



Early Learners Centre Pre-School Newsletter: February 2015



Welcome

A special warm welcome to all new children and parents to our pre-school. Please feel free to come and talk to the manager or a member of staff, if you have any questions.



The Team

Charanjit Chaggar	– Director
Jagdeep Chaggar	– Director
Kasthuri Rajan	– Manager
Celia Kee	– Deputy Manager
Sophie Wiggs-Gilbody	– Senior Staff
Emma Warry	– Senior Staff
Asma Begum	– Senior Staff
Paris Foster	– Apprentice

Session times

Breakfast club	8.00 AM – 8.45 AM
Morning session	8.45 AM – 11.45 AM
Lunch club	11.45 AM – 12.15 PM
Afternoon session	2.15 PM – 3.15 PM
Afterschool club	3.15 PM – 6.00 PM



- Spring break - 3rd April 2015 – 20th April 2015
- Event Day and Red Nose Day 13th March 2015
- Parents voice meeting 16th march 2015
- Parent drop in session 18th, 19th and 20th March 2015



Staff information



As you may have noticed we are beginning to get busier with new children enrolled in the pre-school. With the increase in children we will be getting more and more new staff. To keep up the standards we are employing and selecting staff that has good knowledge and experience in childcare.

We would like to welcome three new staff and an apprentice to our team who has joined us since beginning of February. Celia Kee, who will be our new deputy qualified with Cache Level 3 in Childcare and Education with experience in childcare. Sophie Wiggs-Gilbody, with Level 3 in Childcare who has over four years of experience. She is one of our senior staff who has been working in our Walthamstow Branch and is now transferred to our branch. She has outstanding knowledge in delivering the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework and we believe that this will make a difference to children's learning and development in the pre-school. Emma Warry, who is appointed as our senior staff and has worked with children for more than two years. Finally, Paris Foster, who has joined our team as an apprentice. Warm welcome once again and I am sure their vast knowledge and expertise will bring a big difference to the provision and we are delighted to have all of them as part of our team.

We are sorry to say that Mohima Begum has left the organisation. We thank her for all her hard work.

Staff of the month

Staff have nominated Celia Kee as staff of the month for February. Congratulations to Celia. Keep up the good work.



We have started our after school club at the beginning of this month and we have some children who now stay for after school club. You may leave your child if you wish to. Please contact the manager about the fees or any other queries you may have regarding this.



Breakfast club



We have breakfast club which starts at 8.00am to 8.45am Monday to Friday. Healthy food will be provided to children such as cereals (Rice krispies), Weetabix, toast, milk and water. The fee for breakfast club is £3.00 per day. There is a discount if you wish to put your child for the whole week from Monday to Friday. The fees would be £12.50. Please, contact the manager if you wish to get any further information or enrol your child for breakfast club.



Theme of the month for March



Theme of the month for March is based on Transport. Transportation is part of our everyday life. When we go to school, to the shops, or to visit family and friends, we use different modes of transportation. Children can learn about transportation through books, learning activities, and play. Staff will talk about different types of transportation. Show them pictures of cars, trucks, buses, trains, boats, helicopters and airplanes and invite the children to tell stories of times they have travelled during circle time. They will use junk modeling to create their favourite vehicle. A great way of learning more about how vehicles work is to go and see them in action. Children will visit Stratford bus station to see the buses arrive, see people get on, they will learn how people use transport to help them travel. We will post weekly blog in our Facebook page. Please visit our Facebook page to get an insight of what we are planning to do on a weekly basis.



Winter weather and outdoor play

Outdoor learning is a crucial element of the Early Years Foundation Stage. There are many advantages when children play outdoors such as it offers opportunity for the children to have first hand contact of the weather, the seasons and the natural world. It also gives them the chance to explore using their senses and they get the freedom to be physically active. So, children need to be exposed to outdoor play. However, recently the weather has been very cold so, we have decided to minimise the outdoor free flow playtime by continuing it indoor but have a time slot for children to go out and play. This way we feel that children will still experience the weather and outdoor play and their health would not be affected.

Due to the recent unpredictable weather conditions, please make sure that your child has appropriate outdoor clothing and we kindly ask parents to bring raincoats and wellington boots, as they will be going out even in rainy weather. We believe children should experience their play in all types of season and weather and bad weather should not restrict them from experiencing this.



Facebook page

The pre-school has a Facebook page www.facebook.com/elgopreschool where you can view our weekly blog. Every week we post information on what happened and what is going to happen for the week. Please feel free to post your comments as your thoughts are valued and we would like to work with you. Together we can make your child's pre-school the best in the borough.

Parents voice

We are introducing parents voice meeting with staff once every term. This meeting is scheduled on 16th March 2015 at 2:00pm for 1 hour. We would be really grateful if you could attend this meeting. Your comments will be extremely useful to our ongoing self-evaluation. Our aim is to ensure that we understand how you feel the pre-school is performing, so that we endeavour to address any areas of concern and continue to develop our strengths. You will be given a letter and if you would like to attend, please sign and return the slip as soon as possible.





Drop in sessions

Monthly 'Mums, dads and carers Day'. Every month parents/carers can choose a specific day within a choice of days provided so that they can stay with their child for an hour or a session and experience the child's learning and development, the daily routines and the activities planned for the children that takes place at the pre-school. The dates are as follows:

Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19^h Friday 20th March 2015

We would like you to attend the start of the session, as this will enable you to see your child's routine that he/she goes through on a daily basis. This is a great way to find out what your child does at the pre-school. Please note that this will be done every month so if you missed an opportunity this time, you can always have this experience in another month.



COMIC RELIEF

Comic Relief is a major charity based in the UK. Comic Relief is about having fun and making the world a better place. The organisation raises money and then uses it to help end poverty and unfairness. We have decided to take part in this good cause and would like you and your family to join in. You will soon receive a sponsor letter that will be given to each child where you and your family and child's friends and families can sponsor for this good cause. We will also be holding an event day on Friday 13th March 2015 where parents and families can come and join in. There will be lots of fun things to buy and get involved. The event will take place in our staff room which will be opened all day. However, the pre-school will be operating normally.

Friday 13th March is Red Nose day when, children can come dressed in red or with their clothes inside out or back to front. Please make a donation to Comic Relief on the day in aid of comic relief. All money will be collected and given to aid comic relief.



Reminders



- No mobile phones/cameras to be used once you enter in to the pre-school premises.
- **Sickness, Holidays and other absences:** Please make sure that you let us know as early as possible if your child will not be attending Pre-school for any reason.
- **Collection of Children:** Please note that if it is not yourself collecting your child, arrangements have to be made with the pre-school staff as to who will be collecting, and preferably, a password given. Please try not to be late in collecting your child, as this can be upsetting for the child. Please remember that late pickups also result in charging you a late fee of £1 per minute.
- **Change of address and contact numbers:** It is very important that you let us know immediately of any change in address, telephone or mobile contact details.
- **Spare Clothes:** Could you please remember to send children with a change of clothes and return any pre-school clothes that were borrowed? We always need spare clothes, so if you have any items that have been outgrown or are now unwanted please pass them on to us at the pre-school. Thank you.

We hope you and your child enjoys the stay at our pre-school. Please feel free to contact us about any queries you may have. We are more than happy to help you.

Thank You



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