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Oxhey Early Years Centre

Newsletter - 21st November

Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, Friends and Families



It is road safety week this week, and I would like to thank parents for driving sensibly and safely into our car park and adhering to our car park rules. This is a busy time of the year, coupled with the dark, wet weather so please take the time to log onto the website below to remind yourselves how you can keep safe on the roads this winter and of course keep your children safe too.

Tesco Bags of Help Award

Tesco will let us know at the end of November which amount we have "won". Thanks again for your votes and fingers crossed for one of the higher amounts.

Blue and Purple Room Parents: TAPESTRY Online Learning Journal

We are continuing to receive good feedback on Tapestry. If you have not yet accessed your child's Learning Journal please visit the office and ask Wendy to resend you the link. For safeguarding reasons this link only stays open for 24 hours so any link already sent will have expired.

Orange Room Questionnaires

Thank you for your responses to the Parent Questionnaire. I am delighted to report that 100% of those who responded agreed that their child was safe, making good progress and having their needs met at OEYC. 100% of these parents would recommend our Centre to other parents with children under 5.

We welcome feedback and comments from parents so please complete a comment/suggestion form, available in the reception area, at any time.

We are beginning a very busy season for events so please read the information below. In particular, if you are able to, please book time off work for your child's sing-song at the end of this term. Please speak to a member of staff in your child's room for times and more information.

Please also remember to keep in touch with children's learning in our OEYC WEEKLY LEARNING OVERVIEW (emailed separately).

Have a good week.

Rachel Fagan - Head of Centre



Dates of forthcoming celebrations and events for your diary:

Toy Sale organised by PA (one week)	Thurs 24 th Nov - Thurs 1 st Dec
Panto Trip - Watford Palace Theatre (BLUE ROOM CLOSED)	Fri 2 nd Dec
Chocolate tombola	Tues 13 th Dec
Festive Sing Songs - DO COME ALONG	Tues 13 th Dec
Visit to Elderly neighbours at Eastbury Court for a Sing-Song	Wed 14 th Dec
Parties and visit from Sshhh.....a special visitor	Thurs 15 th Dec
Last day of term for Nursery School & Term Time only Daycare	Wed 21 st Dec
Daycare CLOSED for Christmas holiday	Mon 26 th Dec - Wed 4 th Jan 2017
INSET DAYS - STAFF TRAINING ALL ROOMS CLOSED	Thurs 5 th & 6 th Jan 2017
ALL ROOMS OPEN FOR START OF SPRING TERM	Mon 9 th Jan 2017



Road Safety Week
21-27 November 2016

Road Safety Week 21st Nov

Please log onto the following website for information on staying safe on the roads

www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk

During this week, drivers are being urged to make a pledge to drive **slow, sober, secure, silent, sharp and sustainable.**



Brake have adapted this pledge into a **promise for younger children to understand:**

Slow - I'll help drivers understand that the slower they drive around our homes and schools, the more chance they have of avoiding a crash.

Seat belt - I'll sit in my child seat and/or wear my seat belt on every journey and make sure friends and family do too.

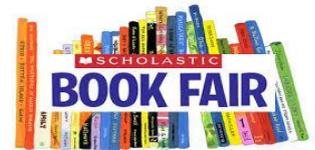
Silent - I'll help whoever is giving me a lift by keeping quiet in the car and letting the driver concentrate on driving

See - I'll use my eyes and ears to look and listen for traffic when walking along the pavement and crossing the road.

Save our planet - I'll walk, cycle or scoot to school if I can, to make me strong and healthy and to help the planet

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone for supporting our book fair last week. You spent **£314.82** which means we are now able to purchase books to the value of **£78.74** for the Centre.



Children in Need - FRIDAY 18th November

Many thanks for all your support for this worthwhile charity. Your generosity was much appreciated and the children looked amazing in their dressing up clothes. We raised an amazing **£108.50**

News from the Parents' Association

Our recent events have been very well supported.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the **Scavenger Hunt**. Every child who took part will receive a certificate and a small gift. We are sure you had fun doing this and you raised **£245** in the process.



Thank you to everyone who took part in the 'Design a Christmas card' event. We made a profit of **£61**.

Our next event is the **toy sale** - scheduled for **24th Nov - 1st Dec**. Please bring in any unwanted good quality toys and books and leave them in sealed bags outside reception. It's a good chance to have a clear out before Christmas and help raise money for the Centre.



Our final event of this term will be a **chocolate tombola** on **Tuesday 13th December** to correspond with the Christmas sing-songs. We will be asking you to bring in something 'chocolatey' with a festive or Christmas theme. More details will follow shortly.

Polite Reminder - If your child has Daycare in the **Blue Room**, please make sure you sign in and out on the Daycare Register situated just outside the **Blue Room**.
Thank you

**Remember
SIGN IN
AND
SIGN OUT
Every day**



Pantomime update - Beauty and the Beast 2nd December at Watford Palace Theatre

Everyone should by now have received their confirmation letter for the pantomime stating how many seats you have reserved and the arrangements for the day. (Please check your child's pigeon hole or

drawer if you have not).

Please meet at the Theatre from 1.15pm where members of staff will be on hand to direct you to the 195 seats we have booked in the **circle**. **The performance starts at 2.00pm**. If your child is having lunch at the Centre on that day, please collect them in good time to get to the Theatre - they should be ready for collection by 12.30 - 12.40 pm.

You do not need tickets - we will hold these and tick you off as you arrive. If you wish to sit with friends please come into the Theatre together. The performance will finish soon after 4.00pm and there will be a short intermission during this. We know you will all have a fabulous time - oh yes you will!!

Please note if you are coming into Watford by car there are a number of car parks nearby. Log onto www.watfordpalacetheatre.co.uk/your-visit/ for more information.

There is also Gade Car park and Queen's Car park nearby. It is a busy time of the year so please be prepared for the car parks to be quite full.

Please also note **BLUE ROOM IS CLOSED** on this day.

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 info. 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 opt 1 or email at admin@oeyc.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: South Oxhey: 0208 428 3591

Ebury: 01923 255054 Sunshine: 01923 254563

Or Email: oxheygroupcc@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.

