

Jack and Jill Day Nursery

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Brimstage: 4

Welcome!

Hello again and welcome to another newsletter, we have been very busy lately and have lots more fun adventures planned, I hope you enjoy this read and learn a lot more about what we have to offer.



Questionnaire

We have recently sent out a questionnaire, please can you fill this in and return it to your child's key person. Your views and opinions help us to provide the best care possible.



School Leavers

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big goodbye and good luck to all our children moving on to big school. We have enjoyed every minute of looking after them and will miss everyone very much! Don't forget the children are more than welcome to come back in the holidays or half terms if you are struggling for childcare. We would love to have them back.



Vegetable Patch

We have recently developed our vegetable patch which is now situated in a huge tractor tyre! It has been a great success this year, we would like to thank Jachem and Lola's parents for their contributions towards it. The children have been using the tools to dig and plant and have helped to water the vegetables everyday. They have had a great time learning about and helping to grow peas, radish, onions, potatoes and much more.



Jungle Trex

As you know we had a visit from Jungle Trex, the children got to meet Hagrid the spider, Lady Gaga the Cockroach, Sonny the Tortoise and many more little friends. The children joined in with Chris' adventure story and discovered all about where the animals live and what they eat. We were able to get up close and hold or stroke each one, the children were all very brave and most of the staff too!



Resource Booklets

The children's development is important to us and we plan for all the children's individual needs challenging them to reach their next steps. To help you understand our activities and how they help your children achieve here are some pictures of just one of the activities on creative development the children enjoyed.

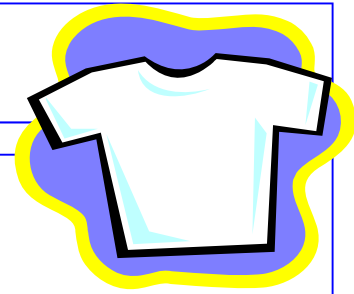
All the activities we plan for the children are recorded and displayed on the walls and in planning folders these are all available for you to have a look at and see in depth just what your children are achieving. The children are having so much fun each and every day and learning so many things that there is just not enough time or room in their profiles to tell you all about them so please feel free to have a look through the planning files and see what your children have been up to.



Creative development: Learning outcomes

- Create and experiment with blocks, colour and marks. (16-26 months)
- Begin to combine movement, materials, media or marks. (22-36 months)
- Begin to be interested in and describe the texture of things. (30-50 months)
- Explore colour and begin to differentiate between colours. (30-50 month)
- Differentiate marks and movements on paper. (30-50 months)

Children's uniforms



Please bring in spare clothes, we like to have fun in nursery and explore all kinds without the worry of ruining a lovely outfit. Please put your child in clothes that you don't mind getting a bit grubby for nursery. Although we provide bibs and aprons and outdoor clothes the children have so much fun that they will get dirty.

We understand once children are picked up from nursery there may be a chance they will be visiting grandparents, friends or going shopping if you have provided spare clothes for your child we are then able to change them ready for home time.

There are now children's uniforms available, you can find the order forms in the entrance area. Please see Jodie for more information.



Breastfeeding

I would like to remind any breastfeeding mums that we have facilities available if you need to breastfeed your child when you are here. Please ask a member of staff for further information.

Parents' Evening



We will be arranging our second parents' evening for October time, more information will follow. This will give you a chance to speak to your child's key person in depth about their developmental progress or any other issues you may wish to discuss. The evening will take the format of an appointment system to ensure everyone has an equal amount of time. Partnership with parents is very important for us and parents evening will help to strengthen the strong links between home and nursery. I hope everyone will be able to attend. If you are not able to attend then please don't worry we can arrange for you to speak with your child's key person at a more convenient date.

Tesco & Sainsbury Vouchers



Thank you to everyone who helped us to collect Tesco and Sainsbury vouchers this year, we did really well and have ordered some new equipment for the children.

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea



Thank you for your contribution, each year we will be raising money for the RNLI. This year Jack and Jill Day Nursery (Oxton, Seacombe and Brimstage) managed to Raise £250.00 and Marjorie and David (owners) have matched it pound for pound and will be presenting the RNLI with a check for £500.