



Welcome to the Early Years newsletter

Hi All

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. Now we are back, our project for this half term is 'Ready Steady Grow'. We are having fun learning about farms, animals and the different things we can grow.

Miss Barissal has loved getting to know all the children across our Early Years classrooms and has quickly become an excellent member of the Early Years team.

This is my first newsletter as Early Years leader whilst Mrs Phillips is on maternity leave. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

Please ensure that your child is in school at 8:45am, as we use the first 15 minutes of the school day to reinforce learning in phonics, maths and to develop our fine motor skills.

I hope you enjoy reading all about our learning. Have a good weekend.
Miss Kemp

Warmer weather

As the weather is now hopefully starting to warm up, we need to ensure that the children are keeping safe.

During the warmer weather, we like to take full advantage of our wonderful outdoor learning space. Therefore, if the weather is looking hot we ask that if your children have a sun hat that they bring this to school (it must be named) and that you apply sun cream to your child at the start of the school day. Children have lots of opportunities to have water from the school bottles throughout the day.

Friday 26th April 2024

Before half term

As part of our project Marvellous Machines, we were very lucky to have a visit from the police. Police officers came in to show us their police car and all the exciting things that this machine did.

The children asked the police officers about their jobs and what they had to do every day. We also found out that their police car can travel up to 150mph.



Every child had the opportunity to sit in the police car and press the sirens. The police officers explained the role they had and showed the different parts of the car.



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Pony visitor

As part of our 'Ready Steady Grow' project, last week we enjoyed an exciting visit from Moses the Shetland pony. This visit allowed the children to ask questions about the pony. The children asked about the food he likes to eat, where he stays at night time and what he likes to do during the day.

All children then had the opportunity to brush or stroke Moses. We had an excellent time with our visitor.



Outdoor area

Since returning from Easter, the children have been continuing to enjoy our outdoor area. The children are able to access lots of different areas of learning when outside including: fine motor activities, maths games, our mud kitchen and many more.

We have now introduced the children to some new balance bikes and scooters. These enable the children to develop their gross motor skills as well as their balancing skills. The children have thoroughly enjoyed using the bikes and have shared them brilliantly amongst their friends.



Upcoming zoo trip

At the end of this half term, Early Years pupils are taking a trip to Whipsnade Zoo to bring together our learning from our 'Ready Steady Grow' topic. Please ensure that you have paid for the trip via Magicbooking. The trip is a great opportunity for the children to see animals they may never have seen before and get an insight in to what the animals need to survive. The trip is such a fun and exciting day for all the children.

Please let your child's class teacher know if you have any questions.

Workshop

Last week myself and Mrs Phillips ran the last Early Years workshop for parents. This workshop identified the 3 key Characteristics of Effective Learning; playing and exploring, active learning and creating and thinking critically. We spoke about the 3 new dinosaurs we have in each class that help the children achieve these characteristics. The children and their grown ups then had to make the tallest tower to support an egg, showing their 3 characteristics of effective learning. Thank you to everyone who has attended our workshops this year.



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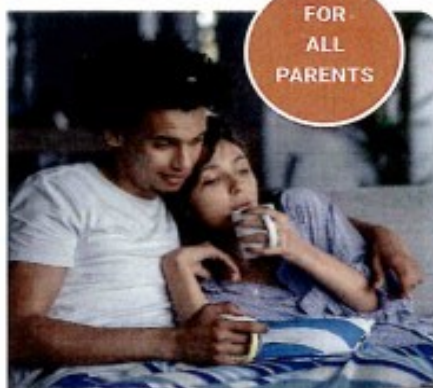
Parent notice

Mrs Mitchell will sadly be leaving us at the end of the summer term. We would like to re-assure parents that the SEND provision will continue as normal for all of our children.

Online relationship support for parents



Parents in this area can now access **THREE ONLINE COURSES** from the relationship experts at OnePlusOne. Learn to cope with stress and communicate better, wherever you are in your parenting journey.



Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life. How you approach them can make all the difference to you, your partner, and your children. You will learn:

- How to recognise stress and how it can affect you.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.



Me, You and Baby Too

Learn how to navigate the changes that happen in a relationship when a baby arrives, including:

- How you and your partner can support each other.
- How to talk to bring up difficult topics.
- How arguments start, and how to stop them.



Getting it right for children

When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle. Learn how to manage conflict to minimise the impact it has on your children, as well as:

- How to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.

To access the courses, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. They are all **FREE** to use, so you'll just need to select your local authority area and create an account with a username and password.

You can get started by scanning the QR code or visiting:
www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents

