

Newsletter

October 2011



Childcare Fees

Full Time Monday to Friday (8am - 6pm) = £150

Per Day (8am - 6pm) = £35

Half Day (8am -1pm or 1pm-6pm) = £19

Per Hour = £5.10

Wrap Around (per day) = £22

Playscheme (per day) = £18 - during school holidays

Centre Closures

We would like to put forward to our parents/carers the dates for our Christmas Closure. We was looking to be closed from **Monday 26th December** to **Monday 2nd January** and then re-open as normal on **Tuesday 3rd January 2012**. Should anyone be unhappy with this decision please could you let us know by **Friday 14th October**.
Many thanks for your co-operation.

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We are always reflecting on our practice and making improvements. Annually, we review the changes we've made, measure their impact and set out our vision for the forthcoming year. Into this we incorporate parent's suggestions and through the news letter outline our plans. We monitor our progress against the four themes of the Early Years Foundation Stage



Greenfield Early Years' Achievements and Improvements 2010/11



Unique Child

We now seek and use children's interests daily in our planning.

Planning is now tailored to meet children's individual needs and we have increased the range of cultural resources.

All staff are Mackaton trained and are now using the signs to support children's Communication.

Children are now more independent as they help prepare and serve their own meals.

Positive Relationships

Routines, planning and children's next steps are available to parents to read in the room.

A home visit now starts a child's induction process, resulting in children settling in more quickly.

We have improved our behaviour policy so that it encourages children to feel empathy and understand consequences. This has had a dramatic impact on the children's co-operation.

Enabling Environment

We have reorganised the learning environments, purchased new resources and are continuously looking for ways to engage with our children.

We have installed free flow outside doors and secured funding for continuous outdoor environment improvement.

Learning and Developments

The improvements we have made have resulted in our children's abilities, in the early years increasing. Particular areas of strength are Speech, Language and Communication, Personal, Social, Emotional and Physical development.

Our children make good progress irrespective of their special needs, ethnic or social economic group.





Greenfield Early Years' Vision and Plans 2011/12

Unique Child

Encourage children to bring things from home to enhance their learning (please ensure that the object is named and that they understand that it may get broken or they may need to share it with others).

Increase the amount of physical activity the children undertake on a daily basis, with two short 15 minute sessions.

Trial a new format of recording the children's interests and parents input. Please feel free to add an 'interest bubble' to your child's display.

Positive Relationships

Continue to develop the use of Makaton.

Continue to work in partnership with parents and explore further ways of strengthening this relationship.

Enabling environment

Develop a nature garden and begin to grow our own produce.

Continue to develop the learning environments, both inside and out.

Continue to use the indoor and outdoor environments equally, even through the winter!

Display photos and objects from home, please bring in anything of interest from home i.e. objects/photos from places the children visit.

Plan local trips to support children's understanding of the world they live in and to enrich their learning.

Learning and Developments

Continued focus on engaging boys and increasing their attainment in Problem Solving, Reasoning, Number and Communication and Literacy and Language.

For certain groups of children, we will be focussing on supporting their Knowledge and Understanding of the World.

Develop Heuristic play, using open ended recycled resources to stimulate the children's inquiry skills.

Mobile Dentist

The mobile dentist will be visiting the centre on: **Thursday 17th November** between **9.30am - 4.30pm**. If your child is in our care on this day and you would like them to receive a free dental check, please ask staff on reception for a consent form. Many Thanks.

Toy Library

The Toy Library will be visiting the Centre on **Friday 28th October** at **10.30am**. There are a range of toys available for you to borrow which are suitable for children aged between 0-12 years old. Please feel free to pop along.

Parents

Please can we ask all parents to ensure you provide sufficient nappies and wipes, for the duration of time your child is in our care (either each day or weekly). Failure to do so will mean a charge will be implemented. Thank you for your co-operation.

Playscheme

During October half term, we will be running a Playscheme. It will run from: **Monday 24th October** until **Friday 28th October** from **10.00am until 4.00pm** (extra hours available). The Playscheme is for children aged between 3 to 8 years old and offers a variety of activities to keep all children more than entertained.

Parent's Forum

On **Wednesday 9th November** from **5pm-6pm** we would like to invite all parents/carers to a Parent's Forum here at the Centre. We will be providing you with information on the application process for Nursery and Reception for September 2012 and answering any questions you may have.

Satisfaction Survey

Thank you to everyone that took the time to complete a satisfaction survey. We have received a lot of positive feedback and also some suggestions on what could be better. It was noted that "there are too many agency staff in Tweenies". We are pleased to inform you that Riffat and Amanda are due back off maternity leave and will be back on the team very soon. We have put up a board (as you walk into the Centre). We would be very grateful if you could please write any suggestions on there, on what you would like to see in the Centre e.g. more trips. Your comments are very valuable to us.

Donations

We need your help please..... Our Tweenies have had hours, months and years of endless fun playing with the little tricycles in Tweenies garden, but their little vehicles have now come to the end of their life. If anyone has any old tricycles that are no longer used we would be ever so grateful for any kind donations. Many thanks.

Contact Details

Please can we ask all Parents/Carers to inform Reception Staff a.s.a.p. if you change your address or telephone number. Thank you.