

November 2019

Rebecca Cheetham Nursery NEWSLETTER



A warm welcome to our November Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

We are thrilled to announce that we have received our **Ofsted Report** from the inspection on the **2nd and 3rd October**. We were judged **OUTSTANDING** in all areas of this new Ofsted framework which has only just come into place from September this year. This means we would be one of the first schools in the country to be judged "Outstanding" under the new framework. One key way in which we work is to aim to be outstanding every day; this means that we don't have to prepare for an inspection because we are always prepared and always looking at how we can improve. I would like to thank the **amazing staff** who work here at Rebecca Cheetham; everyone from our teachers and key workers, through to the Children's Centre team, the front office and every other person who makes a difference in the lives of our children. If you would like a paper copy of the report and haven't received it, please ask a member of the front office team.

Don't forget that our weekly celebration of **School of Family** commences on **Monday 4th November through to Friday 8th November 2019**. This is a really special time on the school calendar as we give our parents/carers an opportunity to come into the nursery and spend some time with their children on a range of exciting activities based on the theme of the day. You should have received a link to the information or received a paper copy; please book your places at the front office to ensure you can join us throughout the week. You can put your name down for as many days as you like. We always receive such wonderful feedback on these events so please make the effort.

A reminder that we are **closed** to all children on **Monday 2nd December** as we have

a staff training day. We were very happy to have been awarded a special Music grant through the Borough of Newham to develop **music enrichment** into the nursery and all our staff will be developing skills in **African Drumming**. We look forward to introducing these sessions with the children in the new year.

We are still looking for a parent representative to be our **Parent Wellbeing Champion**. A Wellbeing Champion is someone that champions emotional wellbeing and positive mental health within the school setting and wider community. Speak to Mandy or a member of the office team to express your interest and to find out more. Apart from the contribution you could make to the lives and wellbeing of others, this could be something great to put on your CV. Please see page 2 for further details.

Our next **Parent Forum** will be on **Early Reading** and will be running on **Monday 14th November at 9am, 12.45pm and 4pm**. This session will give you an opportunity to see what reading looks like for children in the early years. We will also give you some ideas on how you can encourage reading and a love of books at home with your children. To book a place, see a member of the team at the front office to book your place.

We are super excited to announce the beginning of our **Forest School** which started with a small group of children this half term every Wednesday. Children will be given an opportunity to join the project every half term and we really encourage parent / carer support. Let us know if you can volunteer your time.

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:

90.7%

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.

Race For The Kids

The 'Cheetham Cheetahs' - members of Rebecca Cheetham staff took part in a 5k run for Great Ormond Street Hospital on Saturday 12th October 2019—

Our target was to raise £1,000 and with generous donations from everyone as well as additional fundraising from our coffee morning, we exceeded our target and raised **£1297.50** for this fantastic charity!!



Family Support Team

Our Best Start in Life Family Support Team are here to support you and your family.

We offer free services for families in Stratford and West Ham who have children under the age of five.

**Best Start in Life
Family Support Team**

Stratford and West Ham Community Neighbourhood

BUILDING STRONGER FAMILIES TOGETHER

Free services we offer within our Children's Centre for families with children under the age of five:

Drug and Alcohol Advice and Support **Parenting Support** **Emotional Support** **Housing and Benefit Advice**

Employment, Education and Training Advice **Support with Completion of Forms (Online and Written)** **FE2 and 30 Hours Free Child Care for 3-4 Year Olds** **Early Intervention and Support Plans**

Community Participation and Engagement **Health and Wellbeing Advice (e.g Immunisations, Local Health Visiting Team)** **Family New to the Borough – Linking in with Services**

Coping with Bereavement **Sign Posting** **Escorting to New Activities/Services**

FAMILY SUPPORT DROP IN SESSIONS

Rebecca Cheetham Drop in: Friday 18th October, 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Marcus Street, Stratford, E15 3JT

Victoria Street Drop in: Wednesday 20th November, 10:00am – 11:00am
10 Victoria Street, Stratford, E15 4NY

Stratford Library Drop in: Monday 9th December, 10:00am-11:00am
3 The Grove, Stratford, E15 1EL



How to Create a CV

Come along and gain some tips on how to create an effective CV. Samples will be shared to assist you if needed.

Booking required. Crèche provided

**Rebecca Cheetham: Tuesday 19th November 2019
12:45pm-1:45pm**

Building Confidence Workshop

This workshop will provide you a relaxed environment to discuss and build strategies to help you move onto securing your ideal job.

Booking required. Crèche provided

**Rebecca Cheetham: Tuesday 26th November 2019
12:45pm-2:45pm**

Winter Raffle

COMING SOON... Tickets will soon be on sale for our winter raffle. For a chance to win one of our fantastic prizes, make sure you buy your lucky ticket from the front office or at any of our Children's Centre sessions.

Tickets will be on sale from 1st December 2019.

Good Luck everyone!

Introducing our new BIKE SHELTER!

We are very excited to open our new bike and scooter shelter which was built during the half term break. It offers a home to your scooters and bikes and provides more space in the buggy park.

