



**KINTORE WAY
NURSERY SCHOOL &
CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

News

OCTOBER 2017

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

23-27 October 2017
Half Term

8 November 2017
Behaviour Workshop
9:15-9:45am
2:30-3:00pm
Workshops to help you understand and support our child with their behaviour at home.

17 November 2017
Parent conference
School closed for appointments all day. Book an appointment with your child's key person. Come and visit the children's exhibition in the hall.

22 November 2017
Supporting Children At Home Workshop
How to support your child with Maths, Phonics and Understanding the World.
9:15-9:45am
2:30-3:00pm

20 December 2017
Christmas Party for all children.
Last Day before Christmas holidays.
All children attend 9-12pm for the party.

21 December 2017 - 2nd January 2018
Christmas Holidays

3rd January 2018
School opens for Spring Term

15 January 2018
Primary School application deadline

WANTED

Please bring any unwanted technology to Rainforest. We need old/broken phones, cameras, hairdryers, computers, printers and other home technology for our home corner and for deconstruction.

WANTED

We need your old children's clothes, shoes and books.

WANTED

Any unwanted cushions, beanbags and blankets.

ATTENDENCE

If for any reason you cannot make it into school or are going to be late please call us to let us know before 9:30am

You can leave a message on the answer phone or email the office:

020 7525 1196
office@kintoreway.
southwark.sch.uk

97-102 Grange Rd,
Bermondsey, London
SE1 3BW

If your child has vomited and/or has diarrhea they must stay off school for **48hrs** after the last episode. If you are not sure, then call to speak to your key person.

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If you would like to add to the newsletter, please get in touch with Lydia in Rainforest. Pop in, call or email the office.

FUNDING CRISIS

Funding in Nursery schools has never been adequate but this year we are already feeling the pinch. The SEND funding has been particularly impacted with the introduction of a new Inclusion Fund that has dramatically cut funding to children with the greatest need. Staff have been thinking very creatively about fundraising ideas. On November 4th staff will be walking 10 London Bridges (starting at Tower Bridge and ending at Chelsea Bridge). If you would like to sponsor us or have your own fundraising ideas then talk to your Key Person.

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It was so lovely to see so many families at



A few performances from our community evening.

our Community Evening last week. Thank you to all of you that brought dishes from around the World. Particular thanks to our incredible performers, Megumi Mesaku on Saxophone and the Rosales family for their Bolivian

dancing. Thanks also to Pure Gym, Amisha, Kino Digital Cinema, The Albany Theatre, The Golden Grill Fish Bar and Dean Smith for donating the Raffle prizes. We raised a fantastic £183 for use around the school.

PARENTS PAGE

Getting involved

Do you have any fundraising ideas? Do you have a special talent you can share with us? Can you speak another language you could teach us? Or maybe a dish you can cook with us? We want to hear from you. We are looking for families that would like to share how they celebrate **Diwali, Navratri, St Andrew's Day** and **Black History** at home. Speak to your key person for more ideas on how to help.

30 hour free-childcare codes.

You need to validate your code every term to secure your full time place. Please visit www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account and update the office as soon as possible.

Workshops

Our workshops are free and run by members of staff. We have two sessions - one in the morning and afternoon - to try to support busy schedules. They are to help you answer some of the questions you might have about how to help your children at home. If you have any other ideas of workshops then please get in touch. See the diary dates for more info.

Primary Schools applications

are now open but the deadline isn't until Monday 15 January 2018. We will run drop in support workshops later in the year but we recommend that you start visiting schools to see which is right for your child. Check the school websites for dates. Visit www.eadmissions.org.uk for

more info. If you would like to defer your child's place at Reception and need advice talk to Lisa Smith or Sarah Lee.

Parking

Please be mindful about where you park at drop off/ collection times. Please do not block the side entrance by The Grange pub or the Heath Centre.

URGENT

There have been many items of clothing and equipment that have gone missing. Please check your clothing, scooters and buggies and **write names on everything** coming into nursery.

Spare Clothes

As the weather changes please make sure your child has plenty of spare clothes, shoes and warm layers. Please label all clothes and shoes.

THINGS TO TRY AT HOME.

Go for a listening walk

Autumn is a perfect time to go for a walk. The changing seasons bring lots of opportunities to notice and discuss differences in the trees and weather. You can collect leaves and conkers to make collage pictures or leaf rubbings. A listening walk helps children to tune into sounds to get ready to blend and segment words for reading and writing. Please bring in any spare natural resources to Desert Room.

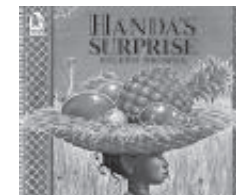


Pumpkins

It's almost Halloween and perhaps you are carving a pumpkin at home? Scooping out pumpkin flesh with a spoon is great for building up wrist muscles. Please do send any photos of your pumpkins, or any food you cooked from left-over pumpkin, to your key person so they can add it to your Learning Journey Books.

CORE BOOKS

for Autumn term



Handa's Surprise

We are reading some books especially for Black History and Diwali.

WANTED

Any conkers, pine cones, wood, shells or other natural resources to help develop the sensory exploration areas in the Under-3s classrooms.



Tickets available at www.thealbany.org.uk

Aleena's Garden at The Albany Theatre

is an interactive sensory adventure for children under 4 years. An exciting, interactive journey through the natural world with lights, sound, touch, smells, original music and simple signing. Sunday 22 October 2017, 11am, 1pm & 3pm £7 / £24 family ticket