

Easter Treasure Hunt

Spring time is almost here again and with spring comes Easter. This year we thought we would celebrate Easter by having a fun filled afternoon of Easter activities. The children will be parading around in their Easter bonnets, designing their own hard boiled eggs and enjoying a good old fashioned Easter egg hunt.

All parents/carers are invited to join us with our celebrations and help us in our search for eggs. The activities will begin at 1.30pm until 3.00pm on the 1st April 2010. You can use this opportunity to have a chat with our staff and take a look through your child's Learning Journey files.



Diary Dates

17th March
St Patrick's Day

2nd April
Good Friday
nursery closed

4th April
Easter Sunday

5th April
Easter Monday
nursery closed

3rd May
May Day Bank
Holiday
nursery closed

31st May
Spring Bank
Holiday
nursery closed

Gloop Play

Ingredients

2 cups of water to one cup of corn flour
(food colouring optional.)

Instructions

Pour the corn flour into a bowl. Add the cold water slowly, stirring constantly and stop when the water is barely absorbed by the corn flour.

The resulting solution is fascinating to play with. It can be scooped up with the fingers as a mouldable material, but flows like liquid back into the bowl. Children enjoy running it through their fingers and exploring making their own marks either with their fingers or tools and generally making a mess! Gloop encourages children to use hand eye co-ordination and helps to develop their fine motor skills as well as new vocabulary around manipulation with words such as squeeze and ooze etc.

Children can simply play with it, or drizzle it over black paper to make patterns. Although messy, as the gloop dries it should brush off clothing as it turns into a dry chalk like powdery material. Any remaining gloop can be put away for another time just simply add more water.



Learning Journeys

Each child who attends the nursery has a Learning Journey where staff record all their lovely achievements during their time at Aisha. We would like for you to also get involved with this at home. So we are inviting you to take home your child's Learning Journey so that you can write in an event that takes place at home with maybe a picture to go with it.

This can be anything from a trip to the supermarket to help with the weekly shop to a holiday or maybe even celebrating a special birthday for a member of the family. Please speak to your child's key person and remember that these must be brought back, but you will be given the file when your child leaves Aisha at the end of their learning journey with us.

Speech and Language

You may have met Ruth Crowe (Speech and Language Therapist) in February when she visited the nursery to inform us of the 'Bin the Dummy' campaign, which encourages parents to wean their children off dummies from the age of one onwards.

SureStart speech and Language team also say that sharing songs, rhymes and stories are really good ways of supporting your child's speech and language development and that parent and carers who do are getting their children's communication off to a great start.

SureStart Speech and Language Team will be back at the nursery on the 20th April to see how we are all getting on. If you would like any further information or advice you can contact them directly on 0161 224 9350.

Staff News

Congratulations to Sue Corbett who was successful at interview in February and is now full time nursery manager for Aisha Daycare. This is a position she has worked very hard for, well done Sue and keep up the good work!

Welcome back Lorna! Lorna came back to work in January and has brought her beautiful daughter as well who has joined the other babies in Orange room.

Students

During the year students and people on work experience placements will be spending some time at the nursery, shadowing staff, looking at ways of working to gain knowledge as part of their studies. Students are never left unsupervised with the children.

Quality and Access grant

We have been awarded a grant to have a canopy put up outside the nursery, along the red and yellow rooms, so that children will be able to play under this no matter what the weather. This canopy will also have shutters which will be pulled down and locked at night. The canopy will enable us to extend the learning environment for the children which will then expand each child's learning experience. We will inform you of further developments as they arise.

Notice of Leaving – Reminder

Parents are required to give one month's written notice to Acting Nursery Manager Sue Corbett if they are leaving Aisha. If notice is not received four weeks payment will be required in lieu of notice.

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