

# Learning in April

## Eastwood Day Nursery Newsletter—Issue 13

### HOUSEKEEPING

#### General reminders

- 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.

### CEDAR AND OAK CLASS

Please speak with a member of staff if you are able to spare any of your free time to spend in Oak or Cedar class reading, singing or doing a focused activity with the children.

### DIARY DATES

#### May 2023

**Monday 8th & Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023** — Bank holiday closures

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

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023—Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023**— Bake and cake sale week

#### June 2023

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023** — INSET day

**Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup>**—Class Photographs

#### July 2023

**11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023**—Parents Evening

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023**—End of year party

#### August 2023

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August —Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023**—Summer Closure

#### Bake and Cake Sale Week—

We are welcoming baking donations for our bake and cake sale week. Monies raised will go towards gifts for our end of year party.

Please also speak with a member of staff if you are able to spare some of your free time to bake with the children.



## Cedar Class



The children have been looking at all things symmetrical. After investigating in the garden and indoor environments they then used mirrors to look at their faces, using their hands as a centre line to see the symmetry.

Using the iPad we looked more closely at the pattern of a butterfly before recreating these by making butterfly paintings. These are displayed in the hall way so please do have a look.



Outside in the garden children have been working on their balance and co-ordination skills. The stilts have been practised daily with some of the children now mastering the art of walking with them. We have been practising balancing on one leg and jumping from one foot to the other whilst shifting our body weight.

## Healthy Choices

This month we have been looking at the different ways to keep ourselves healthy. From exercising, getting enough sleep and drinking plenty of water to the types of food that we eat. The children have been confident in making healthy choices. They also looked closely at the effect that exercise has on their bodies.

## What can you find?

In the messy room this month the children have been showing a keen interest in hide and seek in the sand pit. They have been hiding and burying objects so that their friends cannot find them. Next month we will be making maps and burying treasure on a larger scale.



# Oak Class



Oak class have been interested in music and movement and ring games. They have been particularly keen to sing, "Ring a ring a roses" amongst themselves. Oak class will invite others to join their ring games where they will sing "Ring O roses" and complete all the actions independently without needing adult input.

Once finished they will cheer and clap with delight before seeking out others to join their circle game.



"Look at my house"

Oak class have been interested in exploring with the wild animals. To further build on the childrens' curiosity, they were shown habitats of some of the wild animals, where we spoke about, Polar Bears living in cold climates and that Elephants live in hot countries such as Africa and India. The children were then given the opportunity to draw their own "houses" for the animal of choice.



## Easter Nests

In celebration of Easter, Oak Class showed delight in making some yummy Easter treats. The children each had their own bowls where they mixed together melted chocolate and cereal to make Easter nests. Oak class show good control when using the utensils to mix the ingredients together and good hand eye co-ordination when the mixture was transferred into cupcake cases.



Some of the children have been busy in the mud kitchen where they used spoons, spatulas, pots, pans and baking trays to make "Muddy soup".

The children each had their own aims and objectives when creating their muddy soups. The children added water to the soil and watched the consistency of the soil change.

