

February
2019

Rebecca Cheetham Nursery NEWSLETTER



A warm welcome to our February Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

We have so much to **celebrate** at Rebecca Cheetham recently and we are so thankful to you for the support you give us.

You will have already received the **Ofsted** letter outlining the inspector's recommendation that we are a better than good school and triggering a full **inspection**, moving us that little closer to the Ofsted Outstanding judgement. We are so thrilled that the inspector was able to see the passion, enthusiasm and commitment of the team at Rebecca Cheetham and how we are constantly working to improve. The Tapscott Learning Trust put together an article on our inspection which I have included in this newsletter for you to read. A huge thank you to all the parents that took time to speak to the inspector and who filled in the online Parent View survey to provide feedback.

We are also thrilled that this week we were awarded the **Optimus Education Well-being Award** recognising the work that we do in regards to supporting the Wellbeing of our children, staff and families. The verifier spent the whole day here speaking to parents and staff, observing the children and going through a hefty evidence file that our Deputy Head, Mandy worked hard on to put together. Mandy is absolutely thrilled with the result and has said, "One of the key highlights of what the verifier said was that, "This is an above and beyond school". A lot of what we do is embedded in our culture so it's really heart warming to receive recognition for all we do on a daily basis." We can't wait to receive our shiny new plaque which will hold pride of place in our foyer. Look out for the wellbeing film we put together in our foyer as well and please let us know if you have any ideas on what we can do in order to improve wellbeing.

Our Blue and Green Room children had an amazing opportunity to celebrate their learning of travel with an **educational visit** that took the children on the bus, DLR, cable cars and culminating in a visit to the Emirates Aviation Experience. The children and parents that attended had a wonderful time, coming back full of praise for the excursion; one parent informed me that they thought it was "amazing!" I was a little disappointed that less than half of the children attended this visit. We believe that all children should have the same opportunities and by keeping your child away they are missing out on a unique opportunity to help consolidate the learning they have been doing in nursery.

We have some exciting events coming up for you to put in your diaries! On

Wednesday 13th February

2019, we will be running our very popular **Fantastic Phonics Workshop** at **9am, 12.45pm and 4.30pm**.

Please sign up at the front office to reserve your space. This is a very popular workshop so get your name down as soon as possible.

As part of our **School of Family** events, we will be running a special **Valentine's Day** event on **Thursday 14th February 2019** at **10.15am –11.15am and 2pm—3pm**. Children will have the

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.

Rebecca Cheetham Nursery Children's Centre

Come along to our

London Marathon Fund Raising Event

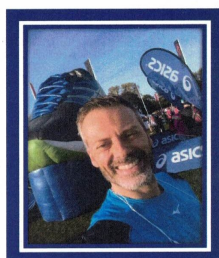
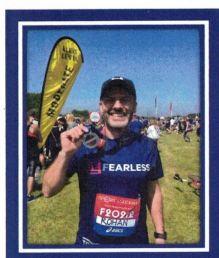
Wednesday 6th February 2019

8:45am to 9:45am

Our Head Teacher—Rohan Allen will be running the London Marathon in April 2019 for the fantastic charity PACT (Parents and Children Together)

Please join us at our Coffee Morning where we will be selling tea, coffee and cakes to help Rohan reach his fundraising goal of £1,500!

Cake donations welcome!



London Marathon 2019

Fundraising Event for our Head Teacher

We will be holding a **Coffee Morning** on **Wednesday 6th February 2019**

8:45am- 9:45am

selling Tea, Coffee and Cakes, to help Rohan Allen (Head Teacher) to reach his fundraising goal of £1,500 for **PACT**. He will be running the London Marathon In April 2019, to do this.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Half Term Programme

Collect a copy of our Half Term Programme from the front office now!

All sessions are drop in sessions but please book to secure a place for our educational visits.

Half Term Programme

Monday 18 th February 2019	Tuesday 19 th February 2019	Wednesday 20 th February 2019	Thursday 21 st February 2019	Friday 22 nd February 2019
Physical Play (Abbey Lane) 10:00am-11:30am 0-5 years A range of play resources will be available to encourage big and little movements, using our bodies.	Messy Play (Abbey Lane) 10:00am-11:30am 0-5 Years A fun play session with various messy activities ranging from sand, shaving foam, paint and much more.	Bethnal Green Museum 10:00am-2:00pm 2-5 years We will be meeting at Stratford Station at 10:00am and we will be leaving at 10:35am. Please ensure you bring your oyster card with the amount of £3.00 to cover the travel cost. Please bring a healthy packed lunch for you and your child. (The venue also has a cafe for your use). Please book your space now!	Singing and Storytelling (Stratford Library) 10:00am-11:00am 0-5 years Come along and enjoy singing nursery rhymes and other fun songs together with your child and help us to bring stories alive.	Mudchute Farm 10:00am-2:00pm 2-5 years We will be meeting at Stratford Station at 10:00am and we will be leaving at 10:35am. Please ensure you bring your oyster card with the amount of £3.00 to cover the travel cost. Please bring a healthy packed lunch for you and your child.
	Creative Play (Abbey Lane) 1:30pm- 3:00pm 0-5 years A session designed to be expressive through mark making and creativity.		Baby Sensory (Abbey Lane) 1:30pm- 3:00pm 0-18 months A relaxed environment to explore the sense of touch, smell, sight, hearing and balance.	

