



Queen's Park

Early Years Federation

Dorothy Gardner



Arrival at Nursery

Thank you to the parents/carers who have made a real effort to keep to the arrival and collection times with your child. Please remember how important it is for your child to arrive on time, either 9.15am or 12.45pm.

Chicken Shed will be back with us every Tuesday from 30th April - 21st May between 1.30 - 2.30pm. Please sign up on the noticeboard if you would like to attend any sessions with your child. For more information on what Chicken Shed is about you can visit their website :

<https://www.chickenshed.org.uk>

Yoga for the children will be changing to Tuesday mornings after Easter. The afternoon sessions were very successful. Please make sure your child is wearing suitable clothing that they can move easily in.

Tuesday 23rd April is an Inset day. Nursery will be open as usual on Wednesday 24th April.

IF YOU CHANGE ANY OF YOUR CONTACT DETAILS PLEASE INFORM US SO THAT WE CAN ALWAYS CONTACT YOU IN AN EMERGENCY

Next term, Dorothy Gardner Nursery School is planning to run Parent/Carer workshops for Early Years Maths and Literacy. The workshops will enable you to support your child/children with these areas of the curriculum. If you are interested in attending either or both please email Anna on aaddison@dorothygardner.co.uk or Jackie on jmapes@dorothygardner.co.uk Further details to follow.

Library - the library is up and running again on Thursdays. It is proving to be very popular so please return the borrowed books and CDs on time so that there is always a wide selection on offer.



Everything I Need To Know I Learned From A Children's Book:

Life lessons from notable people from all walks of life, edited by John Burt Foster

If your child has reached age 3 this term and you would like her/him to stay at school for one whole day, please see your key person or Helen.

Staff News

As you may know, we say 'thank you and good luck' to Uche as she leaves us on Friday 5th April. From 23rd April, we welcome Lucy Polya. She will be our new Assistant Headteacher and SENCo, working with Adam in our Early Help Team when he returns from Paternity leave on Monday 6th May .

Working together with Parents and Grandparents

Kiara's Mum came in with her Baby and talked about all the things that they could do. A small group of children listened and asked questions.

Thank you to the Parents who have been helping to run the Thursday library sessions. They have been wonderful in helping other children and parents to choose books.

Parents/Grandparents are so important when helping to settle the children in to the new Nursery environment, so many thanks to you too.



The themes this half term have been Transport and New Life. The children have really enjoyed the stories of 'The Naughty Bus', 'So Much', 'Titch' and 'The Bog Baby'

My mathematics learning

We are promoting a healthy lifestyle and encouraging parents to walk their children to nursery. We have set up a 'Pictogram' and involved the children with recording how they came to school. They were able to count and talk about the results.

We have also been sorting baby clothes by size.



Expressive Art & Creativity

The Royal College of Music visited us to perform using a variety of musical instruments such as: violin, piano and guitar. The children were mesmerised by the performance and some got to dress up as characters from 'Where The Wild Things Are' in a tailored music session.



Knowledge and understanding of the world

We are continuing to go on visits as part of 'The Serpentine Project'. Play can happen anywhere with anything. The children are so engaged that even a nearby park did not distract them. They are determined to take part in the weekly trip whatever the weather



Hot chocolate in the Library



Independent climbing

Yoko the hamster

Looking after the hamster has shown the children to be kind and gentle to animals. She has become much loved by most of the children. Remember that you can always take her home at weekends and holidays to take care of her in the home environment.



Please speak to a member of staff if you would like to do this.

Wild Things!



Literacy work

The children have been re-enacting 'The Naughty Bus' sequences using their imagination. We made a ticket office in the home corner and explained about booking tickets, answering telephone calls and recreated a busy office environment.

We have also been drawing and writing around the theme 'Me as a Baby' - come and look at our Pop Up books on the Nursery floor.



Making books



The Ticket Office

In the garden, the book making continued with books about our families and us as babies. This gave the children the opportunity for emergent writing and reflecting on past events.

My physical development

There have been lots of train and track activities outside.

We made buses and trains with passenger seats using the large building blocks.

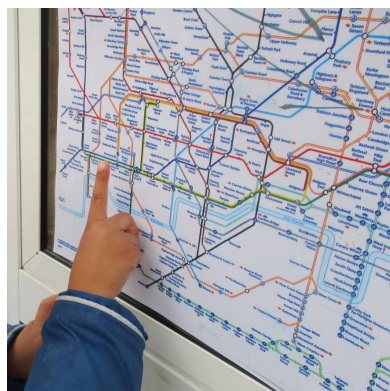


A large Parachute has been used to support a range of physical challenges for the children combined with singing and action songs.



My communication & language

Our interest table remains very popular and the children are able to see and explore key objects related to our theme. We have had the London Transport Vehicles, Taxi, Train and of course the 'The Big Red Bus'.



For the past two weeks we have displayed items related to Babies. Words are on display to encourage vocabulary development.

Expressive Art & Creativity



Exploring paint



Getting messy with 'Gloopy' sand

2 year olds

Literacy, communication and language

We have been focusing on Transport and made a bus from collage using glue and large squares of paper. We also took the bus half way to the library . The children loved being passengers, looking through the windows and ringing the bell. They were very special moments for the children and their parents who joined us.



Transport and building learning



Playing offices



Baby food play

Key dates for your diary

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Friday 5th April	Last day of term		
8th - 23rd April	Easter Holiday		NURSERY CLOSED
Every Tuesday from 16th April - 14th May	'BUMP, BIRTH, BABY' Birth preparation classes For more information contact emma@pdt.org.uk	6.00pm - 8.30pm	Queen's Park Centre
23rd April	Inset day		NURSERY CLOSED
Every Tuesday	Yoga with Janet	9.30 - 11.30am	Community room
Every Monday	CAB Citizen's Advice bureau drop-in sessions	10:30am – 11:30am	Queen's Park Centre
Wednesday 24th April	Forest School	9.15am - 3.15pm	Hampstead Heath
Tuesday 30th April to Tuesday 21st May	Chicken Shed		Community room

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Baby and Me and Mums To-Be 10am - 12pm Drop In for expectant parents and new parents A friendly and calm space, offering Relaxation and yoga.	Stay & Play Drop-in 9:30 – 11:30am indoor and outdoor learning environments that provides a place for play	Stay & Play Drop-in 9:30 – 11:30am indoor and outdoor learning environments that provides a place for play	Stay & Play Drop-in 9:30 – 11:30am indoor and outdoor learning environments that provides a place for play	Stay & Play Drop-in 9:30 – 11:30am indoor and outdoor learning environments that provides a place for play
Citizens Advice Bureau Walk-in 10.30am – 11.30am To book an appointment Call 0207 641 5838	Child Health Clinic 9.30am – 11.15am		Shelter Housing Advice 9.30am - 1.00pm Free advice available on all housing related issues.	Baby Massage 10am-11.30am 4-week Course Please call to book a place
Stay & Play Drop-in 1:00 – 3.00pm Indoor and outdoor learning environments that provides a place for play	Stay & Play Drop-in 1:00 – 3.00pm indoor and outdoor learning environments that provides a place for play	Stay & Play Drop-in 1:00 – 3.00pm indoor and outdoor learning environments that provides a place for play	Stay & Play Drop-in 1:00 – 3.00pm indoor and outdoor learning environments that provides a place for play	Stay & Play Drop-in 1:00 – 3.00pm indoor and outdoor learning environments that provides a place for play Breastfeeding support Midwife guidance 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Activities and Services are free
 For more information call: 020 7641 5838



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