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Oxhey Early Years Centre

# Newsletter - 27th February

Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, Friends and Families Friends and Families



It is World Book Day on Thursday and throughout this week we are promoting Book Week. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers (dads, mums, grandparents, aunts, uncles....) to stay and read stories to their children. We know from past years that children really love to have their special adults in to read to them and their friends. If your child would like to come dressed as their favourite book character on this day, they may do so but we are not fully promoting this as we have a dress-up day next week, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March. This links to our visiting performing arts teacher - see below

Happy St. David's Day - *Hapus Dydd Dewi Sant* to

Katherine, our day care manager, and any other families celebrating on Wed, 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Please note the changes to the dates of our Parent Consultations and Orange Room Parent Social evening. These have now been put back a week and are arranged for the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> March not 13<sup>th</sup> March - see below for details.

The Learning Overview is emailed separately - this includes ideas of how to support your child's learning at home and our weekly rhyme.

Have a good week.

Rachel Fagan, Head of Centre



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

**World Book Week (see below for details)**

**Pancake Day - Shrove Tuesday**

**PA meeting (everyone welcome)**

**St. David's Day (Patron Saint of Wales)**

**Cultural Event & Dress up Day (organised by PA) details below**

**Hindu Festival of Holi**

**On-Line Nursery Admissions **CLOSES****

**Blue/Purple Room Parent Consultations**

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

**Comic Relief- Red Nose Day**

**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**

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> February**

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> March**

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**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> March**

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

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

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

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

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

**Tues 18<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 meetings 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.

## **Cultural event and dress up day next week Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

To celebrate the arrival of Spring the PA are sponsoring a day of workshops for the children at the Centre inspired by the Indian Festival of Holi.



**Come dressed in brightly coloured clothes for this event!**

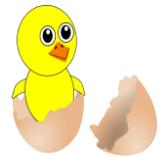
Don Rae, an experienced Performing Arts teacher who has worked around the world and also with schools in the local area and has been to us on 2 previous occasions will be coming in to run a series of workshops for every child to be involved in. They will be based around the Indian Festival of colour and the arrival of spring (Holi). Children will be able to capture and respond to this experience by listening and dancing to Bollywood style music and trying on colourful turbans, scarves and bangles. It promises to be an exciting and exhilarating day - just the thing to banish those winter blues and we are all looking forward to it.

You're invited!

### Other News from the Parents Association

Our next PA meeting is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.45pm here at the Centre. Everyone is very welcome, so do pop along - we are a very friendly group.

To help raise more money for the 'Duck Egg Experience' beginning on the 25<sup>th</sup> April, there is now a cardboard egg on the door in Reception and for every £1 you donate you may choose a gem to put on the egg and receive a sticker in return. This will be there for the duration of this half-term so please have a look and purchase a gem to stick on.



### Fish in Reception

Just to let everyone know we have 2 new fish in Reception kindly donated by Farrell from the Blue Room and his family. Their names are 'Little Ouchy' and 'Big Red'. Can you count how many fish we now have in total?

### 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 (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



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: [oxhegroupcc@pre-school.org.uk](mailto:oxhegroupcc@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!

