

# July 2019

## Highlights Edition

### Rebecca Cheetham Nursery

# NEWSLETTER



## Nursery Opening Times

Extended day  
8.00am to 5.50pm

Morning place  
8.45am to 11.45am

Afternoon place  
12.30pm to 3.30pm

Charges apply for late collections.

## Attendance and Punctuality

NURSERY TOTAL:

# 90.9%

We take attendance and punctuality very seriously and it is proven that constant absence can be a major disruption to your child's development.

If your child will not be attending nursery, it is essential you contact us on the day and fill in an absence slip on their return to nursery.

We reward children who have 100% attendance at the end of each month. Will your child's name be featured on our poster?

Our 100% attendance children can be found further in the newsletter. We are excited at the great number of children who achieved 100%!

Book prizes are given at the end of the academic year to those children who have fantastic attendance results.

## A warm welcome to our July Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

It's nearly the end of the school year and we are getting ready to say farewell to all our wonderful leavers who will be moving to their new Primary Schools in September. Whilst it is a sad time for us we are also really excited about the next part of your child's journey and thankful that we were able to play a role in that.

We have a lot of exciting news to report on throughout the newsletter and we've added two additional pages to fit it all in and give you lots of wonderful images of some of the fantastic things that have happened at Rebecca Cheetham Nursery and Children's Centre.

Our last *School of Family* Event is on **Thursday 18th July** for Green and Blue Room children; our annual sports day. We sent out a text with a link to our website with the details of the day and we also had paper copies for you. Spaces are filling up fast for parents to join us for the day. It is always a fantastic event and the children have a lot of fun!

Don't forget that the last day for all children is **Wednesday 24th July 2019**. Our **extended day children will return to nursery on Wednesday 7th August 2019** at their temporary home at **Curwen Primary School** whilst our school undergoes some scheduled maintenance work. We anticipate the school works to be completed by the time we return in September ready for the new school year. The **school re-opens** to our continuing children on **Tuesday 3rd September 2019** with our new children following closely behind with scheduled dates they have been given by the front office.

To everyone who is part of the Rebecca Cheetham family, have a safe and fun-filled holiday; be safe and take time to relax and unwind. We have thoroughly enjoyed having you all here and once again we wish our leavers all the very best for their next start in Reception.

## Children who achieved 100% attendance

Tanisha	Bhuvi	Remiel	Falgun
Leila	Eli	Romeo	Aanya
Teodor	Qaylah	Daydad	Nancy
Elizabeth	Layla	Broadie	Anahita
Bella B	Valerie	Elif	Cha-Ace
William C	Kairui	Maya M	Reuben
Ziann	Navarn	Chloe	Cali-Ocean
Jayden	Sofia J	Salma	Kai
Maximillian	Emmanuel	Benedict	Umayr
Nabiha	Teigan-Lei	Anthony	Cairo W
Benjamin	Raphael	Mariana	Hao'er



## Rebecca Cheetham Nursery Children's Centre

We will continue to run Children's Centre sessions over the summer period at Abbey Lane and Stratford Library. Please see below Summer Programme— Remember to book a space on the Educational Visits to ensure that you do not miss out! Bookings can be taken at the front office or by calling 0208 534 3136.

