



Autumn Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to thank you for all your support in helping us settle your children into nursery this term. Your children are doing very well and enjoying all the incredible learning opportunities on offer. We have uploaded many pictures of your children's learning on Tapestry for you to see and share with them at home. If you are not sure of how to access Tapestry please speak with any member of our team for support.

Hopes and Dreams

If your child has just joined us, you might not have heard of 'Our Hopes and Dreams' wall. This is an opportunity for your child and their special people to be on our family wall. It is a celebration of you, your child and all the people who are important to them. Have a look at the display in Front Class and pick up a form at reception to complete. You can also email us your pictures and information and we will print it for you.

Opening and Closing times

We are open from 9am (8.30am for breakfast club) until 11.25am and 12.45am to 3pm. Full time children start at 9am and finish at 3pm. Please remember to pick your children on time to avoid them feeling distressed or upset.

PARENT'S COFFEE MORNING

Everybody welcome
Upstairs


Wednesday 27th
9:30am



Our Library

We will be opening our new library space twice a week from December 2024. This will be on a Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning. The library will be open 10mins before your child's day starts with us.

You and your child can borrow a maximum of 3 books each week. Simply write down the name of the books you have borrowed in the file under your child's name. Why not borrow some for their younger siblings too!



Our Approach to Learning

Our planning and learning is largely based around your children's play and areas of interest. These are then used to extend your child's learning and help them to progress within the curriculum. This is based on our observations of them as well as conversations we have had with them. If your child is displaying an interest in something in particular at the moment please do let a member of our team know so that we can use this to plan fun, motivating and exciting activities for them. You could let us know via Tapestry too, by uploading photos or videos of what they have been up to at home.

Some of the areas we have been focusing on this term are;

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Continuing to build friendships with other children and trusting relationships with adults. Sharing space and resources as well as showing care and consideration for each other. Exploring our feelings and emotions. Labelling how we feel and thinking about ways to help us to feel happier when we are feeling sad or frustrated. We have been using the zones of regulation approach to help children identify their emotions.

Communication and Language:

Developing our listening and attention skills through engaging activities and stories. Talking about the changes we see as the seasons and weather begin to change. As well as discussing seasonal festivals such as Bonfire night and Christmas.

Physical Development:

Continue to develop fine and gross motor skills indoors and out. You can help by encouraging your child to be more independent in self-care skills such as putting on their own coat and shoes. If your child is currently in a nappy and you think they are ready to begin toilet training we are happy to support you with this.

Literacy: We are exploring a wide range of mark making including paint, chalk, crayons and even making marks in flour and rice. We are reading lots of stories too, we will be particularly focusing on books linked to winter, snow and the festivals taking place in autumn 2.

Maths:

Meaningful maths including reciting numbers as we play (such as hide and seek) Practical counting opportunities such as counting out our fruit for snack and of course singing lots of number songs. Our current favourite is 5 astronauts in a flying saucer.


Understanding the World: Noticing the changing seasons and how the weather is changing.

Expressive Arts and Design: singing lots of songs! Including singing and signing to 'Its a wonderful world'. Mixing colours using paint. Role play in our home corner including being doctors and hairdressers. Practising our Christmas songs.

Clothing.

As the weather has become colder, we would really appreciate it, if you could ensure your child has their coat, hat and gloves. Please label all clothing so it is easier to find at the end of your child's school day.

THURSDAY 19
DECEMBER

Meet kids at 3PM at nursery for seasonal songs
Followed by: a disco, crafting cafe & meet Father Christmas!
Please bring a  to share if you can.
Kids to be accompanied by adults.



Toilet Training Strategies

<https://eric.org.uk/> is a children's bowel and bladder charity. They have a wealth of information on strategies on how to support your child to prepare for toilet training, etc. Log onto their website for more details.

BBC Tiny Happy People

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>
This is brilliant for offering advice, tips, child development and milestones information in the form of videos and handouts.

Christmas Card Competition

Please design a Christmas Card!

Open to all Wandsworth Children & Young People

Win £30 one-4-all voucher!

Please send your design, name & age to:
limitless@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

Closing date 4th December.

The winning design will be picked by

Ana Popouci,

*Deputy Chief Executive serving Richmond and
Wandsworth and Executive Director Children's
Services Wandsworth, and sent to
Wandsworth schools & partners.*



Snacks

Please remember to bring us fruits, vegetables and snacks as and when you can. It is truly appreciated by all the children. If you are not sure of what to bring, just speak to our team in Front Class or your child's keyworker

Future Parent Workshop

**Monday 2nd December - 9am and
12.45pm Zones of Regulation**

**Wednesday 11th December 2024 - 9am
and 12.45pm Come and help us plan the
workshops you would like for Spring
2025**

Autumn and Spring Term Dates

The last day of the Autumn term is 20th December 2024
**We are closed on 6th January and 24th February 2025
for Staff Training**

Spring 1 - 6th January - 14th February 2025

Half term (School closed) - 17th - 21st February 2025

Spring 2- 24th February - 4th April 2025

Information for Under 5's Stay and Play

<https://fis.wandsworth.gov.uk/kb5/wandsworth/fsd/service.page?id=McDpi8wer9o>