

NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School - Nursery

Welcome back - we hope you all enjoyed some fun family time together over half term. We have everything crossed for some of those warmer sunny days now we are back as this half term always seems to be the coldest.



WEEKLY NEWS



To find out what we have been learning about each week, don't forget to visit our Weekly NEWS every Friday afternoon on parentapp. Key messages for parents are shared here.

WRITE DANCE

A few photographs here to show and share what Write Dance looks like in the Nursery. Write Dance is our daily dance program which is designed to develop gross and fine-motor muscle, rhythm, coordination and balance. Every week we learn a new song, dance and then mark make. The dance movements accompany the song lyrics to incorporate a variety of physical actions. Above you can see us with paint, chalks and shaving foam with paint. This half term we extend with colour mixing and tools e.g. pens, chalks, brushes.

TOPIC

Our topics this term are Life cycles and Easter. In our lifecycles topic we will be learning about frogs, butterflies and our own lifecycle. Please do keep the baby photos coming in - the children really enjoy seeing themselves as a baby on display and this makes an excellent talking point.

During our Easter topic we will be going on an egg hunt, creating our own egg repeating patterns and getting those wings ready for our Easter sing-song (see below)



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

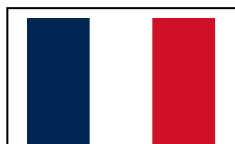
These will be held on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th March. This will be an opportunity for us to catch up and chat about your child's progress and for you to take a look through their learning journey so far. Appointments are 15 minutes long for Nursery age children and so if you think you have anything other than the above to chat about, please do make an appointment at a different time.

END of TOPIC CELEBRATIONS

For both of our above topics, we would love to invite you in to celebrate the end of both. On Friday 28th March, you are invited to come in from 3.30-4.00pm so the children can share their learning with you in the cabin. To celebrate the end of our Easter topic, we would like to invite you in for our Easter sing-song on the steps on Monday 7th March at 8.50am - 9.10am.

FRENCH CLUB

You may have noticed a little French creeping in to their everyday language. Early Years French club runs on Wednesday at 3.15-4.00pm in Red class with Mrs Wilson and Mrs Mander. Please do drop in to the office if you are interested in booking a space.



TIME to CHAT

Communication is so important during this Nursery year so please do catch the grownups who bring the children out with any questions, concerns or worries (however small) you have about your little one. For those collecting at the other times, please do email in to the nursery@ address.

Mrs Mander, Mrs Allen, Mrs Franklin and Mrs Kuriger

INDEPENDENCE

With Physical Development being one of the three *Prime Areas* that we focus on in nursery, we work really hard on making the children as independent as possible when it comes to self-care. All children are now able to find and put on their own coat, fastening the zip and put on their own shoes. They can all find and put on their own waterproofs, hat and boots too. It is amazing how quick they become when they are heading into Play and Explore. Please help support us with this process. We know it is easier to "do it for them" but if you just put your hands in your pocket and let them try, try, try - they will get there! **Resilience** is a core value for our school and it a vital skill for life!