

# June 2023

## Rebecca Cheetham Nursery and Children's Centre NEWSLETTER



Dear parents/carers,

We hope that everyone had a wonderful Half Term Break and we now look forward to a fun packed summer schedule planned for this half term.

Our **Open Afternoon** for prospective children and families was a resounding success. Please share the link below with any families you know looking for a nursery place for their child.

Click [here](#) to access our Waiting List Form.

**Initial assessments** for the children were sent out on the 26th of May. We hope that enjoy reading them and seeing what we can see in your child's development whilst they are at nursery. Please take the time to read them and especially look at the targets we will be focusing on with your child. As always, if you have any questions or want to discuss something with your child's key worker, please make an appointment with them directly or through the front office.

Our biggest day on the Rebecca Cheetham calendar is fast approaching; **Fiesta Fun Day** is happening on **Friday 30th June 2023 starting at 1pm through to 5pm**. It promises to be a wonderful event bringing together the whole Rebecca Cheetham Community. We can't wait to welcome you.

Our next **Parent Forum** workshop will be on **Tuesday 22nd June 2023** on **Safeguarding and e-safety**. This is a great opportunity to find out more about what we do at Rebecca Cheetham to keep children safe. Make sure you sign in at the front office to reserve your space. A face to face session will be running at **10.00 am** with a session via zoom at **2.00pm**.



We have noticed more car use at drop off and collection time. If you do drive, please be mindful that young children may be crossing the road outside school. Why not leave the car at home and take a more active route into nursery? Doing this will help us to reduce pollution and celebrate Clean air day ( **Thursday 15th June**). Children are particularly at risk from air pollution as their immune systems, lungs and brains are still developing.

Our **Sports Day** is coming up **Wednesday 21st June 2023** at either **10-11.30am** or **2-3.30pm** and we are hoping for fantastic weather on this day as we all come together to cheer on our children in a variety of fun events to celebrate sport and fitness. We would love to see you there.

### Nursery Opening Times

Extended day  
8:00am to 5:00pm  
Or  
8:00am to 6:00pm

30 Hours  
8:45am to 2:45pm

Morning place  
8:45am to 11:45pm

Afternoon place  
12:45pm to 3:45pm

Charges apply for late collections.

### Attendance and Punctuality

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

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

If your child will not be attending nursery, it is essential you contact us



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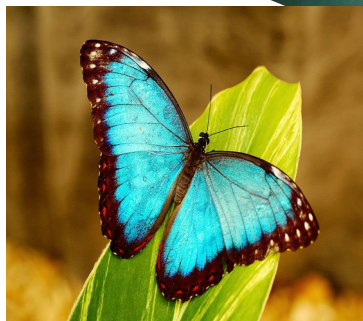
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# What's Going On



The children have been learning all about things that grow. Living eggs delivered incubators and chicken eggs to each class room so that the children can have a first hand experience watching the chicks hatch. We hope to keep some of the chicks and rear them in our purpose built coup at the back of the garden. We have planted cress seeds and beans to discover what plants need to grow and are watching the marvellous transformation of caterpillars into butterflies.





## Healthy Lifestyles and Weaning (Health visitor session)

Speak to a Health Visitor regarding any weaning or wellbeing issues  
(Rebecca Cheetham face to face)

**Booking required.**  
**Thursday 18th May 2023**  
**1:30pm– 2:00pm**

## Toilet Training Workshop

Join a member of our family support team to gather ideas and strategies on how you support your child to transition from nappies to the toilet.  
(Rebecca Cheetham face to face)

**Booking required**  
**Tuesday 13th June 2023**  
**10:00am 11:00am**

## Session Update:

- We will be opening our sessions once again to all families in Newham.
- You will no longer be receiving screening calls from our staff to confirm your attendance. We will be handing this responsibility over to yourselves. The effect in change will commence 05/06/2023.
- Families will be expected to call to book into our sessions (one week in advance).
- Once we have reached 20 families on the booking sheet, all families calling after this will be informed that we have met capacity and an option will be given to be added to the following weeks booking sheet.
- Families will still be able to attend to two sessions per week.

## Donations Support:

**We need your support for our Fiesta  
Fun Day 30th June 2023**

If you have any unwanted/ nearly new items which you would like to donate for our 'Tombola or Nearly New Sale' which will be held on our Fiesta Fun day, Please feel free to drop them off at our main reception.

We will accept items that are in good condition such as toys, books, unused gifts. We appreciate all donations small or large.

**Thank you in advance for your  
support**

## Gentle reminder:

Please ensure you are following our Ground rules when attending our sessions.

if our rules are broken, you will be turned away from our session.

The rules are in place to ensure everyone's safety.

Eating in our sessions is prohibited, unless we are delivering a food based session which has been risk assessed and Natasha's law rulings will be applied. We have many children/ adults who have allergies and we need to ensure we are safeguarding this vulnerable group.

We also do not permit the use of mobile phones in our session, this include any photography or videoing. When attending our session if you are expecting or receive an urgent call, please inform a member of staff who will be able to provide you with further instructions.

# Book of the Month



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. We will be using books to enhance key messages we want to impart through our whole nursery and children's centre.

This month our key book is ***Clean up***, written by Nathan Bryon and illustrated by Dapo Adeola. The hero of the story, Rocket, is concerned about the levels of pollution in our world. Throughout the story she encourages the community to care for the environment and secure a beautiful, brighter future for everyone. The school website has a guide to suggested activities that you may like to carry out with your child at home that relate to the book which you can access by clicking here: [Clean Up Activities](#)

Teaching children to look after the world around them is so important, especially when we should all be concerned with the environment and climate change.

