

December 2019

Rebecca Cheetham Nursery NEWSLETTER



A warm welcome to our December Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

December is one of the busiest times of the year and we have so many wonderful things going on in the nursery. One of the biggest events of the year is our **Winter Concert** which will be the nativity performed at **All Saints Church** on **Wednesday 11th December 2019** at **10:15am** for our morning children and **2pm** for our afternoon children. 30 hours and extended day children can attend either session. The children have been working really hard on their performances and learning the songs so we are very excited for you all to see the fruits of their labour!

We have our next **Parent Forum** workshop on **Wednesday 4th December 2019** on **Mark Making in the Early Years**. This is a great opportunity to find out what mark making looks like in the early years and what play-based techniques you can use at home to help support your child. Remember, there is a lot of building of muscles we need to work on before we can begin to expect the children to write recognisable letters. Make sure you sign in at the front office to reserve your space. Sessions will be running at **9am** and **12.45pm**.

A reminder that we are **closed** to all children on **Monday 2nd December** as we have our **Staff Inset Day**. These days give us opportunities to learn some additional key skills that we can offer to your children. We are super excited about letting your children loose on the African Drums which is what part of our training will be focused on. Looking further ahead we have another Inset Day on **Friday 10th January 2020** where we will all be attending an Early Years Conference which will be

another opportunity to identify some exciting new ideas that we can bring back and make our own in the nursery and Children's Centre.

Time is running out to get your **Primary School** Applications in online if your child is turning four before 31st August 2020. The **deadline is Wednesday 15th January 2020**. Please make sure you have completed this by then as putting in a late application could mean that you may not get the school you prefer for your child. **WARNING: We will hound you on this!**

It has been such a wonderful pleasure to hear all the positive chatter and excitement about **Forest School**; be it from the children, parents or staff! I couldn't be happier with how the programme has commenced. The first group we have sent out on Forest School will be finishing up their time by the end of the term and we will be sending out invitations to the next group due to start in January. We actively encourage **parent volunteers** so we look forward to you joining us when the time comes.

A reminder that the **last day** for all nursery and Children's Centre children and families will be **Friday 20th December**. Extended Day children will be returning on Thursday 2nd January 2020 and all other children will return on Monday 6th January 2020.

When the time comes, we wish you a wonderful, restful break and we look forward to welcoming you all back in the new year!

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:

91.3%

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?

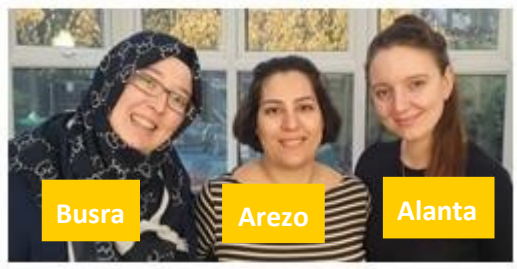
Our 100% attendance children can be found further in the newsletter. We are excited at the great number of children who achieved 100%!

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

Our Parent Ambassadors

We would like to introduce our exceptional Children's Centre Parent Ambassadors. They will be playing a key part in our journey to help us understand our community and enabling us to reach out to more families in our community neighbourhood.

Our Parent Ambassadors will evaluate the voices of parents and carers supporting us to raise awareness of the work we do within the centre and the reasons behind our services.



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Coming soon...



Newham London
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Stratford & West Ham Community Neighbourhood

January to March 2020

Forging forces to give children the Best Start In Life

Free services for families with children under five

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Winter Raffle

Tickets are on sale NOW and can be purchased from the front office or during any of our Children's Centre sessions at the cost of £1 per strip.

Purchase your lucky ticket for a chance of winning one of our fantastic raffle prizes! Tickets will be drawn on 20th December.

Good Luck everyone!

A Hug in a Mug / Clothing Exchange

Come and join us for our next coffee morning which is taking place on **Wednesday 4th December 2019**.

Grab a warm drink in a relaxed, friendly environment meeting other families in our Stratford and West Ham Community Neighbourhood.

We will be running our Clothing Exchange alongside this so why not have a rummage and grab yourself a bargain as all second hand, like new clothes are absolutely FREE for you to take.

If you wish to make a donation please speak to the front office or member of the Children's Centre team.

