

# April 2024

## Rebecca Cheetham Nursery and Children's Centre NEWSLETTER



Dear parents/carers,

The end of the Spring Term is nearly here and it has been great to enjoy some warmer weather and some much needed sun. We have had a super busy term and I am so thankful for all the wonderful things we have been able to offer your children this term; from educational visits to the Cable Cars, theatre performances, Science day, World Book Day celebrations, not to mention all the wonderful core books that our children have been exposed to during the term. As we head towards the Summer term, I can assure you that we have a great deal more exciting opportunities on the horizon.

A reminder that we are closed to all children from **Friday 29th March 2024 to Monday 1st April 2024** and to government funded (term time) children from **Friday 29th March 2024, returning Monday 15th April 2024**. Have a wonderful break.

### PARENT FORUM

**Next date: Tuesday 23rd April 2024, 9am (face-to-face) and 2.00pm (face-to-face)**

**TOPIC: E-safety and Safeguarding**

This is a very important Parent Forum that we are offering in April to help you navigate safety on the internet for you and your children and also give you an insight into safeguarding and how we can best protect our children.

As usual, please make contact with the front office to register your place on the session. We look forward to welcoming you to this parent forum.

<https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=790&type=pdf>

### PARENT GOVERNOR

Governors work in partnership with the Headteacher of the school to manage the school. Their duties include: agreeing the School Development Plan; deciding how the school budget will be set; setting aims for the curriculum (what is taught); recruiting senior staff; agreeing school policies, e.g. on equal opportunities, health & safety; etc. and providing information to parents. We are currently looking for two governors to join our board. If you are interested you are welcome to speak to Rohan, the head teacher to talk through the role or fill out this google form to nominate yourself: <https://forms.gle/fuP8p6BMpS5ehdVZ7> I have extended the application period to **Wednesday 3rd April 2024**.

Here is the link to the advert: <https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=787&type=pdf>

#### 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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## **IQM FLAGSHIP AWARD**

The Inclusive Quality Mark (IQM) assessor spent time at Rebecca Cheetham this month in order to make sure that we are still at the Flagship School standard. Our Assistant Head and SENDCO, Farhana, leads the charge for the award and puts in so much work and effort to ensure that we meet our inclusion goals. We look forward to sharing the report with you all when it is released. "An inclusive school gives all pupils regardless of their age, gender, ethnicity, achievements or background the equal opportunities to succeed. In return Inclusion Quality Mark provides schools with a nationally recognised framework to recognise the efforts they are making to be inclusive. There are over 5,500 schools in the UK who have either received an IQM Inclusive School Award or are currently working towards it." We are one of only 100 schools across the country that have achieved Flagship status which is an incredible achievement.

## **LUNCH CHARGES**

We have received the pricing from Juniper, the company that prepares our school lunches, and for the next financial year there is an increase in prices per meal. The lunchtime meal price will be going up to £3.19 per meal. We have decided, as a good will gesture, that the school will not pass on this price increase to our parents for the rest of this school year, although from September we will have to make a change in pricing. This will give you time to manage the new financial change.

## **EID AND EASTER RAFFLE AND MINI-ENTREPRENEURS**

You will have noticed the wonderful posters created by the children and, no doubt, been persuaded from your little people to buy raffle tickets for our EID and EASTER raffles. As part of the Economic Sustainability arm of the Sustainable Citizenship Award, the children will be learning about economics (3.1 The children have the opportunity, and are often seen to play with pretend or real money and point-of-sale technology (tills etc) and to aid in this, the children have been making and selling easter treats at the end of the sessions. They have really enjoyed being outside selling their items and it is such a wonderful thing for children to be able to go from create to selling and understand the whole process.



At the time of printing this newsletter the children had raised about **£270 for the raffle** and **£60 from donations** offered for the delicious treats made at school by your children. Well done to the children and staff for their dedicated efforts to raise money for the children at Rebecca Cheetham. The children will see the value of their hard work when they get an opportunity to choose how they spend some of the money they raised in resources for the provision.

The wonderful winners of the raffle prizes are: Ines (Jeffers), Sree (Donaldson), Lena (Donaldson), Alice (McKee), Tyler (Donaldson) Nyla (Donaldson) Farhana (Rebecca Cheetham).

