

Staff Hellos and Goodbyes



As you may have noticed Sue Scott our Team Leader for Jellyfish room has been away from the Children's Centre recently. Unfortunately Sue will not be returning to us as she will be spending some quality time with her family. We wish her all the best and would like to say a huge thank you for all of her hard work and support here at the Children's Centre, she will be greatly missed.

We welcome Charlotte to our team from April, she will be our new Day Care Lead. Charlotte is an experienced leader and we're sure she will fit in quickly as part of the team. Charlotte will be working closely with all the staff to maintain a quality learning experience for all the children here. Please do take time to say hello to Charlotte if you see her in and around the Children's Centre.



WELCOME

Learning at Home

Kate Irvine, our SENCo and Lead Teacher has been putting fun ideas which you can take home on display in our corridor. If you have used any of these ideas at home then please share them with us. We would love to display what you have been doing at home in our corridor.



Parking

8:45am can be a busy time on Sheridan Road, we need to be mindful of the residents that live on this road. When parking near the Children's Centre please leave driveways clear and avoid parking on any yellow lines or school markings. We also have many visitors to our Children's Centre who walk with small children and sometimes double buggies. If you are choosing to park on the pavements please make sure there is still enough room for parents and carers with pushchairs and small children to use the pavement safely.



Makaton

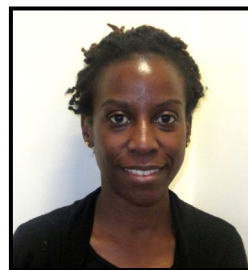
We have recently had the opportunity for Trish and Diana to attend Makaton Training. Makaton is a language programme using signs and symbols to help people to communicate. It is designed to support spoken language and the signs and symbols are used with speech, in spoken word order. Makaton is extremely flexible as it can be personalised to an individual's needs and used at a level suitable for them.

Trish and Diana will be supporting all the staff to learn new signs and we will be introducing them to the children over the weeks and will be sharing them with you so you can use them at home.

The first new sign will be 'happy', if you would like Trish or Diana to show you how to sign this please ask them.



Trish



Diana



Packed Lunch Ideas



All children can go through stages where they are fussy with what they eat.

Why not try... **Sandwich Sushi**

Ingredients

Sliced bread, soft cheese, ham, cucumber

Method

- 1) Flatten the bread slightly with a rolling pin.
- 2) Spread one side with soft cheese and top with the ham, keeping the slice as flat as possible.
- 3) Put the cucumber stick at one end of the bread. Gently roll up the bread around the cucumber
- 4) Cut the roll into four pieces to make 'sushi' rounds

For alternatives you could swap the ham with tuna or chicken, or swap the cucumber for carrot or peppers.



The Noise 2017

The Noise 2017 is taking place between 29th April - 1st May and a lot of preparations are happening. Volunteers are signing up to be involved. Noise volunteers could help with projects like maintenance or painting work in schools or community buildings, gardening work in residential homes, or smaller scale projects working with vulnerable adults/families that may need a bit of extra help in their garden or house.

If you would like to volunteer, or have a project that needs doing at home, speak to Shad. We will see if it is viable for the Noise weekend.

Don't forget to come along to the

Horfield Family Fun Afternoon
at Horfield Common
on Saturday 29th April

THE NOISE FAMILY FUN AFTERNOONS

TALENT SHOWS / FACE PAINTING / CRAFT AREA / INFLATABLES / CAFÉ AREA

SATURDAY 29TH APRIL, 2:30 - 4:30 PM

EASTON: RAWNSLEY PARK, BEAUMONT STREET, BS5 0US

ST WERBURGH: MINA ROAD PARK, BS2 9XH

HORFIELD: HORFIELD COMMON, BS7 0XJ

SEA MILLS: SEA MILLS SQUARE, BS9 2DY

FISHPONDS: FISHPONDS PARK, FISHPONDS ROAD, BS16 2JB

SUNDAY 30TH APRIL, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

BARTON HILL: URBAN PARK, BS5 9XE

LAWRENCE WESTON: BAPTIST CHURCH, LONG CROSS, BS11 0LU

BRENTY: BRENTY PRIMARY SCHOOL, BS10 6RG (2:30 - 4:00 PM)

MONDAY 1ST MAY, 2:30 - 4:30 PM

KNOWLE WEST: CRESWICK ROAD, BS4 1UB

SOUTHMEAD: GLENCROYNE SQUARE, BS10 6DE

LOCKLEAZE: INDOORS AT THE HUB, GAINSBOROUGH SQUARE,
BS7 9FB (1:00 - 3:00 PM)

'THE NOISE 2017' ALSO INCLUDES

COMMUNITY PROJECTS, SENIOR CITIZENS' EVENTS AND MORE

WWW.THENOISE.ORG.UK   **BRISTOLNOISE**



Toys at Nursery

Can we remind parents that toys should be left at home and not brought to nursery. Thank you.

Sun Cream

A reminder that we should have a labelled bottle of sun cream for each child in Nursery. If you haven't already, ask reception for a sun cream permission letter and label which you need to sign and return. May we remind you that sun cream should be applied to your child before they come in for their session.



Term Dates

Term 5 Monday 24th April 2017 to Friday 26th May 2017

Term 6 Monday 5th June 2017 to Friday 21st July 2017

INSET (Closure) Dates

Tuesday 18th April 2017

Friday 23rd June 2017

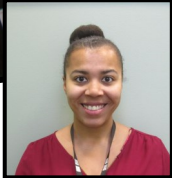
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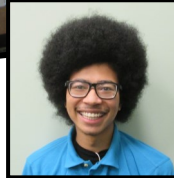
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Mental Health



Astrah



Shad

We all have mental health and how we look after it is important. Astrah and Shad are now trained Mental Health First Aiders. If you need support or just someone to speak to please come and find them. Take a look at our new display in the corridor which gives some more information and helpful numbers you can call.

Remember: It's ok not to be ok!



"A Tale of Two Planets"



On Wednesday 12th April the Dragon Bird Theatre Company came to the Children's Centre to see Children in Rainbowfish Room. They brought the production of "A Tale of Two Planets". Dot the alien came and she found her way to planet Earth on her space hopper, there she met Professor Clunk. She was a rocket maker and was making a rocket to go into space. Once the performance had finished the children were very lucky to get involved in the story, making rockets to fly to the moon and float in the solar system seeing the all the planets and tiny stars. The staff, parents and children really enjoyed the show and activities. Dragon Bird Theatre Company are based in Bristol and have shows around Bristol for just £3 per ticket. Visit www.dragonbirdtheatre.co.uk



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