

March 2024

Rebecca Cheetham Nursery and Children's Centre NEWSLETTER



Dear parents/carers,

We have had a very busy February with so much to celebrate and enjoy. From a fantastic educational visit to the Cable Cars, experiencing so many different forms of transport (apologies to Cooke Room as the cable cars were cancelled that day due to adverse weather) through to Lunar New Year celebrations, we have been learning so much! Developing a love of reading takes centre stage this month as we celebrate World Book Day with the children.

PARENT FORUM

Next date: Wednesday 6th March, 9am (face-to-face) and 2.00pm (face-to-face)

TOPIC: The importance of Early Reading

We really enjoy hosting these workshops for you and we hope that you come away with some helpful tips and ideas on how to help support your child's development. Here is the flyer for our March workshop which will be run by Yasmin from Donaldson Room: <https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=777&type=pdf>

You will also get an opportunity to spend time with your child in the nursery where you can enjoy some activities with them or even read a book with them.

For those that missed our Wellbeing Parent Forum, please find a link to the slides used in that workshop: <https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=776&type=pdf>

WORLD BOOK DAY 2024—Thursday 7th March 2024

World Book Day is a very important day in the school calendar and it's one of our favourite days as it gives us an opportunity to talk about and celebrate books. We have a lot of activities on offer for the children that week including a in-school theatre performance from Booster Seat Theatre, book related activities, a book character dress up on the actual day and parents coming in to read in their home languages. (Actually if you would like to help out and read to the children, we would love to hear your stories in your home language—please let the team know in the front office). Please have a look at the World Book Day poster which you can access here: <https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=779&type=pdf>

We were so pleased to have parents join us for two World Book Day Costume Making Workshops and our parents came up with some impressive results: have a read of the news article on our website and look out for more photos in this newsletter. <https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/news/?pid=6&nid=1&storyid=51>

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



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WORLD BOOK DAY 2024 cont.

Also, don't forget to pick up your World Book Day token from the nursery which will entitle you to swap your token in exchange for a free World Book Day book. Have a look at the 2024 book lineup. If you aren't keen on any of the free books on offer, you are also welcome to use the token to take £1 off any book worth £2.99 or more.



SCHOOL OF FAMILY SCIENCE DAY

We are very happy to welcome you to the nursery on **Wednesday 13th March 2024** for our School of Family Science Day. Ruma, from Jeffers Room has been working on preparing the day for you and getting exciting experiments ready in order to wow and amaze the children (and their parents) on the day. We will be offering a morning and afternoon session, at 10:00am—11:15am or 2:00pm—3:15pm. We would love to have you join us. Spaces are limited so make sure that you book your place at the front office. Here is a link to the flyer for the event: <https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=778&type=pdf>

PARENT / CARER CONSULTATIONS

We will be launching our booking schedule for Parent/Carer consultations which will be happening during the week commencing **Monday 25th March 2024**. This is an opportunity to have a discussion with your child's key person to get some feedback on their progress and areas we want to work on in the coming months. Sessions last no longer than 10 minutes in order to be able to accommodate for all the children in the nursery to meet with their key person. Further information is to follow.

FIESTA FUN DAY—CAN YOU HELP?

We are in the midst of planning for our **Fiesta Fun Day 2024** which is scheduled for **Friday 28th June 2024** between 1:00pm and 5:00pm. It's the most fun day in our yearly calendar and we always get around 300-400 people attending the event. The event is costly to run and our aim is to try to break even as we think it's important for our children, families and the community to come together to unite in a celebratory way. Those of you who have attended before will know it's a really wonderful event.

We would be extremely grateful if you could support us and we have a few ways that you can help:

- If you work for or know anyone that works for a company / organisation that would be happy to make a donation or offer a prize or gift voucher we would happily receive anything of value that we can offer for our raffle, tombola or general prizes throughout the day. We have an official school letter that you can ask for at the front office if that's helpful.
- If you have any unwanted gifts at home that you are happy to part with, we would love to accept them for our tombola.
- If you have any skills that you could offer in terms of running a stall or an activity for the children, we would love to hear more; you can speak to a member of the Fiesta Fun Day committee.
- Closer to the time we will ask for some donations for a "Nearly New" sale so we will be asking for donations for that in the near future.

Children's Centre

2023 Children's Centre Survey Winners ~ Announcement

Thank you to everyone who took part in our 2023 Children's Centre Survey and left a Google Review to be in with a chance to win a PRIZE!

We have randomly selected the following lucky Winners!
Congratulations!!!

BATU
Won a
Toy Organiser

**PHILPE &
LAGO**
Won a
Kitchen Play Set

ANAIYA
Won a
Train Set

DENIZ
Won a
Balance Bike

**MIHEALA &
EVENLINA**
Won a
Dinosaur Set

WE ARE A DISTRIBUTING SITE FOR HEALTHY START VITAMINS

Please speak with a member of the Children's Centre Team for further information with regards to Children's Vitamins and Vitamins or Breastfeeding mothers.



