



Comet Nursery School and Children's Centre Newsletter

April 2016

We would like to welcome three new members of staff to the Comet team.



Clara
Lead Early Years Practitioner
Children's Centre



Jenny
Admin Assistant



Kelly
Nursery Officer
Moon Room

We would like to wish Grace who works in our 2 year old provision congratulations on the birth of her little girl, Skyla.

Gardening



As part of a project in Comet, this month the children have been enjoying working with Sarah, our gardener. They have planted seeds and are now waiting for them to grow in our mini greenhouse. We are looking forward to being able to plant them in the nursery garden.

Home learning

We are planning to have a Science Week on the 11th May. I have attached some ideas for you to do with your child at home. There are some lovely ideas about using bubbles and the outdoors and hunting for plants and mini beasts. Don't forget that baking cakes and bread with your child is amazing science and easy to do at home. Have a go and let us know how much your child enjoys it. More information about what we are doing in Science Week will follow. Maybe you would like to come to our Healthy Cooking for life course that's running in the Children's Centre.



Thank you SO much for all your donations of fruit and vegetables. The children are really enjoying the variety.



OPEN DAY Saturday 7th May

If you know of anyone that needs a nursery place please let them know we have an Open Day. We will be registering new children on the day.

Don't forget we are closed on Monday 2nd May for the Bank Holiday and Thursday 5th May as we are a polling station.

Full time places for 3 and 4 year old September 2016

If you would like your child to be considered for a full time place in September please complete a form that you can collect from the office.

Places are very limited and will be assessed against the Hackney learning trust criteria. We will then confirm the place at the end of June.

Family Photos

Would you like to have a professional photograph of your family? We have a photographer coming to Comet on Wednesday 11th May from 3.15 - 4.15pm. So come along and have your photograph taken.

Moon Room Reminder

The children start at 8.30am if you are later than 8.45 you will need to wait for the door to be opened at 9am.

For afternoon parents children can either be picked up at 3.15 if you are collecting siblings from another school. If not please pick up your child up at 3.30pm. Thank you.

Children's Centre News

We have a number of new and exciting activities that begin over the next couple of weeks, *Healthy Cooking for Life*, *Sewing with Recycled clothing* and our ongoing Garden Project and what's more, they're **FREE!!!** If you haven't signed up for these courses yet please hurry as there are limited spaces left. Speak to Katie, Humaira or Jenny at reception and they will add you to the waiting list.



Healthy Cooking for Life - Starting Wednesday 11th May 9.30 - 11.45am

This 5 week course will give you lots of helpful ideas and suggestions enabling you to prepare healthy food for you and the family. This is a family session and children will be supported so they can be involved. The session will end with eating and sharing the food that you have prepared during the morning.

Sewing with Recycled Clothes - Starting Wednesday 15th June 9.30 - 11.45am

This 5 week course is designed as a taster. It is for those who are interested in learning how to use a sewing machine and want to recycle and transform old clothes into something new! If you are interested we would ask that you bring along an old pair of jeans and any material which you no longer need as this will be used during the sessions. If this is a successful course we will look to introduce a longer more challenging class in the Autumn.



Our new timetable for the Spring term is available, so please ensure you have our latest edition. Oh and please don't forget that every Monday morning we will be in the children centre garden planting a variety of vegetables and salads with our gardener Sarah. Come along and get stuck in but remember to wear outdoor clothes



Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2016

Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday school closed

Thursday 5th May – Closed for polling station

Saturday 7th May – Comet Open Day

9th – 13th Science Week

Wednesday 11th May – Class photos and family photos

30th May – 5th June – Half term

Monday 6th June – Children return to school

13th – 17th June – Art Week

21st and 22nd June – Barge trip along the canal for Star and Sun Room children

Thursday 23rd June – Closed for polling station

Thursday 7th July – Leavers outing to Willow's Farm (nursery will be closed to children that will be returning in September). Moon Room will be open as usual.

Friday 8th July – Children's reports to parents

11th – 15th July – Sports Week

Friday 22nd July – End of term party for children and their families and last day of term

Children return to school after the summer holidays on Thursday 8th September 2016

We will inform you of any new dates as soon as possible.