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Oxhey Early Years Centre

Newsletter - 10th October

Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, Friends and Families,



The weather is now becoming autumnal and the leaves are just beginning to change. Many children have enjoyed bringing in leaves, conkers, pine cones, acorns..... which they have found in their gardens and parks to contribute to our autumn displays and to use in activities exploring seasonal changes and natural resources. Please do take a look at our wonderful displays around the Centre.

Now the weather is becoming colder, please don't forget to send your children in with warm waterproof coats, hats scarves (all named please) and suitable footwear.

Don't forget to read our weekly Learning Overview, sent out separately, with information on what your child has been learning and ways to support their learning at home.

Have a good week

Rachel Fagan - Head of Centre

Dates of forthcoming celebrations and events for your diary:

Macmillan cake morning at OEYC 11am-1pm (see below)

Children's Individual Photos

Half-Term for Nursery School (Blue Room **CLOSED**)

Half-Term for Term Time only Daycare

Scavenger Hunt organised by PA (do at home)

Diwali - Festival of Lights

Voting for Tesco Bags of Help - in local stores

On-line Applications **OPEN** for Reception Class (details soon)

Parent Consultations for Blue and Purple Room

All Rooms - Parent Consultations

PA Meeting 7.45pm here at OEYC

Children in Need - Pudsey Bear (dress up day)

Toy Sale organised by PA

Fri 14th Oct

Wed 19th & Thurs 20th Oct

Mon 24th - Fri 28th Oct

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Half-Term Week

Sun 30th Oct - Thurs 3rd Nov

Begins 31st October

Mon 7th Nov

Week beg: 7th Nov

Thurs 10th Nov (5 - 8pm)

Tues 15th Nov

Fri 18th Nov

Thurs 24th Nov



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL

Tapestry - Online Learning Journal Consent Form

Thank you to those parents in Blue and Purple rooms who have returned their signed consent forms for the Tapestry - on line electronic Learning Journals we are trialling in these rooms. **If you have not returned this please do so ASAP.**

Once all consent forms are in we will be able to decide on a date to "go live" and will inform you in a newsletter or by parentmail.

'Design a Christmas Card'

Thank you from the PA team for all your designs and orders for Christmas cards. Every pack ordered raises £1 which goes towards resources and events for the Centre. We will let you know when your cards arrive for distribution.



Macmillan Cake Morning - Friday 14th October - 11am - 1pm at OEYC



We are holding a 'Cake' morning this coming Friday in memory of Susan Chambers and Jen deCosta - colleagues who sadly passed away in 2015. Staff will be making cakes to sell so please come along between 11am & 1pm and purchase a cake. All money raised will be donated to Macmillan. Please see posters around the Centre or ask in the office for more details.

Pantomime Reminder - A few tickets still available to purchase

If for one reason or another you have not yet purchased tickets for this year's Oxhey Early Years Centre Trip to the Palace Theatre Watford to see the pantomime **Beauty and the Beast** on Friday 2nd December at 2pm - **There are still a few tickets available.**

Thank you to everyone who has already placed an order for tickets for this popular annual event. **Confirmations have been now sent out for these.**



School Photographer



The School photographer will be here next week, **Wednesday 19th** and **Thursday 20th October** to take individual photographs of your children. Please speak to your child's keyperson or other member of staff in the room if your child does not usually attend on that day, but you would like them to come in for their photograph. If you would like to include any siblings in the photos, please also talk to a member of staff in your child's room.

Scavenger Hunt for Half-Term week

The Parent's Association are organising a Scavenger Hunt for half-term week. Competition sheets will be coming home with your children at the end of this week/beginning of next week - something fun to do over the half-term holiday and at the same time help raise funds for purchasing bikes, scooters, buggies,.....

We hope you have fun collecting treasure and we look forward to seeing your completed sheets after the half term holiday! Please return sponsorship money and your treasure by **Monday 7^h November.**



The Next PA meeting is Thursday 15^h November here in the Rainbow Room 7.45pm everyone very welcome

[details to follow](#)

URGENT REMINDERS from Julie Marsh - Finance Officer



Please bring in your child's **Birth Certificate** if you have not already done so **ASAP**. We will take a photocopy of this and return to you straight away. It is a requirement that we must see every child's Birth Certificate in the Centre.

Letters about **Voluntary Contributions** went out in the Welcome Pack to all parents/carers of **Blue** and **Purple** room children. If you have not received one please ask in the Office. These contributions go towards paying for Yoga, Drama and Movement sessions and your child's snack. We request a payment of £25 per child per term - just under £2 per week. You can pay termly, half-termly or weekly - whatever suits you best.

Absences

Please remember to phone the office **before 9am** on the day of your child's absence. If your child is having lunch on that day and you do not report their absence before 9am, a lunch will be ordered and you will be charged for this. Please keep us up to date if your child is off longer than a day.



Please note if your child is off due to diarrhoea and/or vomiting, it is the Centre policy that your child stays at home for at least 48 hours to ensure they are fit and well to return and to minimise the risk of cross infection.

Half-term reminders for Daycare children

Please be aware that if your child comes in for sessions during half-term week - Monday 24th - Friday 28^h October, Bromet School closes for this period so **we will not be able to offer school lunches**. Please therefore provide your child with a packed lunch during this week if they are staying for lunch.

If your child normally attends all-year round but is not going to be attending over this half-term, please let the office know **ASAP**.

We have now started our 'Walk on Wednesday' campaign (inspired by our friendly stegosaurus on the board) to encourage everyone to keep fit and enjoy some quality time together. Make the most of the autumn weather and walk, cycle or scoot to school every Wednesday then collect a special sticker. It's also a wonderful way for you and your children to stay in tune with the environment and each other. **Why not switch off your phones for the duration of your walk to avoid distractions and focus on your interactions with your child as you walk!** You may now see the glorious colours of autumn and the changes to the trees. Collect a few conkers, acorns or leaves on the way to add to our displays in the rooms.



Early Years Club (0-5years old)

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 information call 01923 330300 opt 1



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 option 1 or 2 or email at admin@oxheyearlyyearscentre.herts.sch.uk**

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

or call the following numbers

Tel: South Oxhey: 0208 428 3591 Ebury: 01923 255054

Sunshine: 01923 254563

Or Email: oxhegroupcc@pre-school.org.uk

You can also follow us on Facebook for the most up to date information about what's going on in the centres!



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Many big name stores such as Amazon, M&S, John Lewis etc. have a link from their web page. We would urge everyone to consider using this site and nominating 'Oxhey Early Years Centre' as a beneficiary. It's really easy to use and a great way to credit the Centre at no cost to yourself. Please spread the word amongst family and friends who order online too.