RHYME TIME

Stratford Library

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

**Every Tuesday
(Term time only)
10:00am—11:00am**

HEALTH PROMOTION

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Book a slot to speak to a Health Visitor regarding your child's Health and Well being.

**Thursday 21st March
1:30pm-2:00pm
Booking required**

HUG IN A MUG

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Come along and join us for a cup of warm drink and find out about what on offer in the local area.

A safe and cozy environment to meet other families from the local neighbourhood.

**Every Wednesday
(Term Time Only)**

9:30am-10:30am

World Book Day Costume Making

We were so pleased to host so many parents for our costume-making workshop to create outfits for your children for World Book Day. We were especially pleased with the second day where we had 16 parents in attendance. We hope you enjoyed the time together with other parents and we can't wait to see your creations on World Book day!



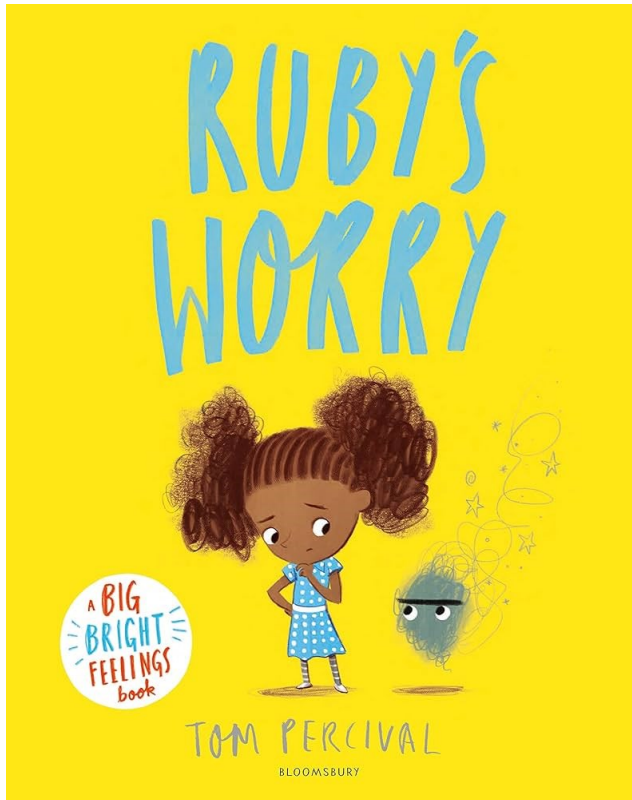
We are always so happy to take the children and families out to experience new things that correlate to the learning that the children are doing in class. In relation to our topic of transport, we took the children to experience a number of different transport modes, such as the DLR, bus, cable car and train. We hope all the parents/carers who attended had a wonderful time! Without your support we can't run these visits.



Transport Education



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 for 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 ***Ruby's Worry*** by written and illustrated by **Tom Percival**.

The Book Trust says of the book, "Ruby loves being Ruby. Until, one day, she finds a worry – and it won't stop growing. How can Ruby get rid of it and feel like herself again?"

This is a very beautiful, sensitive look at anxiety and how a problem shared is a problem halved. It demonstrates this message through gentle, subtle illustration, so even teeny children should grasp it."

Here is a link to the Book of the Month info sheet: <https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=Book+Of+The+Month&pid=70&action=saved>

IMPORTANT DATES

March 2024

Tuesday 5th March

- Booster Seat Theatre coming in to perform for the children

Wednesday 6th March

- Parent Forum and School of Family—Early Reading 9am & 2pm

Thursday 7th March

- World Book Day
- FRED Completion Date (Certificates awarded)

Wednesday 13th March

-School of Family—SCIENCE EVENT

Thursday 21st March

- 'Bling My Ride' Competition

W/C 25th March—28th March

- Parent Consultations (Details to follow)

Thursday 28th March

- Last day of Spring Term

Friday 29th March

- Good Friday—Nursery and Children's Centre Closed to all

April 2024

Monday 1st April

- Easter Monday—Nursery and Children's Centre Closed to all

Tuesday 2nd April

- Start of the Term Break for Government Funded children

Friday 12th April

- Last day of the Term Break for Government Funded children

Friday 23rd April

- Parent Forum—E-safety / Safeguarding



World Number Day!



Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.

Our school is taking part in the Big walk and wheel challenge. **Between 11th and the 22nd March**, schools will be entered into a daily prize draw for rewards including equipment and accessories if over 15% of pupils walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle on that day of the challenge.



On **Thursday 21st March** we will also host a **'BLING MY RIDE'** competition. Any student who comes to nursery with a decorated scooter or bicycle will be given a small safety light (subject to availability) which clips onto the bike/ scooter frame.