# Summer Programme

Please note: There will be no sessions running at Rebecca Cheetham Children's Centre due to refurbishment.				
To speak to a member of staff for any sessional updates please call 075 2559 2955				
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July		Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July		
Sensory / Heuristic Play (Abbey Lane) Under 18 months 1:30pm- 3:00pm		Messy Play (Abbey Lane) 0-5 years 10:00am- 11:30am		
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	
Stay and Play (Abbey Lane) 0-5 years 10:00am- 11:30am	Mudchute Farm 0-5 years 10:00am- 2:00pm (Booking required)	Transport Play (Abbey Lane) 0-5 years 1:30pm- 3:00pm	West Ham Park 0-5 years 11:00am- 1:00pm	
Week 1				
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> August
Stay and Play (Abbey Lane) 0-5 years 10:00am-11:30am	Mark Making (Abbey Lane) 0-5 years 10:00am- 11:30am	Greenwich Park and Museum 0-5 years 10:00am- 2:00pm (Booking required)	Baby Group (Abbey Lane) Under 18 months 10:00am- 11:30am	Construction Play (Abbey Lane) 0-5 years 10:00am- 11:30am
Sensory Play (Abbey Lane) 0-5 years 1:30pm- 3:00pm			Small World Play (Abbey Lane) 0-5 years 1:30pm- 3:00pm	Abbey Lane Picnic in Park 0-5 years 11:30am- 1:30pm
Week 2				
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> August
Splash Play (Abbey Lane) 0-5 years 10:00am- 11:30am	Stay and Play (Abbey Lane) 0-5 years 10:00am- 11:30am	Thames Barrier Park 0-5 years 10:00am- 2:00pm (Booking required)	Baby Group (Abbey Lane) Under 18 months 10:00am- 11:30am	Newham City Farm 0-5 years 10:00am- 2:00pm
Imaginative Play (Abbey Lane) 0-5 years 1:30pm- 3:00pm	Singing and Storytelling (Stratford Library) 0-5 years 11:00am- 12:00pm		Physical Play (Abbey Lane) 0-5 years 1:30pm- 3:00pm	Transport Play (Abbey Lane) 0-5 years 1:30pm- 3:00pm
Week 3				
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August
Healthy Eating (Abbey Lane) 0-5 years 10:00am-11:30am	SEND Stay and Play (Abbey Lane) 0-8 years 10:00am- 11:30am	Cookies Island 0-5 years 10:00am- 2:00pm (Booking required)	Baby Group (Abbey Lane) Under 18 months 10:00am- 11:30am	Singing and Storytelling (Stratford Library) 0-5 years 11:00am- 12:00pm
Arts and Craft (Abbey Lane) 0-5 years 1:30pm- 3:00pm	Physical Play (Abbey Lane) 0-5 years 1:30pm- 3:00pm		Messy Play (Abbey Lane) 0-5 years 1:30pm- 3:00pm	Mile End Park 0-5 years 10:00am- 2:00pm (Booking required)
Week 4				
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August
No session (Bank holiday)	Messy Play (Abbey Lane) 0-5 years 10:00am- 11:30am	Hampstead Heath Park 0-5 years 10:00am- 3:00pm (Booking required)	Baby Group (Abbey Lane) Under 18 months 10:00am- 11:30am	Singing and Storytelling (Stratford Library) 0-5 years 11:00am- 12:00pm
	Animal Play (Abbey Lane) 0-5 years 1:30pm- 3:00pm		Mark Making (Abbey Lane) 0-5 years 1:30pm- 3:00pm	Bethnal Green Museum 0-5 years 10:00am- 2:00pm (Booking required)

# Fiesta Fun Day

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of you for ensuring our Fiesta Fun Day was a huge success. Every year seems to be even better than the last and this year was no exception.

The day attracted a record number of participants coming through our doors; over **450** joined us for our annual day of fun and frivolity.

We really had something for everyone; from face painting, animal petting, Zumba dancers, student dance performances, tombolo, a variety of fun fair style games, a real live super hero (Spiderman), karaoke, delicious home made cakes and biscuits, food from all over the world and henna amongst other things. The sun was shining and there was lots of musical entertainment from an African drummer and steel pans.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the wonderful team at Rebecca Cheetham who worked an extra long day to ensure the event was a success and who gave all their energy and enthusiasm to make sure all our families had a fabulous time. Special thanks to Subina, our Children's Centre Lead for her amazing coordination of the event and ensuring it's smooth running.

See you all again next year!



HM Government Childcare Choices

## HELP PAYING FOR CHILDCARE

Any **one** of the following schemes...

<p>Age <b>0-11</b> <small>Or up to 16 if disabled</small></p> <p>Get up to <b>£2000</b> per child <small>For working families</small></p> <p><b>TAX-FREE CHILDCARE</b></p>	<p>Age <b>0-16</b></p> <p>Claim back up to <b>85%</b> of costs <small>For working families</small></p> <p><b>UNIVERSAL CREDIT</b></p>	<p>Age <b>0-15</b> <small>Or up to 16 if disabled</small></p> <p>Claim back up to <b>70%</b> of costs <small>For working families</small></p> <p><b>TAX CREDITS</b></p>
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## FREE HOURS OF CHILDCARE

<p>Age <b>2</b></p> <p>For families getting <b>certain government support</b></p> <p><b>15 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE</b></p>	<p>Age <b>3-4</b></p> <p>For <b>all families</b></p> <p><b>15 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE</b></p>	<p>Age <b>3-4</b></p> <p>For <b>working families</b></p> <p><b>30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE</b></p>
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AVAILABLE IN UK  
 AVAILABLE IN ENGLAND  
 For others in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland check [childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://childcarechoices.gov.uk)  
 Speak to your provider about any additional charges that may apply

For full details visit [childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Getting childcare vouchers? Go to GOV.UK to find out more

# Tiny Steps Count and Richard House Presentation



On Tuesday 11th June 2019 we held our Sponsored Toddle which we have rebranded, ***Tiny Steps Count***. 142 people took part in the event and we were blessed with fabulous weather as we took our feet around Stratford Park, culminating in a Teddy Bears Picnic organised by our wonderful partners, the Community Police.

