

# NOVEMBER 2023

## Rebecca Cheetham Nursery and Children's Centre NEWSLETTER



Dear parents/carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well; happy and healthy! As ever, things are busy here at Rebecca Cheetham and we are really pleased with how the children are getting on and making progress.

### PARENT FORUM

**Next date: Thursday 9th October, 9am (face-to-face) and 2.00pm (face-to-face)**

#### TOPIC: Outdoor Play

Thank you to all those that attended our Primary School Places Parent Forum. If you're child is going to Reception next year and you haven't picked up the booklet, please request one from the front office. We look forward to seeing you at our next Parent Forum. Call the front office to book your space. Here is a link to the flyer:

<https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=738&type=pdf>

### CORE BOOKS AND BOOK OF THE MONTH

In addition to the core books that we use a springboard to bring our topic learning alive, we also have a Book of the Month which showcases something additional we want to explore with our children. This month we want to share with you the wonderful book, *Hair Love* written by Matthew A. Cherry and illustrated by Vashti Harrison. Click on the following link to access the Parent Sheet about the book which includes a link to the reading of the book so you don't feel the need to purchase the book.

<https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=740&type=pdf>

Our overall topic for this half term is Wild Things and the two books that we will be focusing on are ***Where The Wild Things Are*** by Maurice Sendak and ***Dinosaurs and All That Rubbish*** by Michael Foreman.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Don't forget about doing your research for Primary School for September 2024. The deadline is **15th January 2024**! If your child was born between 1st September 2017 to 31 August 2018, you will need to apply for a Primary School Place. Here is the link to the slides from the session we ran for parents: <https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=469&type=pdf>

Here is a link to the Open Days that are happening at various local Primary Schools (scroll to the bottom of the page): <https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=Primary+Admissions&pid=19>

#### 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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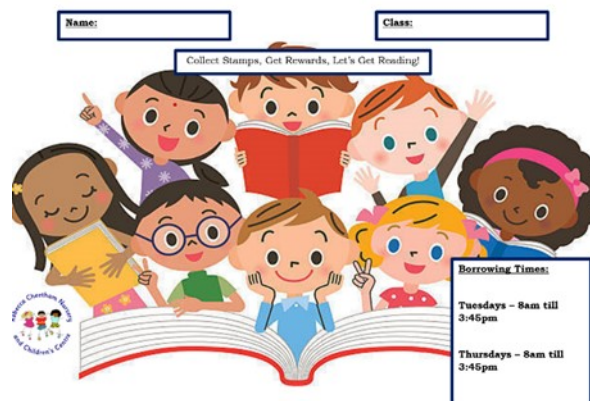
## READING LIBRARY

Empress, who you will know at our front reception, organises a Reading Library for all our Nursery children to access. The reason for starting this initiative is to develop a love of books and reading in all children.

When your child joins the reading library, they will be given a reading passport which is used to collect stamps for each book they read and return. Children will be allowed to borrow **ONE** book, **ONCE** a week to read and enjoy.

Once your child has been awarded 6 stamps, they will receive a personalised bookmark in recognition of their achievement. When they have collected all 12 stamps, they will receive a certificate and be given a book to keep. Once your child has read 24 books from the Reading Library, they will be awarded a reading medal, certificate and will also get to choose a book to keep.

The reading library runs on **Tuesdays 8am – 3:45pm, Wednesdays 10am – 5:45pm and Thursdays 8am – 3:45pm.**



## EDUCATIONAL VISIT

We are very excited about our first educational visit which will take place at Stratford Library. We want to thank you all for your commitment to joining us for the visits otherwise we can't make these enriching opportunities for the children happen! We hope you have a lovely time on your visits. A reminder of the dates are:

**DONALDSON ROOM: Tuesday 14th November 2023**

**COOKE ROOM: Wednesday 15th November 2023**

**JEFFERS ROOM: Thursday 16th November 2023**



## ROAD SAFETY WEEK

We have invited our local School



crossing patrol officer to come and visit the children at nursery, to help us learn the very important road safety message, "Stop, Look, Listen, think" before you cross the road, throughout the week of the **16th to 24th November**. Make sure you encourage your children to do this when crossing roads and always ensure you cross at a safe place, waiting for the Green Man crossing signal where appropriate.