If your child loves a particular book why not tell us about it through the ***Evidence Me*** app; we'd love to hear your feedback!

## May

Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June—  
Half Term (Nursery closed to term time only children)

## June

13th, 15th and 16th June - Educational visits to Leigh-on-Sea. Proposed dates to be confirmed.

Tuesday 20th June—Parent Forum—changed to Safeguarding and e-safety.

Wednesday 21st June -**Sports day** at Stratford park. Date to be confirmed

Friday 30th June – **Fiesta Fun Day**

## July

Thursday 6th July - Parent Forum - Transitions

Week beginning 10th July - Parental Consultations for all children

Thursday 13th July - Moving Up Ceremony Concert

Wednesday 19th July – Summer Parties

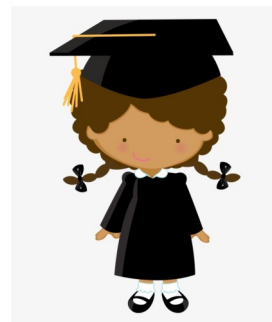
Friday 21st July – INSET DAY (Nursery CLOSED)

Monday 24th July to 13th August—School closed for all children

Monday 14th to Friday 26th and Tuesday 29th to Thursday 31st—School open to fee paying children.



Whilst we are very sad to be saying goodbye to our children who are leaving for Primary School and Reception next year, we are gearing up to create some wonderful memories before they go. We will be taking photos of the children in graduation costume for you to purchase at very reasonable prices for you to hold onto and cherish. Details will follow regarding how this works and the prices for the packages.



The children have already started preparing for their **Moving Up ceremony** which will be taking place on **Wednesday 13th July at 10am to 11.30am**. We will be sending out further information closer to the event as we are planning to have morning and afternoon children join together in one big, memorable celebration. This event will be open for the parents/carers of those children leaving for Reception only. The venue is The 11th Newham West Schout Group—Gladstone Hall.

We have sent out details of our **Annual Parent Survey** to your phones via text message. We have had a good response so far but if you haven't had a chance to respond please access the survey by clicking [here](#). The survey closes on **Friday 2nd June 2023**.

We are also looking forward to our educational visits to **Leigh-on-Sea** which are taking place after half term. These visits offer a truly wonderful opportunity for all the children and parents/carers to get together and spend a lovely day out at the seaside. It's also a great opportunity for parents to get to know each other. We wish you a wonderful time with your child.

## Author / Illustrator Spotlight: Dapo Adeola

We are huge fans of Dapo and his work here at the nursery and we want to introduce his illustrated works and his wonderful text he authored, *Hey You!* to you if you haven't already discovered them for yourselves!

"Dapo Adeola is an award-winning illustrator and designer who creates characters and images that challenge expectations around race and gender in a fun and upbeat way. He is the co-creator and illustrator of bestselling picture book *Look Up!* - winner of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the number 1 debut picture book of 2019. London born and bred but of Nigerian heritage, when he's not busy cooking up new characters and adventures, you can find Dapo running illustration and character design workshops with children or organising events to help highlight the possibilities of a career in illustration to underrepresented members of the Black diaspora. " Book Trust

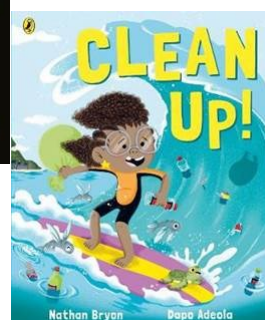
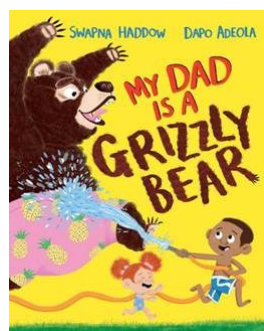
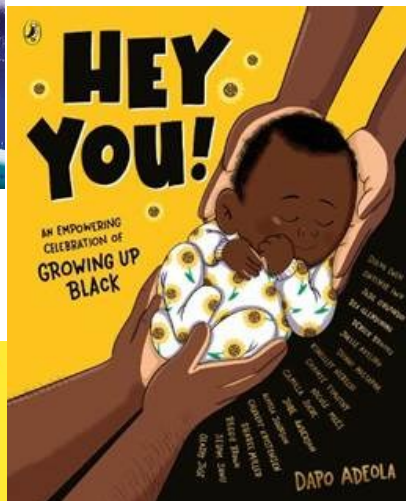
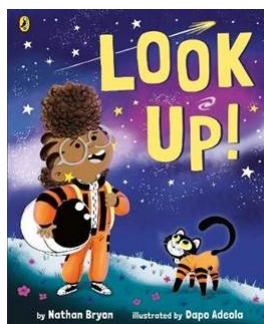
Clean Up!

Hey You

Look Up!

My Dad Is a Grizzly Bear

We're Going To Find The Monster





Lock this date in the diary! Come along for our annual Fiesta Fun day!

# Fiesta Fun Day

A fun filled day for children under the age of five and their families.

**Friday 30th June 2023**

**1:00pm – 5:00pm**

Rebecca Cheetham Nursery  
and Children's Centre,  
Marcus Street, Stratford, E15 3JT

**£1 contribution on entrance**



# SWIM 5k in MAY



## YOUNG LIVES vs CANCER



The lovely Sarah Hill who works in our children's center is definitely on track to swim 15K - 600 lengths of the pool, to raise money for young people and families affected by cancer. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause you can sign the sponsorship form at the front office and hand in your donation.