

# Learning in March



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## Eastwood Day Nursery Newsletter—Issue 12

### HOUSEKEEPING

#### General reminders

- We are currently collecting junk modelling resources for both Cedar and Oak Class so please bring these in you have any to donate.
- **Please remember to collect your children on time to avoid being charged the late collection fee.** If you require a detailed handover about your child's day at nursery please arrive before 6:00pm.
- With many children due to transition into Primary School in September 2023 we are asking parents to advise us of your child's Primary School offer. Please email [edn@eastwood.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:edn@eastwood.wandsworth.sch.uk) with the information.
- Please remember to label your child's belongings.
- We are currently replenishing our treasure basket and heuristic play resources so are welcoming donations of cardboard, boxes, tins, natural resources and spice jars.

### DIARY DATES

#### April 2023

**Friday 7th April — Monday 10th April 2023** -Easter Break

#### May 2023

**Monday 1st, Monday 8th & Monday 29th May 2023** — Bank holiday closures

**Friday 5th May 2023**— King's coronation lunch

#### June 2023

**Monday 5th June 2023** — INSET day

#### August 2023

**Monday 28th August —Monday 4th September 2023**—Summer Closure



Parent  
Updates

#### Cedar Class

In Cedar Class we will be introducing a new group project called 'Developing a Love of Reading'. This involves sending books home with children and also looking at interactive stories at home. The children will be sharing their opinions on these stories at nursery. All of the children will gradually be able to be involved in this project.

#### Oak Class

From Monday 17th April 2023 Oak Class will begin operating a no shoe policy. This is due to younger children spending more time exploring and learning on the floor. We will have shoe covers available for parents and visitors along with storage inside the classroom for children's shoes. Parents are welcome to bring in slippers for their children.

#### Red Nose Day -

Thank you for your donations towards Comic Relief . The Day Nursery raised £25.00.

# Cedar Class



## Stories to support our feelings and emotions

This month we have purchased some new books that the children have really been enjoying. The books cover topics such as 'change' 'choices' and 'loss' and this has started some very interesting conversations with the children showing a great deal of curiosity but also sharing their own experiences with each other .



This month we have been focusing on letters that are important to us. The children have been supported in writing the letters in their names.

We have been doing this using not only pens and paper but also sand and salt.



## Our Yoga Sessions

The children have been very focused and engaged during their weekly yoga sessions. They are now becoming more familiar with the songs that are used such as 'Fly Like a Butterfly' and 'Shimmy Shimmy High'.

Please do ask them to show you what they have been learning. You can find the link to one of the songs here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQ2RfJ1cNJE>



## Planting

We have continued this month with our planting and growing. The children have planted some flowers outdoors and some tomatoes indoors. They have all also planted their very own sunflowers and are going to be having a competition to see whose can grow the tallest. They also used glitter, glue and paint to decorate their own pots.

# Oak Class



Oak Class have been learning about growth and decay. Using the iPad to look at videos, they have learnt about the life cycles of plants.

Oak class have had the opportunity to sow some seeds in the planting area, they have been encouraged to make predictions on how tall they think their flowers will grow, and what colours they think they may be.



Oak class have become particularly interested in worms and other mini beasts.

Oak Class have looked up images of worms on the iPad and have attempted to make their own worms using cooked spaghetti and playdough. To further build on the children's curiosity, we had a Mini Beast hunt outdoors to search for, "Big wiggly worms".



## Stick Man oh Stick Man.....

Oak class have been reading the story of 'Stick Man' to further extend and build upon the story the children were given the opportunity to create their very own Stick Men, by using clay and twigs.

The children were able to manipulate the clay into the shape and size that they wanted. The children showed good gross and fine motor skill during this activity and had their own clear aims and objectives on what they wanted to achieve.



Oak Class demonstrated a 'Can do' attitude when they used knives to cut different fruit and vegetables. The children who participated in the activity demonstrated good control when using the utensils, such as the masher which they used to mash the bananas.

The children spoke about the textures of the fruits and vegetables, they were also encouraged to smell the fruit and vegetables and discuss scents.