You can support learning at home by watching the video [https://youtu.be/g5GyMX9\\_tPk](https://youtu.be/g5GyMX9_tPk)

Our children are watching every step we take! Let's be a great example.

## NURSERY CLOTHING

We had this in the newsletter last week but I thought it relevant to keep it in here for another week as we've experienced some cooler and much wetter weather. Your child may get messy or dirty as they enjoy their learning through play. This is a sign that your child is getting stuck into the provision and fully involving themselves into what we have on offer. Please make sure that your child does not come into nursery in their best clothes as the likelihood is that they are going to get dirty. Also, can you please make sure that there is a change of clothes in their bag in case of an accident or they get wet. Children also love playing with water and water play is part of every early years provision. If you are particularly worried about your child getting wet, consider **waterproofs** for your child; they give your child a lot of freedom in terms of how they play and are super easy to keep clean! There is no pressure to buy, but if you were interested here is a sample link: (<https://www.regatta.com/kids/rainsuits/>). **Wellington boots** are also a great resource for your child so their shoes, socks and feet don't get wet. After all, what child can resist jumping in a puddle!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who attended our Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise money for cancer support. We raised a grand total of **£271.74** surpassing all our expectations. Lots of families attended the morning also bringing home baked cakes and those who were unable to attend still made donations. Thank you for pulling together as a community and allowing us to be being able to make such a large donation to a worthy cause!



## HEALTHY START VITAMINS

Are you pregnant? Do you have a child under 4? Don't forget you can collect FREE vitamin drops containing Vitamins A, C and D. If you would like more information or would like to obtain vitamins please contact the front office where a member of staff can help you.



## RHYME TIME

### Stratford Library

We all pleased to inform you that singing sessions for 0-4 yrs have now resumed at Stratford Library!

**Every Tuesday**  
**(Term time only)**  
**10am—11am**

**Drop in**  
**No booking required**

## FAMILY SUPPORT

### Wellbeing Drop-In (monthly)

The next session is taking place on **Wednesday 15th November 2023** between **9:30am—11am**

Drop in to speak to one of our skilled, professional Family Support Workers in a confidential, non judgmental environment who can provide some guidance and a listening ear . We all sometimes need a safe space to speak.

## STAY AND PLAY FOR UNDER 5s WITH A SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPIST

Please feel free to drop in and speak to us if:

**YOU ARE WORRIED YOUR CHILD IS NOT TALKING OR DOESN'T UNDERSTAND YOU**

**YOU ARE WONDERING IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS A REFERRAL TO SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY**

**YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY JOURNEY**

**IS YOUR CHILD ON THE WAITING LIST FOR SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY?**

**DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE NEXT STEP FOR YOUR CHILD IS?**

**DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S COMMUNICATION**

**WOULD YOU LIKE SOME ADVICE?**

If you are worried about your child's communication skills, please come to one of our drop-in sessions

