

Learning in March



25th March 2024

Eastwood Day Nursery Newsletter—Issue 24

HOUSEKEEPING

General reminders

- Please remember to collect your children on time to avoid being charged the late collection fee. **The same applies for children whose sessions finish at, 1.00pm and 4.00pm.**
- 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
- **Please remember that in line with our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Procedures the use of mobile phones within the Day Nursery is not permitted.**
- **Please share a family photograph with us if you have not done so already.**

Speech and Language—Parent Workshop

Understanding behaviours and supporting emotions

Please come along and join us for this workshop run by Krystle our Nursery Inclusion Project Speech and Language Therapist.

Tuesday 7th May 2024

At 8:30am

In Messy Room—Cedar class

DIARY DATES

March 2024

Friday 29th March 2024 — Monday 1st April 2024

Day Nursery Closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday

June 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024—Day Nursery closed for Inset Day

**learn to
love to
read**

LET'S CHAT, PLAY, SING AND READ TOGETHER!

FREE Sessions for parents and their children aged 2 to 4 years

Where: Eastwood Children's Centre, Roehampton
When: 10.30-11.10am
Tuesdays 23rd, 30th April and 7th, 14th May 2024
(4 week programme)

Share books Gifts Playing games

Singing Tips

Please sign up on our website
<https://bit.ly/46syqCb>

Cedar Class



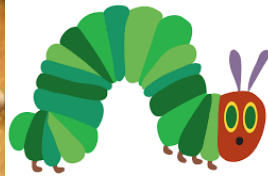
Artists in the making..

The children have been developing their core strength by mark making on different surfaces. They have made their own easels and have been using these to make different artistic creations.



Sensory Bottles

Thank you for the ongoing donations of plastic bottles. This month the children have been developing their fine motor skills and making their own sensory bottles. They have been filling these with lentils, vegetables, rice and pasta.



Life Cycles

This month we have been learning about the life cycle of a caterpillar. We have been reading the story of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and been watching our very own caterpillars grow. The children have been observing how the caterpillars have formed their cocoons and are now waiting for them to hatch out as butterflies. This led to a lot of discussions around the life cycles. The children also made their very own giant caterpillar.

What will it form..

The children have been using marbles and buttons and placing these on top of shapes and letters formed with string. We have been introducing the children to the concept of patterns and this has supported them with this.



Oak Class



The Hungry Caterpillar

Oak Class have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. We have been reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* storybook which explains how caterpillars turn themselves into butterflies. The children are also able to watch their very own caterpillars grow and they are currently in their cocoons. Have a look...



Here the children are in their pretend boat. They sat inside of a large sheet and moved around Oak Class whilst singing 'Row, row, row your boat'. The children showed delight as they were pulled along and then swapped places taking turns with each other in their pretend boat.

In the Community

With some of the warmer weather the children have been out exploring some of the local areas. Within the Roehampton University grounds they visited the ducks and chickens, linking some of the sounds heard to their favourite rhyme 'Old McDonald'.



The children have been interested in, 'Old McDonald's farm' and were given the opportunity to explore getting the farm animals mucky in 'mud' (brown paint). The children then cleaned the animals by washing the mud away using soapy water in a large tuff tray. Throughout the activity, the children were supported with their expressive language by singing the rhyme 'Old McDonald', naming the animals and imitating the animal sounds.