## **FRED (Fathers Reading Every Day)**

We are so thrilled with the response to this years FRED programme; this year we had a record 60 participants! We hope that everyone who participated enjoyed the experience and that new habits have formed in your households that celebrate reading and building one of the most important skills for your child; a love of reading. For those successful participants, please come and **collect your certificate** from the front office and **choose a free book** we would like to gift your child to say congratulations for participating in the project. A huge thank you to Farhana for organising and coordinating this programme for the children and families.

## FIESTA FUN DAY—CAN YOU HELP?

**Fiesta Fun Day 2024** is fast approaching on **Friday 28th June 2024** between 1:00pm and 5:00pm and whilst we are very excited, we are also looking for your help and support to make it a huge success.

We would be extremely grateful if you could support us and we have a few ways that you can help. Unfortunately we haven't had any success yet so we are hoping you can help change that!

- 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.

## BLING MY RIDE COMPETITION

We were so thrilled that some of you got involved in our Bling My Ride competition during, what was, a very busy week! The three winners were given a gift of a bike safety light that clips into the handles of your "ride"! Thanks once again!

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to all our parents/carers who made a time to meet with their child's key person to discuss their progress and development here at Rebecca Cheetham. We have received some wonderful feedback from you all that we really appreciate. I feel very pleased that we have such caring and dedicated staff who really ensure they know your children very well.

## WORLD BOOK DAY 2024

We had a really memorable World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2024.

We saw some absolutely wonderful costumes, a great deal that were hand made and alongside all the activities on offer for the children on the day, we are really proud to have **gifted over 150 books** to our children to take home and keep.



# School of Family

# SCIENCE DAY!

We had a fabulous turn out for our Science Day and we are so thankful for Ruma in Jeffers Room for all her efforts in putting the day together. Please read about it further in the blog post she created on our website:

<https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/blog/?pid=15&nid=4&storyid=53>



# Children's Centre



## NEW CALENDAR

Our April—June 2024 Activity Calendar is out now!  
This can be found on our website and social media pages. Alternatively, if you would like a paper copy please come to the front office!

Bookings can be made one week in advance on the day of the session from Monday 8th April 2024 via telephone—0208 534 3136



### HEALTHY START VITAMINS

Is your child getting their daily dose of Vitamin D? We recommend that all children take a vitamin supplement. Don't forget that we are a distribution centre and you can collect FREE vitamin drops from the main office for your under 4's. You can also collect vitamins if you are pregnant. Come and speak to us at the office if you would like more information.



We will be running a **April Half Term Programme** from Tuesday 2nd April—Friday 12th April 2024 — See Page 7 for more info

### FAMILY SUPPORT

We know that difficult situations may arise in life. We have a skilled Family Support Team here who may be able to help should you require support with finances, emotions, health, employments, housing and training To make a self referral please follow the link below:  
[https://azcareportal-live.newham.gov.uk/aztriageportal/jsp\\_mash/admin/login.jsp](https://azcareportal-live.newham.gov.uk/aztriageportal/jsp_mash/admin/login.jsp)

## 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!!!

<b>BATU</b> Toy Organiser 	<b>PHILPE &amp; LAGO</b> Kitchen Play Set 	<b>ANAIYA</b> Train Set 	<b>DENIZ</b> Balance Bike 	<b>MIHEALA &amp; EVENLINA</b> Dinosaur Set 
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### STAY AND PLAY FOR UNDER 5S WITH A SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPIST

Thursday 18th April 2024 at 1pm - 2:30pm

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

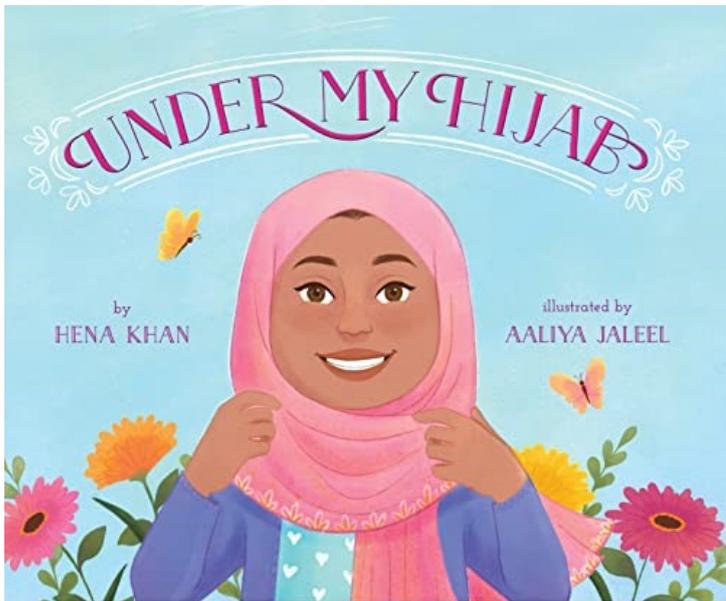
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME ADVICE?

