



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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

23-27 October 2017
Half Term

8 November 2017
Behaviour Workshop
9:15-9:45am
2:30-3:00pm
Drop in workshops to help you understand and manage challenging behaviour at home.

17 November 2017
Parent conference
School closed for appointments all day. Book appointments with your key person.

22 November 2017
Supporting Children At Home Workshop
How to support your children with maths, Phonics and understanding the world.
9:15-9:45am
2:30-3:00pm

XX December 2017
Christmas Carols
Join us to sing some carols and eat a mince pie.

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

21 December 2017 - 2nd January 2018
Christmas Holidays

3rd January 2018
School opens for Spring Term

15 January 2018
Primary Schools applications deadline

xx March 2018- XX April 2018
Easter Holidays

XX XXXX 2018
Inset day
School closed for staff training.

WANTED
Please bring any unwanted technology to Rainforest. We need old/broken phones, cameras, hairdryers etc. for our home corner.

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 10am

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 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.

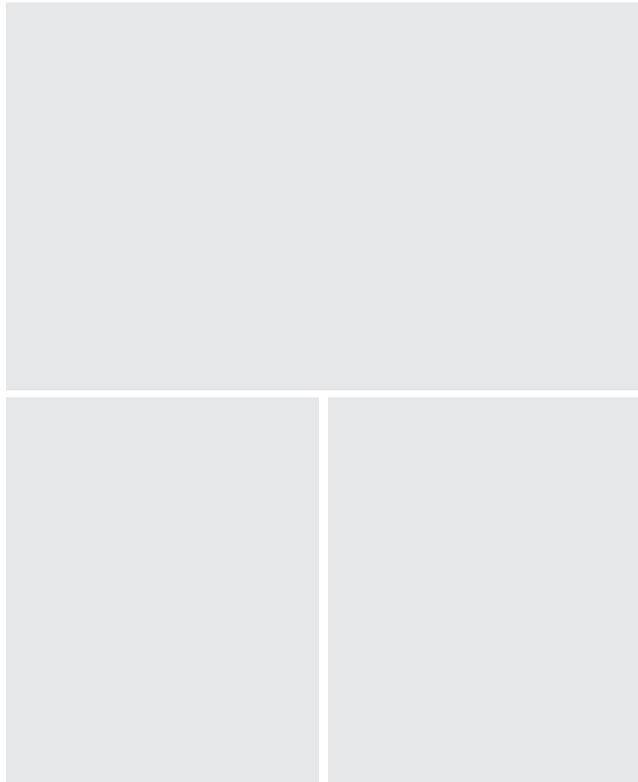
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If you would like to add to the newsletter, please get in touch with Lydia in Rainforest. Pop in, call or email the office.

News

OCTOBER 2017

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.
It was so lovely to see so many families



A few photos from our community evening.

at our Community Evening last week. Thank you to all of you that brought dishes from around the World. Particular thanks to our incredible performers, Tenshi's Mum on Saxophone

and Brinley's family for their Bolivian dancing. Thanks also to Pure Gym, Amisha, Kino Digital Cinema, The Albany Theatre, The Golden Grill Fish Bar and Mr Smith for donating the Raffle prizes.

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, so you have plenty of time. 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. 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.

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.

Missing

- Pink scooter with 'A' on the foot board.
- A blue Gap hoodie

WANTED

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

WANTED

Any unwanted cushions, beanbags and blankets.

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.



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.



the Albany
word music theatre

Tickets available at
www.thealbany.org.uk

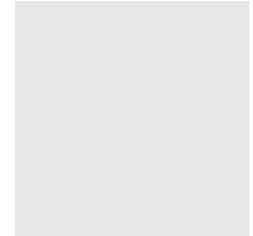
Aleena's Garden at The Albany Theatre is an interactive sensory adventure for children under 4 years. An exciting, interactive journey through the natural world with lights, sound, touch, smells, original music and simple signing. Sunday 22 October 2017, 11am, 1pm & 3pm £7 / £24 family ticket

CORE BOOKS

for Autumn term



Handa's Surprise



Stick Man

We are reading some books especially for Black History.

WANTED

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