

EARLY YEARS NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

This week the children in Nursery and Reception have been working hard, learning their songs in preparation for their performances at the end of term. Reception were enjoying practising in the field this week with instruments.



We hope you are aware of the dates; they are on all our newsletters. The letters went out last week explaining the concert arrangements in more detail. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.



Also in Nursery this week, children have been experimenting with mixed media, combining painting with other materials of their choosing. Aisha, Imrane and Thirza focused for a long time exploring a range of different materials for their original and exciting creations.

Lastly I would like to remind you that we are a nut free school, this means that we don't have any nuts in school at all. It also means no peanut butter sandwiches; so why not try humus, cheese, marmite or egg as healthy option!



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Headteacher



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Toddler groups Wednesday's 9.15 – 10.45

Upcoming Dates

December

Monday 4th December Jolly Jar competition
Deadline

(Decorate a jar and fill it with sweets)

Friday 8th December – Christmas jumper day
(Bring a £1 and wear a festive jumper to school).

Saturday 9th December 12 – 3 pm Christmas Fair

Wednesday 13th Reception Xmas Concert
2.00pm

Thursday 14th Nursery Nativity Concert
9.45am and 1.30pm

Tuesday 19th Last day of term for Nursery

Tuesday 19th Pantomime trip for Reception

Wednesday 20th December – **School ends at 1.00pm for the Reception** and the rest of the school no ASC

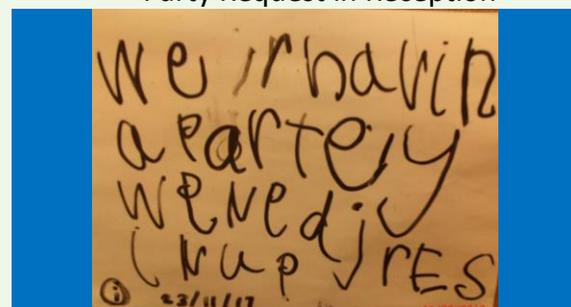
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Thursday 4th January – Children back to school

Wednesday 10th January 12.45 and Thursday

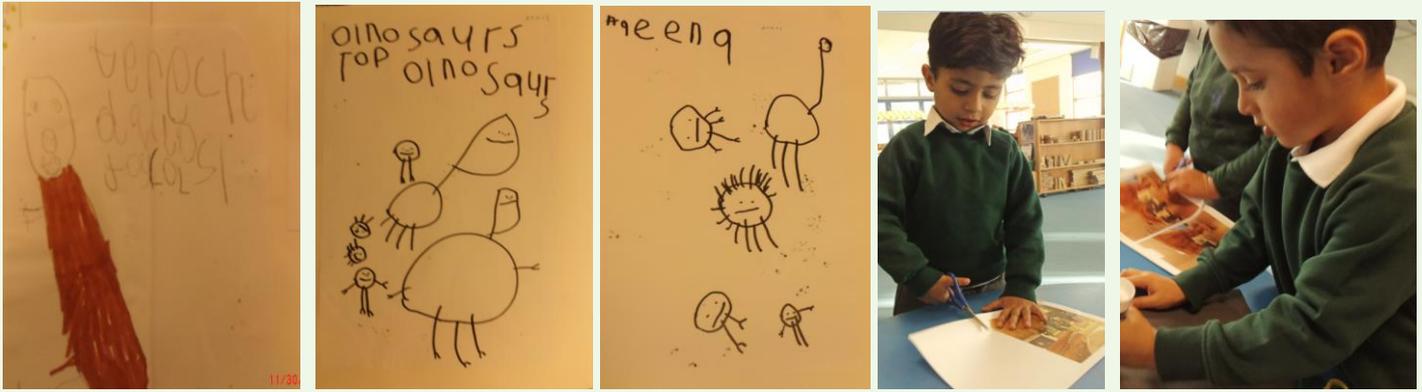
11th 9.00am – parent workshop on The
Importance of outside Play

Party Request in Reception



Aila in Otters asked for 'dressing up' for the party they are organising, 'We are having a party we need dressing up'.

Dinosaur Related Work



Jojo from Otters drew and wrote, 'Terry Dinosaur Fossil'! Adeena from Pinemartens drew some incredibly detailed pictures and the children in nursery chose their favourite picture to cut out and stick in their book, as Tahaa and Ibrahim are doing from Foxes.

Around and About



It has been a joy to see what the children have been up to in school this week. I often see children in Reception teaching phonics to each other, and even the teachers! It's the first time I have seen a lesson for Teddies! Celia-Rose spent a long time preparing and teaching this lesson. She supported the teddies with writing and identifying their sounds. (She took the time to write sounds for each teddy on their individual white boards, consolidating her own learning in the process!) I was also impressed with Mateo's brick pattern, domino topple, and just how busy and focused the children in Foxes are with their cars and ramps. These opportunities are unplanned and spontaneous, and made possible due to the way we teach the Early Years; 'in the moment'.

New Children

We are delighted to welcome Chenuka to Otters, we are sure he will settle soon and make lots of friends!

Other Events This Week

Otters won all their gold coins last week and chose to have a party as their reward for outstanding behaviour. They decided they wanted food, dressing up and decorations, which they made by themselves; it was a great success. Thank you to all the parents that contributed to this well-earned and enjoyable event.



The next few weeks are going to be very busy with the run up to Christmas, don't forget to check the boards, newsletters and the website for all the up and coming events.

Have a great weekend
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