We raised a massive **£1,690.64** for **Richard House Hospice**, nearly £500 more than our target! A huge thank you and congratulations go to our three highest fundraisers; Cairo with £221.25, Leila with £190.00 and Kayleb with £150. The children were awarded with two certificates and a book of their choosing. Those three amazing fundraisers were also given an opportunity to visit Richard House Children's Hospice to present the cheque to the wonderful staff there and have a tour of the facilities. What a fabulous honor that was and what remarkable work the people at Richard House do. We feel so blessed to be able to support local charity right in the heart of our community!

## MORE ABOUT RICHARD HOUSE

“Opened in 2000, Richard House was London's first children's hospice. From the moment a child is diagnosed with a life-limiting, life-threatening or complex health condition everything changes. These changes affect the whole family, which is why we feel it is vital not only to provide care to the child but to support the whole family.

Richard House provides a family-centered, needs led, and outcome based service to ensure that all psychological, physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of our children, young people and families are met.

Today we care for over 300 children from around east London and need to raise £3.5 million to keep and expand the services we provide to life-limited children and their families. Statutory funding covers only a third of our costs, so we rely heavily on the generosity of our donors.”

You can still donate:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/walktoraise-tinystepscount>

# The Tapscott Learning Trust 2nd Annual Awards Celebration

We are thrilled that Rebecca Cheetham Nursery and Children's Centre were the proud recipients of three awards during the **2nd Annual TTLT Awards** held at the Plexal at Here East.

Our first award winner was **Sofia** from Blue Room who took out the **EYFS ENDEAVOUR AWARD**. Sofia received this award for being a confident and intelligent little girl who has grown considerably over her time her with us at Rebecca Cheetham. Sofia came to us speaking both Romanian and Italian but through her engagement with the staff, provision and peers, Sofia has an excellent command of English and can confidently speak all three languages with ease. Sofia is extremely caring and considerate of the needs and feelings of her peers; this is especially admirable when there are new children struggling to settle into the provision, Sofia will console and help them to get involved in the plethora of activities on offer. She never gives up and will keep trying until she achieves what she has set out to do.

Our second award winner was **Noah** from Green Room, winning the **EYFS PROGRESS AWARD**. Noah came into the nursery with no English at all and only speaking Romanian. His progress in Speaking in particular has been particularly impressive and he now speaks confidently in English and has a wide vocabulary. His growing skills in the Prime Areas have been especially notable; he has an extremely friendly disposition which draws other children to him and he has made friends with children not only in his classroom but in the other nursery classroom in the setting. He always comes into school with a smile on his face, eager and ready to learn. His physical development has shown great progress, from his endeavours in the outdoor provision through to his growing handwriting ability.

Finally, our amazing Early Years Practitioner in our Children's centre, **Maureen Meeking** was recognised for her dedicated and commitment to the children and families in our community celebrating **43 years of service** at Rebecca Cheetham. We couldn't be more proud of Maureen and feel blessed to have her as part of our team. Maureen has really made a difference to the lives of so many people and we want to take this moment to congratulate her once again.

Thank you to **The Tapscott Learning Trust** for recognising our efforts in the nursery and children's centre and for allowing us to be a part of this prestigious event.



# School of Family

Throughout the year we held a huge variety of events throughout the year inviting families into the nursery to participate in activities with their children. We called these events **School Of Family!** Throughout the year and spanning seven different events we attracted 168 parents, carers or significant people in your child's life into the nursery. You were able to partake in the following activities with your children: Sensational Science, Marvellous Maths, Let's Get Physical, Amazing Artists, Multicultural day, Meaningful Maths and Valentines Day. We still have our final School of Family Event coming up on Thursday 18th July, being our Annual Sports Day; please make every effort to join us!

Here is what you said about the School of Family sessions:

*"My child loved the experience. She loves nature and I believe introducing mathematics through nature is a brilliant idea."*

*"It was a great experience to share with your child and also learning through it."*

*"It was a great day with my son at his school. He was so happy to do all the activities with all. Thanks for inviting us to enjoy these lovely moments with lovely children and teachers."*

*"It was very fun. Excellent ideas. We really enjoyed this session and will be doing the activities at home."*

We are also really proud of the amount of you that attended a **Parent Forum Workshop** throughout the year; we recorded **156** parents/ carers coming into the nursery to learn about a range of topics such as choosing your child's reception place, transitions, phonics, and maths amongst others. Joining our forums ensures you are provided with some valuable skills to help your child develop at home and link you up with other parents to build your support networks.

The logo for 'School of Family' features the words 'School of' in a red, outlined, sans-serif font, and 'Family' in a larger, bold, red, outlined, sans-serif font. The text is set against a white background that resembles a piece of paper or a banner with a slight shadow and a folded edge effect.