Coffee Morning—8:45am—9:45am
Clothing Exchange—8:45am and 3:30pm



WE NEED YOUR HELP

Newham Foodbank based in Beckton provides emergency food supplies for families who are in financial crisis and have no other means of obtaining food. This year we will be making a donation towards Foodbank from Rebecca Cheetham and are accepting donations from staff, parents and families.

A typical food parcel includes items such as cereal, pasta, tinned meat/vegetables, tea, coffee, biscuits, lentils and beans.

Please hand in any donations you are able to make by Monday 16th December 2019. Thank you in advance.

For more information on Foodbank please use this link:

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/what-we-do/how-foodbanks-work/>



Christmas Jumper Day



Come along wearing a festive themed jumper to any of our Children's Centre sessions on Friday 13th December to support a charity close to our hearts—Save the Children. Any small donation welcome.

Why not get creative and decorate your jumper!

BLING MY RIDE!

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We had a few wonderful entrants in our “Bling My Ride” event and we are extremely thankful for those families that went to great lengths to participate. We have some exciting rewards for those children that participated and we will award these children on the day of the Winter Concert.

We are also thankful to all of you for filling out the travel survey and it’s our pleasure to give out a funky Rebecca Cheetham snap-band to show our appreciation! Wear them with pride when you’re out and about using your feet to travel!

PROTECTED TIMES

At certain points in the day we operate protected times. This is to ensure that the awe and wonder created in our focused learning sessions is not interrupted. Here is a reminder of these times:

9:00am – 9:15am

10:00am – 10:20am

11:25am – 11:40am

12:45pm – 1:00pm

2:00pm – 2:20pm

3:10pm – 3:25pm



Don't forget to read our ONLINE BLOG!

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

Children who achieved 100% attendance

Gulled	Jeremiah	Robin	Stefani
Zakariah	Liam	Daydad	Ariella
Teodor	George	Chloe M (Donaldson)	McKenzie
Talya	Natalia-Maria	Benedict	Faye
Martha	Delia	Falgun	Lianaya
Ava	Alma	Adam	Maria
Jessica	Ozan	Simon	Gloria
Elyjah C	Samuel	Ibrahim R	Arla
Jayden	Teigan-Lei	Christopher	Hao'er
Rio	Romeo	Evelyn	
Alec	Lilou		



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>

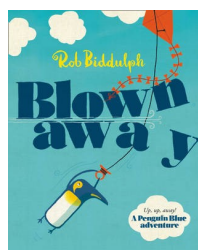
Who is Biddulph?

Rob Biddulph is a multi-award winning children's author and illustrator. Rob Biddulph's first picture book, *Blown Away*, won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize in 2015. He has also been nominated various times for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal.

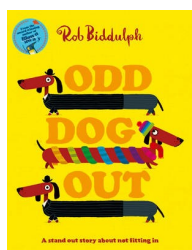
Rob Biddulph is a firm favourite at Rebecca Cheetham and his wonderful rhymes perfectly capture children's imagination!

As well as working on his own books he also illustrates for other authors including Jeff Brown, Piers Torday and Jess Butterworth and is the official World Book Day Illustrator for 2019 and 2020.

Blown Away

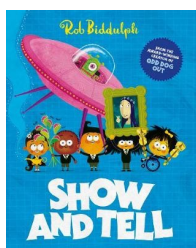


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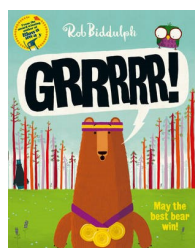


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Show and Tell



Give Peas a Chance



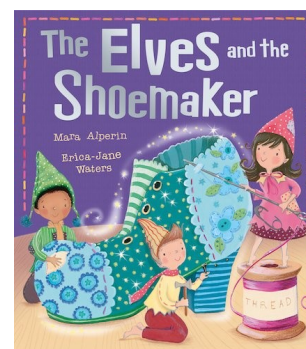
Odd Dog Out

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!



We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



DID YOU KNOW?:

We're Going on a Bear Hunt is 30 years old!



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.

January

Thursday 2nd January—Extended day children return back to Nursery.

Monday 6th January—Government funded children return back to Nursery.

Friday 10th January—Inset Day. Nursery closed for all children.

Friday 17th January—Parent Forum on outdoor play.

Saturday 25th January—Chinese New Year!

Important Dates



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