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



# 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 ***Under My Hijab*** written by **Hena Khan** and Illustrated by **Aaliya Jaleel**.



***Under my Hijab*** follows a young girl as she explores the lives of the powerful, inspiring, hijabi women that surround her. To many, Hena's storytelling is a celebration of hijab and mirrors the lives of many young Muslim girls, as well as providing non-Muslims with a reality different to their own.

What better book than this to lift up and celebrate during the holy month of Ramadan. We really love this book here at Rebecca Cheetham.

Here is a link to the Book of the Month info sheet: <https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=789&type=pdf>

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **March 2024**

#### **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  
- Commencement of the Children Centre Holiday Programme

#### **Friday 12th April**

- Last day of the Term Break for Government Funded children

#### **Monday 15th April**

- All children return to nursery

#### **Tuesday 23rd April**

-Parent Forum—E-safety / Safeguarding

### **May 2024**

#### **Monday 6th May**

- Early May Bank Holiday

#### **Monday 13th May—Friday 17th May**

- Mental Health Week

#### **Thursday 16th May**

- Parent Forum—Early Phonics

#### **Monday 20th May—Friday 24th May**

-Walk to School Week

#### **May (dates to be confirmed)**

-Educational Visit to Mudchute Farm



# April Half Term Programme

	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April
AM		<b>Family Stay &amp; Play</b> (Five Senses) 0-4 years Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Booking required</b> 10:00am – 11:30am	<b>Family Stay and Play</b> (Music & Movement) 0-4 years Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Booking required</b> 10:00am – 11:30am	<b>Baby Stay and Play</b> (Baby Sensory) 0-12 months and non-walkers Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Booking required</b> 10:00am – 11:30am	<b>Natural History Museum</b> 2-8 years Limited Buggy spaces <b>Booking Required</b> 10:00am-2:00pm
PM	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Baby Stay and Play</b> (Singing & Story time) 0-12 months (Pre walkers) Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Booking required</b> 1:00pm – 1:45pm	<b>Family Stay and Play</b> (Messy Play) 0-4 years Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Booking required</b> 1:00pm – 2:30pm	<b>Family Stay and Play</b> (Creative Play) 0-8 years Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Booking required</b> 1:00pm – 2:30pm	<b>Family Stay and Play</b> (Teddy Bear Picnic) Bring a healthy packed Lunch 0-4 years Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Booking required</b> 11:00am – 2:00pm
AM	<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Family Stay and Play</b> (Messy Play) 0-4 years Abbey Lane CC <b>Drop in</b> 10:00am – 11:30am	<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b> <b>Family Stay and Play</b> (Wildlife) 0-4 years Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Booking required</b> 10:00am – 11:30am	<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Mudchute Farm</b> 2-8 years Limited Buggy spaces <b>Booking required</b> 10:00am-2:00pm	<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Baby Stay and Play</b> (Baby Sensory) 0-12 months and non-walkers Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Booking Required</b> 10:00am – 11:30am	<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Family Stay and Play</b> (Number Play) 0-4 years Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Booking required</b> 10:00am – 11:30am
PM	<b>Family Stay and Play</b> (Transport Play) 0-4 years Abbey Lane CC <b>Drop in</b> 1:00pm – 2:30pm	<b>Family Stay and Play</b> (Quality time together) Whole family Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Invitation/ Referral</b> 1:00pm – 3:00pm	<b>Family Stay and Play</b> (Power of Mark Making) 0-4 years Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Booking required</b> 1:00pm – 2:30pm	<b>Family Stay and Play</b> (Construction Play) 0-4 years Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Booking required</b> 1:00pm – 2:30pm	<b>Family Stay and Play</b> (Dig and Grow) 0-8 years Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Booking required</b> 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Thank you for taking the time to look through our April Half Term Programme. Please ensure you book your space to avoid any disappointments by calling us on: 0208 534 3136. Please note: only 2 sessions can be booked throughout the week to enable more families to have the opportunity to join in with the fun. Please remember to cancel your space if you are unable to attend, this will allow more families to attend due to your consideration. All sessions are subject to change. We look forward to seeing you and your little ones soon.