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Oxhey Early Years Centre

Newsletter - 17th October

Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, Friends and Families,



It certainly feels like autumn is here with all the lovely colours on the trees and the damp misty mornings. Next week is half term break for some so why not try out the PA Scavenger Hunt with your children.

Please remember we are **closed** to term time only School children but open for Day care in half term week.

At the Centre we would like to support you in keeping your children safe when using technology. Please see the E-safety tip below and look out for more in future newsletters.

If you are celebrating Diwali at the end of the month we wish you a Happy Diwali. We would welcome any parents/carers to come in and talk with the children about this event and how their family celebrates it. Please speak to a member of staff in your child's room. Please read the information below and don't forget to keep in touch with children's learning in our OEYC WEEKLY LEARNING OVERVIEW, also emailed to you! This overview gives you **ideas to help your child learn at home**, to build on what is going on here. Following up on ideas explored in Nursery deepens children's learning and makes strong links between home and OEYC helping our children reach their full potential.

Have a good week

Rachel Fagan - Head of Centre

Dates of forthcoming celebrations and events for your diary:

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

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

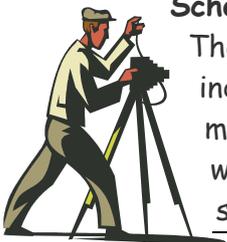
Thurs 10th Nov (5 - 8pm)

Tues 15th Nov

Fri 18th Nov

Thurs 24th Nov

School Photographer



The School photographer will be here this week, **Wed 19th** and **Thurs 20th Oct** 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.

Macmillan Cake Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the 'Macmillan Cake Sale' on Friday. We have made over £400 - an outstanding amount which will all be donated to Macmillan.



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 today, 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 7th November**.

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

TESCO Bags of Help

Help us to gain £12K for our outdoor learning project

UPDATE - voting will not begin in stores until 31st October -

details to follow

Don't be late to apply for school!

If your child was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013, you will soon need to apply for a place in Reception for September 2017

On-line applications will open on Monday 7th November and the deadline will be Sunday 15th January 2016

For more information please visit www.hertsdirect.org/admissions



Colds and flu



We are now in the season for coughs, colds, viruses, temperatures.....Please be reminded that if your child is unwell and has a temperature over 37.5°C then they should stay at home until they are well enough to return. We support the children here to blow noses and dispose of tissues in the bins, wash hands afterwards and put their hands over their mouths when they cough but inevitably germs will pass round. Please

reinforce hygiene rules with your children at home and hopefully some illnesses may be reduced. Please remember to phone the office by 9am to notify us of your child's absence. (1pm if your child only attends in the afternoon).

Lunch arrangements for the October Half-Term holiday

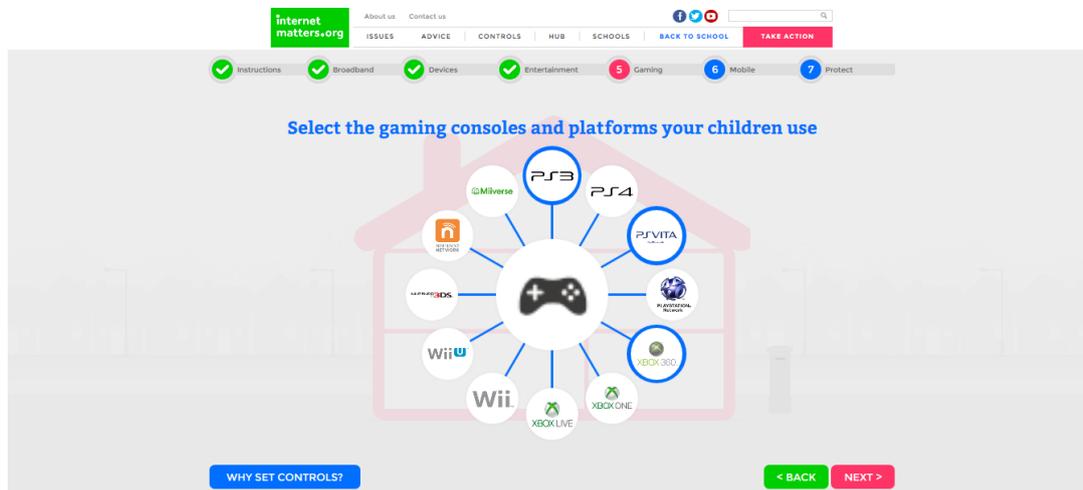
As Bromet School closes for the half-term break we are unable to provide lunch time meals over that period. Therefore if your child attends any sessions starting **Monday 24th - Friday 28th Oct** inclusive and which includes the lunch period, you will need to provide a packed lunch. Many thanks.



E-Safety Tip

Did you know that you can visit one website to set the parental controls on all the devices in your home?

Visit: www.internetmatters.org to do this and find out many more useful tips on how to keep young children and older children safe on-line.



Please remember too there are more tips and information on our website - just follow the link http://www.oeyc.herts.sch.uk/parents_info/esafety.html

URGENT REMINDERS from Julie Marsh - Finance Officer



There are still a number of parents who have not brought in their **Child's Birth Certificate** yet. **Please bring an original copy 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.**

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.

Activities for half-term week



If you are looking for activities/places to visit over the Half-Term week, pick up a copy of 'Raring to Go' from Reception or log onto www.raring2go.co.uk. There are also copies of

'Families NW London' which include events and activities or log onto www.FamiliesOnline.co.uk

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!



The Giving Machine www.thegivingmachine.co.uk



Shopping online and/or for the different festivities coming up? Please sign up - it's easy and free! This is a totally free website designed to benefit a charity you nominate. Every time you shop online (having logged in to The Giving Machine website first) a donation from the shop is given to your chosen charity.

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.

