

Early Years Newsletter



Friday 15th September 2017

King Henry VIII Preparatory School

Academic Year 2017-2018

Issue 1

Welcome to our first Early Years Newsletter of the new academic year. Each week, the Early Years team will devise a newsletter to keep you up to date with the wonderful experiences that take place.

NURSERY NEWS

Our new children are settling in really well. They have been exploring their new environment and making new friends. Our existing group of children have been very welcoming and are enjoying getting to know their new friends. We are extremely proud of all our Nursery children!



The children have been exploring both indoors and outdoors. They have enjoyed the outdoor mark-making area where they have been drawing and making marks on large paper, also exploring the large sand trays, using their fingers and the wooden tools to make a variety of patterns and marks.

We have had a lovely week getting to know one another, talking about ourselves and our families and the children have made some super paper plate faces! We look forward to getting to know the children and their families further. Please could any family photos be brought into Nursery as soon as possible to enable us to discuss these with the children. We also hope to make a lovely 'family display' for the children to look at.

During this term we will be using a range of rhymes and stories to enhance the children's learning and development. Our theme over the next few weeks will be 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. If your child would like to bring any toys or books relating to this story we would love to share them in Nursery.

Thank you to parents for attending the Nursery Curriculum Evening on Monday 11th September. We hope you found it useful. If any parents were unable to attend and have any questions then please feel free to speak to a member of the Nursery team. Thank you.

RECEPTION NEWS



We are so pleased with how quickly our new year group have settled in this year. Although there have been a few tears, they are short lived and we are pleased to see so many

smiley and happy faces throughout the day! It is wonderful to spend time getting to know your children, observing them in their play and hearing their stories from home and their holidays. There have been lots of new friendships formed - ones that may even last a whole lifetime.

New friendships have been made and old friendships have also been rekindled as the children have spent their days exploring the whole learning environment



and engaging with everything on offer. They are being introduced to all the areas gradually so that in

time they have the confidence to move freely amongst all the activities available to them. All the teachers have worked hard to help them settle and it is evidently working!



What else have we been up to this week?

* The digging patch has been a huge success, with the children marvelling over huge slugs and worms that they find each day. A



firm favourite is to dig the biggest hole and re-home our wiggly friends!



*Our budding mathematicians have already been hard at work! Children have been ordering and recognising numbers and problem solving.



* Children have lots of fun recreating roles and experiences and using their imaginations. We've also had some talented musicians playing the guitar; Mrs Bawcutt was



very pleased!



* Lots of fun has been had in our water area, with children experimenting with floating and sinking. This also saw great collaboration and teamwork skills for children so young! We hope the sun comes out next week so that we can learn lots more outside!



PE, Games and Swimming

There has been some confusion regarding the kit for each lesson. The sport department are working on a more comprehensive PE and Games kit list which will be emailed out to parents as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience and support with misplaced uniform. As you can imagine, children changing for sports is very difficult, especially the changing back into ties, laces and tights, amongst other things. The adults are striking a fine balance between promoting independence and providing the children with the care and attention that they need. If you have kit or uniform that is incorrect or missing, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Please could we remind parents to name everything; snack boxes, water bottles and all clothing including shoes. This helps staff enormously throughout the day and also ensures if something is lost we can make sure it finds its way to the right child!