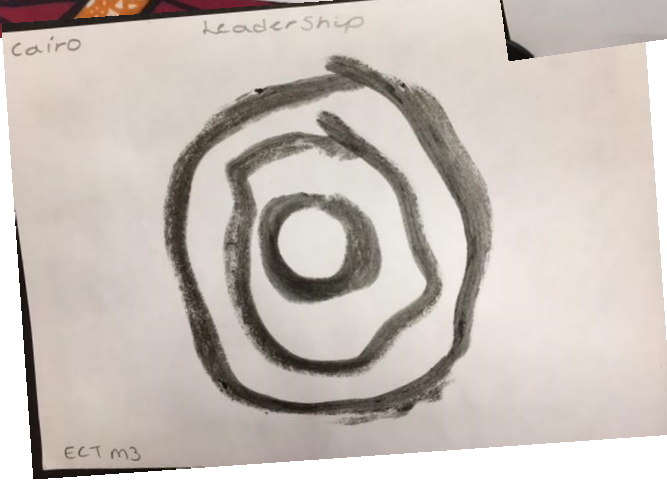
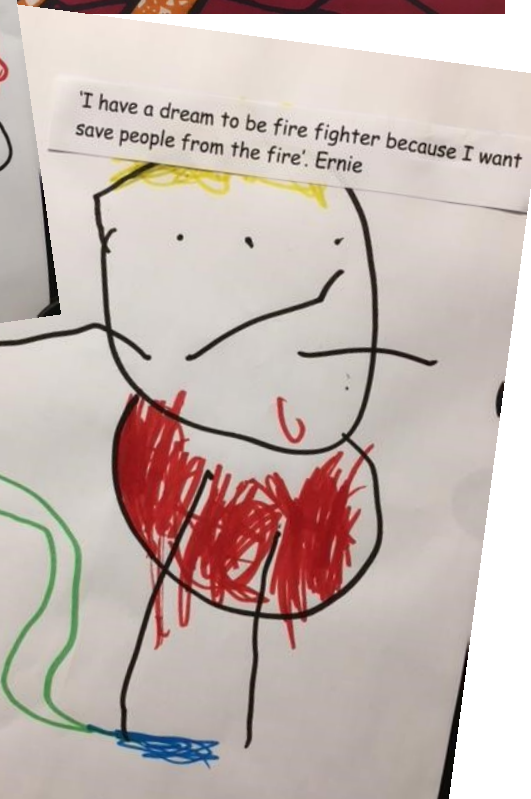
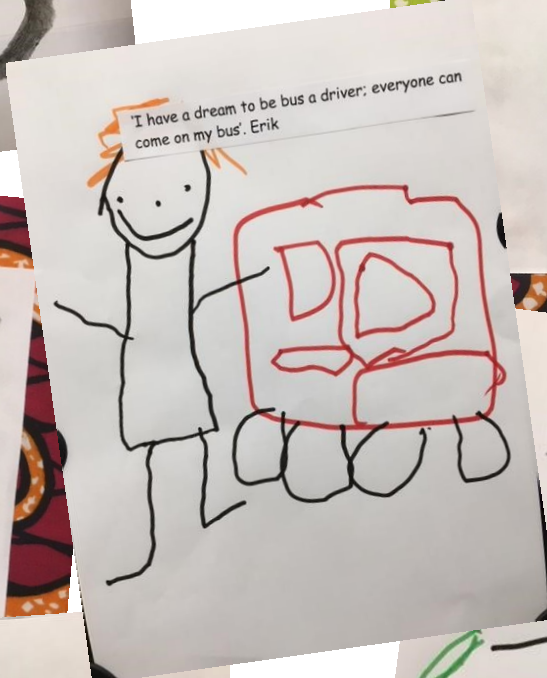
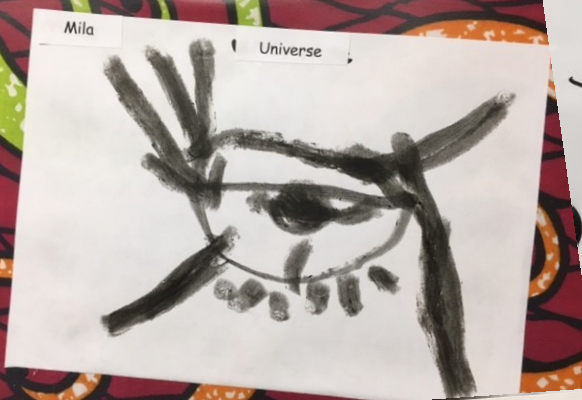
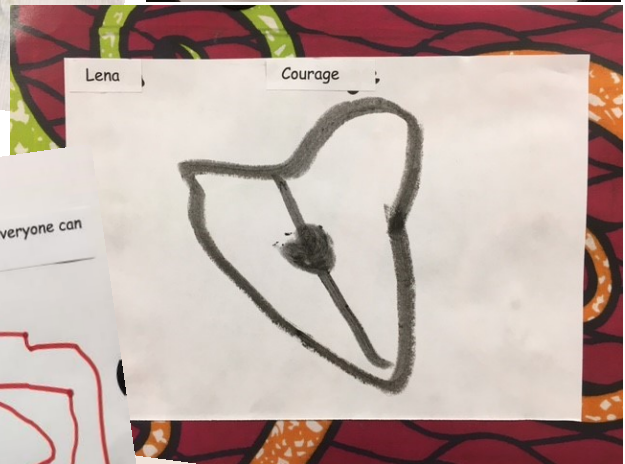