All the sessions stated above is on a first come first serve basis. To avoid any disappointments, please arrive nice and early. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sensory Room Play

Offering stimulation and relaxation for children and their parents and carers – includes lights, music and padded play equipment.

Booking essential. Term time only.

(20 minute slots)

Thursday (AM):

9:30am- 9:50am and 9:50am-10:10am

Thursday (PM):

1:30pm- 1:50pm and 1:50pm- 2:10pm

Call to book your slot now!

FE2 Parent Workshops

Water Play

Come and meet our Early Education Practitioner (Koli), who will deliver a workshop to highlight the importance of Water Play. Ideas and strategies will be shared to help support your child's learning and development through Water Play.

Rebecca Cheetham: Tuesday 5th February 2019

12:45pm-1:45pm

Bedtime Routine Workshop

Positive parenting tips and strategies for developing a good bedtime routine.

Booking Essential. Crèche Provided

Rebecca Cheetham: Tuesday 26th February 2019

12:45pm-2:45pm

opportunity to invite a grandparent to the session where they will make some Valentine's Day related crafts together. If it isn't possible for a grandparent to attend, parents/carers are obviously very welcome to join us during the session. We have limited spaces for this event, so please make sure you sign up at the front office.

The only suggestion the Ofsted Inspector outlined in his letter after the inspection was regarding children's **attendance**. He felt that attendance was not as high as it could be and challenged us to make some improvements. It is important to bring your child into nursery **every day**. Obviously you know when to not bring your child into nursery if they are too ill but most times children with a cough or runny nose will still be very active and can partake in school activities. If it is cold, make sure your child has warm and appropriate clothing on to brave the elements and bring them into nursery. The weather is cold for a long part of the year so we cannot use that as a reason to not bring your child into nursery. Please help us to do better in regards to our attendance by thinking carefully about when you decide to keep your child home from nursery.

We would like to congratulate **Kayleb in Green Room** for receiving a Bronze certificate for the **Reading Passport Challenge**. We are so pleased to give out these awards and Kayleb will be receiving a free book to keep as a well-done! Pick up your Reading Passports at the front office.

You will also have received your **FRED** pack by now and we are asking every family to get involved! FRED is a 4-week programme designed to get fathers or special male figures in your child's life into the habit of reading with them. The programme starts on **Monday 4th February** and will finish on **Sunday 3rd March 2019**. We will have our FRED celebration as part of our **World Book Day** festivities on **Thursday 7th March 2019** where we will ask children to dress up as a book character, have a Book Day Parade amongst a range of other activities to celebrate the wonderfulness of books! (further details to follow).

We look forward to having you all partake in everything the nursery and Children's Centre has to offer so get all the listed dates in your diary and sign up to the events.

Look out for the dragon in our foyer signalling the activities the children have been doing in relation to Chinese New year!

Happy February!

Children who achieved 100% attendance

Adebola	Valerie	Maya M	Ariella
Leila	Navarn	Chloe	Noah
Humza	Jaidev	Salma	Kai
Catherine	Emmanuel	Tristan	Umayr
William C	Samuel	Ayla	Annabelle
Rio	Xin	Benedict	Cairo
Nabiha	Ziyan	Anthony	Cassius- Chan
Benjamin	Remiel	Milan	Faatima
Qaylah	Romeo	Aanya	
Hamza	Mayann	Nancy	



Attendance

"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."

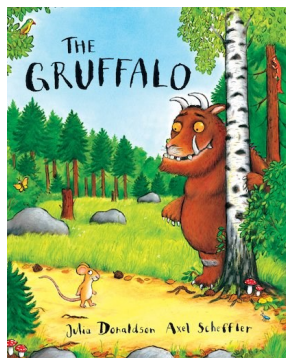
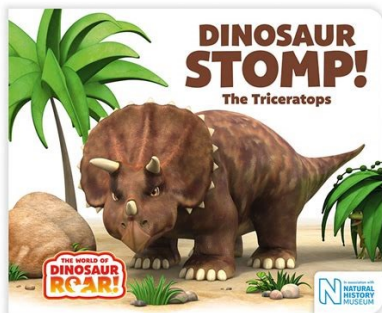
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READING in the NURSERY

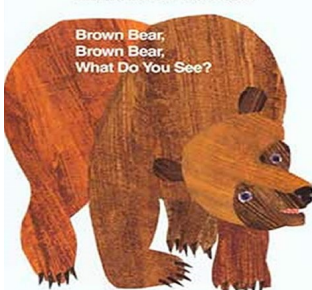
We use books to open up a world of learning for our children. The core books we use, relate to children's interests and we feed that through the breadth of activities we offer within the provision. We also think that using books as the base for our learning helps children love reading on a deeper level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

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!