We really want to encourage everyone to using their feet and legs instead of the car to get to school. We want to send the right kind of messages to our children about exercise and looking after



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Parent Wellbeing

We are on the lookout for one of our amazing parents to work together with members of our team on supporting wellbeing across the school and the children's centre. This person will be know as our **Parent Wellbeing Champion**. A Wellbeing Champion is someone that champions emotional wellbeing and positive mental health within the school setting and wider community.

Some of the qualities we are looking for:

- Be a positive role model
- Promote a healthy lifestyle
- Discuss ideas for wellbeing events
- Reducing the stigma around mental health
- Encourage people to talk and share
- Be someone that can listen, support people and ask for help

Speak to Mandy or a member of the office team to express your interest and to find out more.

Check out our online blog:

<https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/blog/?pid=15&nid=4>

READING PASSPORT

Make sure you pick up a Reading Passport and make an effort to take some additional reading books home to read to your child. Remember that the more books you borrow, the more opportunities you will have to receive some book prizes for your efforts. See Rio at the front office for more info.



Children who achieved 100% attendance

Elijah A	Natalia—Maria	Delilah
Genesis	Rajveer	Cassius—Chan
Leila	Zayaan	Gloria
Mohammad	Qaylah	Hao'er
Ishaaq	Ali	
Mattia	Teigan-Lei	
Ava	Daydad	
Elyjah C	Zion	
Rio	Maya	
Jeremiah	George	
Liam	Maria	
Ariella		



Will your child's name appear here? **It's easy!**

Come to nursery every day!

"Research has shown that attending early years education and care can help to improve children's outcomes and narrow the gap associated with socio-economic disadvantage. The UK government, as well as other governments overseas, have consequently made large increases in the number of free hours of early years education available to parents of pre-school children, particularly among disadvantaged groups."

<http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/impact-nursery-attendance-childrens-outcomes>

Who is McKee?

David McKee is the creator of several well-known characters including King Rollo and Mr Benn. His most famous creation is Elmer the Patchwork Elephant which is now published in more than 50 languages and recently celebrated the 30th anniversary since the first book was published.

David McKee was born in Devon and went to Plymouth Art College, where he had a traditional training. On leaving college he drew regularly for, among others, *Punch*, *Reader's Digest*, and *The Times Educational Supplement*. His drawings were influenced especially by Saul Steinberg and Andre Francois.

I'm sure you all know who Elmer is but you might want to try out some other titles as well.

Elmer (there is a whole series of books)

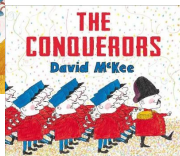
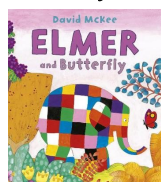
The Extraordinary Adventures of Mr Benn

The Conquerors (deep and thought provoking)

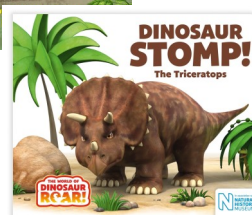
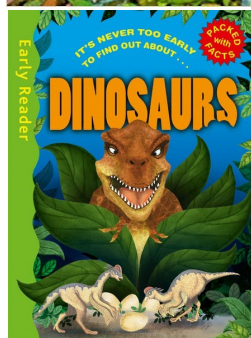
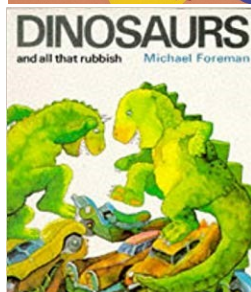
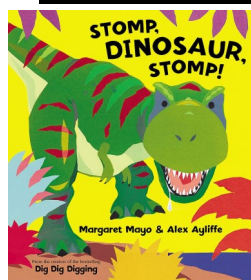
Not Now, Bernard

Melric and the Sorcerer

Two Can Toucan



What we are reading in Nursery



We use books to open up a world of learning for our children. The core books we use, relate to children's interests and we feed that through the breadth of activities we offer within the provision. We also think that using books as the base for our learning helps children love reading on a deeper level which we hope they will keep with them throughout their education.

If you have an opportunity to share these books with your children, it will offer even more learning opportunities between the nursery and home. Next half term we will be exploring the topic of growth.

If your child loves a particular book why not tell us about it in the "What I Did" book; we'd love to hear your feedback!



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November

Important Dates

Monday 4th—Friday 8th November—Family Week

Wednesday 6th November—Hug in a mug (coffee morning)

Tuesday 12th November—FE2 Parent Workshop on Early Reading

Thursday 14th November—Parent Forum on Early Reading

Friday 15th November—Children in Need.

Monday 18th—Friday 22nd November—Nursery Rhyme Week

Monday 18th—Friday 22nd November—Road Safety Week

Tuesday 26th November—Building Confidence Workshop

December

Monday 2nd December—Inset day. Nursery is closed for all children.

Wednesday 4th December—Parent Forum on mark making. 9am, 12:45pm and 4:00pm.

Wednesday 4th December—Hug in a mug (Coffee morning)

Tuesday 10th December—FE2 Parent Workshop on Water Play.

Wednesday 11th December—Winter Concert

Friday 13th December—Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 23rd December —Wednesday 1st January—Nursery is closed to extended day children

Monday 23rd December—Friday 3rd January—Nursery is closed to all government funded children.

Don't forget to check your Childcare Choices account to ensure you have re-registered your child's 30 hour funding for next term.