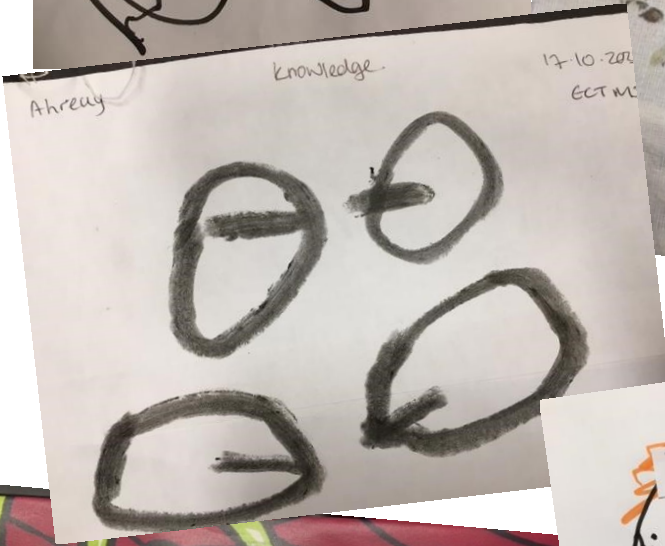
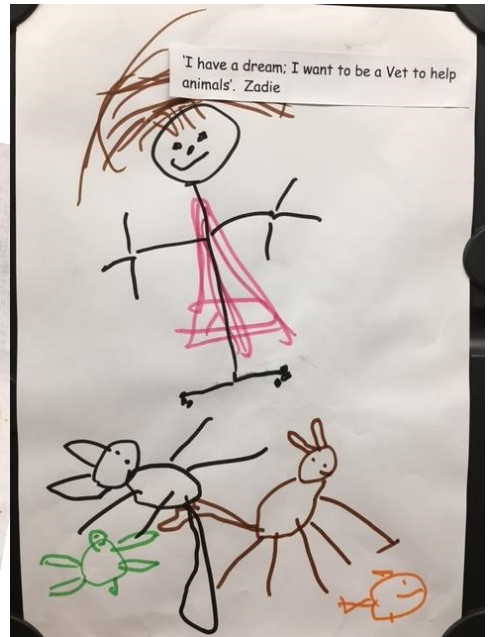
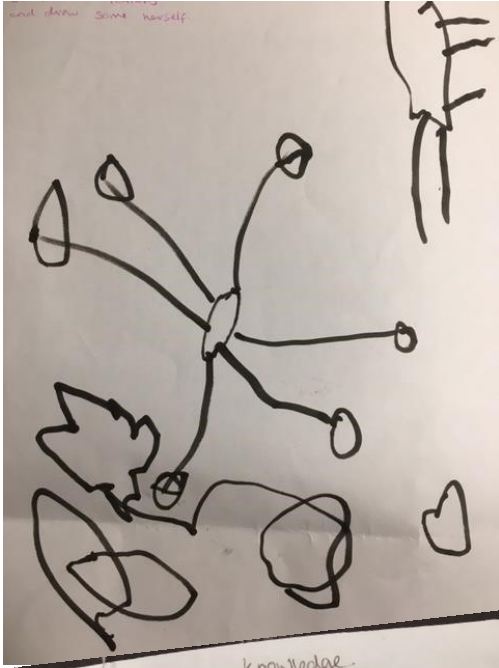
Contact your local Children's Centre for more information



