



NEWSLETTER JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017

Planning in the moment

We hope you are enjoying reading all about your child's busy focus week on their A3 planning sheet. A big thank you to parents and carers who have returned their consultation sheet and shared photos of their child's life outside of Nursery. These photos are highly valued by children and staff alike, and the children take great pride in showing them to their friends. As we move into completing your child's Spring Term focus week, we would like to ask that you complete and return the consultation sheet as soon as possible. This will enable staff to plan activities that are highly responsive to your input and your child's interests, needs and experiences.

Important Dates to Remember

Spring Mid-Term Break:
Monday 13th - Friday 17th February

Centre closed for staff training:
Tuesday 28th February

Kintore Way Open Day/Parent Conference and Art Exhibition:
24th March

Easter Holiday:
Monday 3rd - Monday 17th April
(Kintore Way reopens on Tuesday 18th April)

New Website

Our new website has been launched. Please do have a look at www.kintoreway.com

New, improved parent notice boards

The parent notice boards in River and Rainforest rooms now display termly information about:

- Core books
- Special days we will be celebrating
- Reminders of dates when the centre is closed
- Upcoming parent workshops

We also display our new Makaton word of the week every Monday.

Gong Hey Fat Choy!

We would like to wish a very Happy Chinese New Year and Lunar New Year to our children and families from China, Vietnam and The Philippines. 2017 is the year of the Fire Rooster. People born in 1957 and 2017 are Fire Roosters. They are thought to be strong willed, proactive, trustworthy and responsible.



Kintore Way Amnesty

Please bring back any items that belong to Nursery, including wellie boots, clothing, books and toys (cars and trains in particular). Please do not be embarrassed, we do understand that small toys can sometimes find their way into children's pockets and bags, but we need to rely on parents and carers to return them in order to resource the Nursery appropriately.

Also, if you have accidentally taken home items belonging to another child please give them to your child's key person.

Early Help Parenting Course

For parents of children 3-6 years old, on Tuesday mornings at South Bermondsey Children's Centre. Please let your child's key person know if you would like to attend.
21st February, 28th March, 18th April, 23rd May

Parent Events: Workshops

e-safety: Wednesday 8th February: Supporting children to use technology in a safe way and raising awareness of the risks on the internet for children.

Maths: Wednesday 8th March: Supporting your child with maths at home

Spare Clothes

Please ensure your child has at least one set of spare clothes on their peg. If clothes are not provided and your child needs clean clothes, we may have to call you to bring some in. **Please label all of the clothes your children wear to school.**

River and Rainforest rooms

Spring Term Celebrations

We have many special days to celebrate this term, including Chinese New Year (30th Jan), Safer Internet Day (7th Feb), Pancake Day (27th Feb), World Book Day (1st Feb), F.R.E.D (Father's Reading Every Day 1st Feb), St David's Day (all on 1st Mar), International Women's Day (8th Mar), Holi, Purim (both on 13th Mar), St Patrick's Day (17th Mar) and Mother's Day (26th Mar).

If you would like to be involved in helping us celebrate these days please talk to your child's key person. This could include coming in to Nursery to cook with the children, teach us a special dance from your culture, leading a group time (alongside a keyworker) and sharing your experience of these celebrations. We are particularly hoping there are some Mums, Nans, Aunties or Sisters working in typically male-dominated fields (e.g.: building, police, mechanic etc.) who would like to teach the children more about their job, and be a role model on International Women's Day.

Orchard, Desert, Seashore and Mountain

We have welcomed many new 2 year old children and their families in the past few weeks. Mountain room children have been particularly interested in winter. Staff have facilitated experimentation with ice, and encouraged children to use all their senses when exploring it. Orchard, Desert and Seashore room children have particularly enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year with creative and mark-making activities to promote coordination and fine motor skills.

World Book Day AND F.R.E.D (Father's Reading Every Day)

Children can dress up as their favourite book characters or any fancy dress on Wednesday 1st or Thursday 2nd March.

On Wednesday 1st March we will be starting this year's Fathers Reading Every Day (FRED) project. Dads and male carers are invited to spend some time in the nursery and are welcome to share some books with the children. Dads and male carers read with their children at home for 4 weeks and then receive a gift once their reading log is completed.

Late Arrivals

The doors close at 9.20am in the morning and 12.55pm in the afternoon. If you arrive after these times you will need to wait for the staff from the respective classes to bring their registers to the office. The staff will then register your child in late and take them to class.

The office staff will not be able to let you through after these times.

Early Collections

If for any reason you need to collect your child early, please come by 11.15am for morning collections and by 2.45pm for afternoon collections. The children and staff are settled down for group time at these times till the end of the session. If you are late, you will need to wait for the group session to finish and collect as normal. **The office staff have been instructed NOT to call** during these periods as no one is available to answer the phone and bring your child down to you.

Mobile Phones

We would like to remind all parents and family members NOT to use their mobile phones while at the school and centre. This is a safeguarding requirement for all the children in our supervision and care.