

Learning in January



1st February 2023

Eastwood Day Nursery Newsletter—Issue 10

HOUSEKEEPING

General reminders

- Children should be appropriately dressed for nursery and their clothes **labelled with their names**. Children will get messy at nursery so please provide extra clothes
- **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.
- If you are going to be away on holiday, please notify us as soon as possible in writing. All absences should be emailed to edn@eastwood.wandsworth.sch.uk
- Invoices are to be paid in full by no later than 1st of every month.
- All concerns regarding your child's development should be discussed with your child's key person in the first instance.
- If your child has been unwell with a temperature it is NHS advice that they stay at home until their temperature has gone. A continued temperature requires medical advice to be sought.

DIARY DATES

April 2023

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

May 2023

Monday 1st & Monday 29th May— Bank holiday closures

June 2023

Monday 5th June 2023—INSET day



Parent Updates

Early Talk Boost Information Evening

Thank you to those of you that attended this session to find out more about the new speech and language intervention that we will be implementing. For those of you whose children are going to be engaged in this please look out for an email.

NIPA Coffee Morning

Unfortunately no parents attended to find out more about the nursery inclusion project for all. We will consider offering this event again in the future . Please look out for a email for further information.

Forest School -

We will be starting our forest school sessions from 20th February 2023, these will take place every Wednesday. If you are interested **in volunteering** please do let us know by emailing edn@eastwood.wandsworth.sch.uk

Cedar Class



This month in Cedar Class has been all about experiments and explosions. The topic of volcanoes was chosen by the children as they had a keen interest in dinosaurs and endangered animals. When we began talking about dinosaurs the subject of volcanoes and hot lava came about very quickly. The children firstly made their own volcanoes out of clay, then, using bicarbonate of soda and vinegar made their very own eruption of 'Hot lava'.

They then moved onto making a larger volcano and placing dinosaurs around the bottom of it. Again they made it erupt. We then watched a video on the reactions of different chemicals together and the children asked to make the 'bottle explosion'. This happens when Mentos and diet coke are mixed together. There was a lot of excitement at this reaction. We then moved back to the bicarbonate of soda and vinegar experiment but this time we made the reaction inside of a bottle which acted as a rocket. The rocket flew very high! We are currently in the process of all of the children making their very own rockets which they will decorate. We will then see whose rocket will fly the highest!



The children have also been enjoying the new picture boards. Using brightly coloured string which is then threaded through a pen children can make pictures on boards. These boards can then be joined together to make a larger picture.

There has been lots of mark making happening as the literacy trolley has been updated. The paint sticks have been a huge success with the children independently accessing these to make very colourful and vibrant pictures.

The children have been concentrating very hard on a number of puzzles. They even took on of their favourites when they went to visit their friends at Lyle house. The children and the residents also enjoyed listening to the story of 'The smartest Giant in Town' together.

Oak Class



Oak class children have shown delight in making mud pies in the mud kitchen. The children mixed soil and water together using large mixing spoons. The children used lots of language and were very keen to tell both their peers and adults what they were making.

Oak class have had the pleasure of having stories read to them by one of Oak Class' parents. Maria has brought in a variety of stories that she has been reading in Spanish. The children repeated some Spanish words and numbers which Maria taught them.

The children have also been celebrating Chinese New Year by joining in with different arts and crafts learning experiences. They got busy with red paint and paper plates making their very own Chinese New Year dragons. The children also made lanterns using a range of different materials.



Oak class have shown a huge interest again in the 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar story'. We watched short clips that showed the life cycle of a caterpillar. Oak class made their own caterpillars, filling stockings with rice and lentils which they then painted green. Oak class have been learning about the importance of eating a healthy balanced diet, because, if they ate many unhealthy things they could get a stomach ache like the very hungry caterpillar.