitment?

The minimum commitment is to attend 1 evening meeting per half term, (usually lasting 2 hours) and you would also need to commit time to reading the papers in advance of these meetings.

You are encouraged to visit the Centre once a term to observe us "in action" and would be given a theme for your visit linked to the Centre Development Plan.

Do I get any training?

The Centre subscribes to Governor training run by the local authority and you can attend training on a variety of subjects at no cost to you. You will be asked to attend a one day Governor Induction training within the first six months of becoming a Governor.

What to do next

Please contact Rachel, the Head, either by speaking to her when you are dropping off or collecting or by email at: [head@oeyc.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@oeyc.herts.sch.uk) or on the phone 01923 330300 option 5.

People with experience in finance/ accounting or people with links to the local community or with experience of working for large organisations such as the NHS, a county council, a big multinational, a large charity would all have skills and expertise that would benefit OEYC.



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### **Bookstart vouchers**

Please note that if you received a £1 voucher with your book last week, they can be spent at the next Scholastic Book Fair here at the end of April even though it states on the voucher they must be used by the 26<sup>th</sup> March in stores.

### **Sainsbury's vouchers for schools**

Sainsbury's have now started up their **Active Kids** voucher scheme again. We welcome any vouchers you collect. There is now a box in reception for these. Thank you to everyone who has already put their vouchers in. The more we collect the more equipment we can get for your children.



### **News from the Parents Association**

#### **Parents Association Whatsapp group**



Interested parents will get information about our upcoming events and how they can support us (it's not just about turning up to meetings!). Ask in the office about adding your phone number to our group.

### Coffee Morning - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March - 9.30am - 11am

We will be holding another Coffee morning in the Rainbow Room on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March to coincide with the Early Play and Learning session. Please do drop in from 9.30am onwards and purchase a cup of coffee/tea and a piece of cake. It will be a wonderful opportunity to take time out and have a chat with other parents. All money raised will go towards the PA funds which put on events such as the Duck Egg Experience (see below), our cultural day and our annual visit from farm or zoo animals.



### Duck Egg Experience



Every year the Parent's Association fund the Duck/Chicken Egg experience that we have in nursery. The children learn so much from watching the eggs hatch and become ducklings or chicks. We need to raise £300 to fund this event, so we have set up a giant golden egg in the hallway. You can make a suggested donation of £1 for your child to stick a jewel on and support this experience. Please ask in the office for your jewel now!

### Summer Fun Day

We need to start collecting donations for the raffle which is to be held on the Summer Fun Day in July. If any parents know of a company that could donate a prize or service as a raffle prize we would be very grateful! Prizes could include: restaurant vouchers, beauty therapies, car services, day out tickets, hampers etc.



### Sponsored Scavenger Hunt



Competition sheets will be coming home with your children soon ready for the Easter Holidays - something fun to do and at the same time help raise funds for special events and for purchasing bikes, scooters, buggies etc.

We hope you have fun collecting treasure and we look forward to seeing your completed sheets after the Easter holiday! Please return sponsorship money and your treasure by **Friday 21st April**.

We are continuing our 'Walk on Wednesday' campaign to encourage everyone to keep fit and enjoy some quality time together. Walk, cycle or scoot to school every Wednesday, then receive a special sticker. It's also a wonderful way for you and your children to stay in tune with the environment and each other. **Switch off your phones for the duration of your walk to avoid distractions and focus on your interactions with your child as you walk!** There are now an increasing number of things to see (and hear and smell) now that spring is approaching



**Hiring our Rainbow Room - Please come and look around this ideal venue**



If you are planning a **children's party** or other **family event** and need to hire a venue, then why not consider our lovely **Rainbow Room**? There is a wonderful outside area included too as well as a small kitchen. This is available at Weekends - both Saturday and Sunday. Alternatively if you or someone you know needs a room for classes such as **Pilates, Yoga, Zumba,**

**Choir, Keep-Fit, Tuition**.....our venue would be ideal. For more information and prices and to book a time to view the facilities **please ring 01923 330300 opt 1 or email at [admin@oeyc.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oeyc.herts.sch.uk)**

**Early Years Club - Play and Learn Every Friday (term time only) here in the Rainbow Room 9.30 - 11. Please use the SCC entrance.**



Do come along with your baby or child. These are drop in sessions (term time only) and only **£2.50 per family per session**, which includes a healthy snack.

Prepared to get messy! Always lots of fun exploratory play - paint, sand, water, soil, pasta.....Great outdoors space too and session finishes with singing and music.

**Very friendly group organised by very friendly staff. For more info. call 01923 330300 opt 1**

To find out all the news and activities available at the **Oxhey Group Children's Centres (Ebury, Sunshine and South Oxhey)** please follow this link [www.pre-school.org.uk/oxhey-group-childrens-centres](http://www.pre-school.org.uk/oxhey-group-childrens-centres)

or call the following numbers: South Oxhey: 0208 428 3591

Ebury: 01923 255054 Sunshine: 01923 254563

Or Email: [oxheygroupcc@pre-school.org.uk](mailto:oxheygroupcc@pre-school.org.uk) or pick up a leaflet from Reception

You can also follow them on Facebook for the most

up to date information about what's going on in the centres!

**Also New at Sunshine Children's Centre - Busy Feet Explorers Music & Movement group Drop in Session £2 per family every Friday Term Time Only 1.30-2.30pm 2 - 5 yr olds Phone 01923 254563 for more information.**

**Volunteers needed**

They are currently also looking for volunteers to help them in a variety of ways, admin, playgroups, maintaining resources.....Volunteering will also help you enhance your CV at the same time supporting a fantastic service.

For more information, please contact Ceres El-Khalifa on 01923 255054