Bill Martin Jr / Eric Carle



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.



Important Dates

February 2019

Wednesday 13th February 2019—Parent Forum on Phonics—9:00am, 12:45pm or 4:30pm.

Thursday 14th February 2019—School of Family Valentine's Day event

Monday 18th February 2019— Friday 22nd February 2019—Nursery is closed to all government funded children.

March 2019

Thursday 7th March 2019—World Book Day (Dressing Up, Parade etc)

Tuesday 12th March 2019—Booster Cushion Theatre in to perform for the children.

Wednesday 13th March 2019—Parent Forum on Early Reading—9:00am, 12:45pm or 4:30pm.

Monday 1st April 2019—Parental consultations taking place throughout the week.

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



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News release: Tuesday, 22nd January 2019

Ofsted hails Stratford nursery as 'good' and 'improving significantly overall'

Trust, staff, pupils and parents celebrate the latest positive Ofsted inspection results for Rebecca Cheetham Nursery, which is demonstrating "strong practice" and delivering "marked improvements"

Nursey hailed for raft of enhancements to learning, creating "a real hive of happy activity" and recommended for Section 5 inspection, which could lead to 'Outstanding' grade

A Stratford nursery has been hailed for providing good education, strong practice and delivering significant improvements overall, after a visit by schools' watchdog Ofsted.

Rebecca Cheetham Nursery and Children's Centre, based on Marcus Street, Stratford, was recredited with a 'good' standard after a visit by Ofsted in December 2018, with a recommendation it is put forward for a Section 5 inspection, which could lead to an 'outstanding' grade.

The inspection team hailed the teaching provided by the nursery, saying it had "improved considerably due to leaders' determination" to boost training for staff and that "children make an excellent start to their education".

Both the indoor and outdoor spaces "provide irresistible" opportunities for children to engage with activities and the nursery provides "excellent quality resources", according to the inspection report. Inspectors also described the school as "family friendly" and a "real hive of happy activity".

The teaching of reading was hailed as a particular strength and the team provide a "very strong safeguarding culture throughout school". Parents were said to be "delighted with the school".

The support the nursery has received from the Tapscott Learning Trust and the local authority was also praised with inspectors saying they provide "effective partnership arrangements that have challenged and inspired staff."

The governing body at Rebecca Cheetham was praised for its highly skilled people who have worked diligently to ensure the nursery is provided with challenge and support, and they are "clear advocates" for the importance of nursery school education.

"We've come a long way since 2014," said Rebecca Cheetham Nursery headteacher Rohan Allen. "We're delighted that the inspection team has seen, first-hand, the improvements we've made since then. References like 'family friendly' and a 'hive of happy activity' – and obviously the praise we've been given for all the other improvements – makes us incredibly proud.

"Improvement is constant, so we will continue to work with our fantastic school community, governors and our partners at the Tapscott Learning Trust and the local authority, to explore ways to improve and to grow as a team, and to deliver outstanding education for the wonderful children at our nursery."



About the Tapscott Learning Trust

At the heart of The Tapscott Learning Trust, based in Newham, London, is a commitment to outstanding education for all children and young people in its care.

The Trust was founded by schools rated "good" or "outstanding" who benefitted from a history of working extremely successfully together before taking the decision to form a multi academy trust.

The Tapscott Learning Trust, which currently consists of Ranelagh Primary School in Stratford, Curwen Primary and Nursery School in Plaistow and Kensington Primary School in Manor Park, is hailed as one of the UK's most progressive trusts.

It works as a collective, guided by a set of common principles, whilst leaving schools free to harness their unique characteristics and make adaptations to best meet the needs of their communities.

For more details visit <http://www.ttl.academy/>.



Please join us for a special **Valentine's Day** edition of School of Family.

We would like the children to invite a **grandparent** to make some special Valentine's related crafts and partake in related activities during their nursery session. If it isn't possible for a grandparent to attend, parents/carers are obviously very welcome to join us during the session. We don't want any children to feel left out!

The event will take place on **Thursday 14th February 2019** in Blue Room, Green Room and Rainbow at **10.15am—11.15am** for AM children and **2.00pm—3.00pm** for PM children. Children in extended day and 30 hour can invite someone to either session.

You will need to sign up to reserve your place in the front office. Places will be limited to sign up now to secure your place.



Parent Forum presents...

Fantastic Phonics



Do you want to learn more about phonics?

Do you want to discover ways to help your child at home?

Phonics is a method of teaching people to read and write by training them to associate letters with their phonetic values. All UK schools use this method to assist in the teaching of reading and writing.

We are running a workshop lasting one hour to provide informative and practical advice to get you up and running with how you can support phonics in the home.

Wednesday 13th February

2019 at 9am or 12.45pm or

4.30pm

It is essential to book a place on these sessions and places are limited. Sign up in the office or call us on 0208 534 3136 to secure your place.