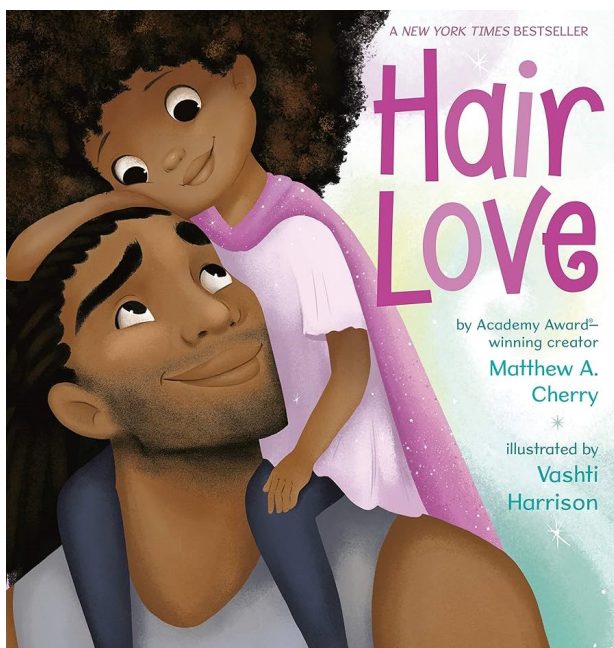


# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Here are images of some of the things we did during Black History Month; Adinkra symbols, recreating our own patterned cloth with flowers and aspirational dreaming!



# 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 basis of our learning helps children love reading on a deeper level which we hope they will keep with them throughout their education.

This month our key book is ***Hair Love***, written by Matthew A Cherry and illustrated by Vashti Harrison. What a beautiful book that celebrates a loving father/daughter relationship and how they overcome the obstacle of doing his daughter's hair. We love that the book does not assume gender stereotypes and that "dad" plays just as pivotal a role in family life as mum. This story is also important in celebrating difference in hair. Quite shockingly, in the USA, a recent Bill was passed making it illegal to discriminate against natural black hairstyles. It feels quite unbelievable that in some parts of the world in 2020, it has been necessary to pass law to eradicate hair discrimination. Our hope is that, by incorporating beautiful books such as this one in our school, all our children will see the beauty in someone's natural hair gifts and celebrate differences rather than discriminate; and maybe even ask the adult males in their lives to do their hair for them!

Here is a link to the Book of the Month info sheet:

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This book was based on a short film which won an Oscar Award for Best Animated Short Film. You can find the link to the film here: [https://youtu.be/kNw8V\\_Fkw28?si=pByHNCKoGbSlc2ca](https://youtu.be/kNw8V_Fkw28?si=pByHNCKoGbSlc2ca)

## IMPORTANT DATES

### November 2023

**Thursday 9th November**

-Parent Forum (Outdoor Play)

**Sunday 12th November**

-Diwali

**Stratford Library visits**

**Parent Participation needed**

**Tuesday 14th November** - Donaldson Room  
10 - 11 am and 1.30—2.30pm

**Wednesday 15th November** - Cooke Room  
10 - 11 am and 1.30—2.30pm

**Thursday 16th November** - Jeffers Room  
10 - 11 am and 1.30—2.30pm

**Monday 20th to Friday 24th November**

- Road Safety week

### December 2023

**Friday 1st December**

- Parent Forum (Mark Making)

**Tuesday 12th December**

- Christmas Concert (Donaldson Room)

**Wednesday 13th December**

- Christmas Lunch (for those children that have lunch at school)

**Thursday 14th December**

- Christmas Concert (Jeffers Room)

**Friday 15th December**

- Christmas Concert (Cooke and McKee Room)

**Tuesday 19th December**

- Christmas classroom parties

**Wednesday 20th December**

- Final Day of school for Government Funded Children

**Friday 22nd December**

- Last Day for all children

### January 2024

**Tuesday 2nd January**

- Fee paying children return

**Wednesday 3rd January**

- All children return to school

**Friday 5th January**

- INSET DAY School closed to ALL children

