



Comet Nursery School and Children's Centre Newsletter

March 2015

WOW - We are OUTSTANDING!

Thank you for all your support and for having amazing children who love to learn! I also have to say thank you to all the staff who have worked so hard to provide outstanding opportunities for all the children who attend Comet. I'm so proud of our achievements. The Ofsted report will be available online from Monday 2nd March.

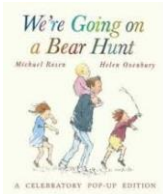
Joy is retiring!



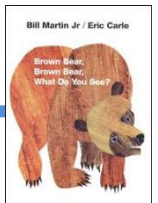
Joy, our deputy head is retiring at the end of this term; her last day will be Friday 27th March. Joy has worked at Comet for 13 years and has made such a positive contribution to teaching and learning for all the children. We will miss Joy's singing and her great sense of humour. I'm sure the children will miss her consistency, her care, the activities she plans for them and the fun they have with her.

**We would like to invite you to Joy's leaving assembly
on Friday 27th March at 2.45pm.**

The children will be singing Joy her favourite songs.



Book Week
2nd - 6th March



During book week we will be reading some of our favourite core books such as 'Brown Bear' and 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. We will be learning about how to retell a story and about the characters in books.

We are also very lucky to have two authors coming in to work with the children and Tallulah's mum, Suzanne, who is an illustrator will be working with the children as well.

Comic Relief - Friday 13th March 'Make your face funny for money'



We will be fund raising for Comic Relief by asking children to come to school with their faces painted. If you don't have face paints at home they can have their faces painted at school. If all families donate £1 we will raise £132.

If you don't want your child to have their face painted at school please let the office/teachers know.

NEW WEBSITE

We have a new website; it is still being developed but please have a look.

www.cometnurseryandcc.co.uk

A BIG thank you to all the parents that have been on time bringing their children to nursery. We really appreciate it.



Children Centre News

This week see's the launch of two exciting new sessions in the children's centre. The first is our 'Back to Work' session. On Tuesday March 3rd we are hosting a coffee morning with our colleagues from 'Ways into Work.' There will be a talk on benefits, what changes to expect, how to plan your return to work, financial support with childcare and a brief questionnaire to establish how we can continue to support you and your families. This session starts on **Tuesday March 3rd at 9.15am and monthly thereafter.**

Apologies for the delayed start to our hair braiding course. Sadly due to sickness, our tutor was unable to attend. The course will begin on Wednesday at the advertised time of 1pm.



It has been great to see so many families coming to our new Messy Stay and Play session. We've had lots of fun making a ton of mess using exciting resources such as shaving foam, muddy water, coloured rice pudding and gloopy paint!! Don't worry though parents; this is an amazing way for your child to learn. Messy play helps to develop a healthy curiosity whilst stimulating their senses. Don't be shy, feel free to join in. Don't forget to put some of your amazing pictures into your 'My Journey' books!!!
Session runs every Thursday morning 9.30 - 11.40am



We were busy during the holidays too. Over 60 Comet families went to Hackney Picture House to watch that wonderful big brown bear who loves to eat marmalade on toast!! Paddington was a great success.... Watch out for more information on our next cinema trip during the Easter holidays.....

Staff in the drop in and office will be asking you to complete a short training questionnaire. Please take a few minutes to complete this short form as it will really help us to understand what things you might like to learn.



Watch out for our Easter Holidays programme. It will be filled with sweet treats, trips, films and your usual favourite sessions..... We may not be going on a bear hunt but we sure will be going on an Easter Egg hunt!!



We hope that you find our new programme exciting and interesting but as always if we have missed something then please drop us your feedback on admin@comet.hackney.sch.uk or speak to Gareth when you next visit.

Dates for your Diary

Spring term 2015

2nd – 6th March – Book Week
Friday 13th March – Comic relief fund raising day
Tuesday 17th March – St Patrick's Day
Friday 27th March – Joy's leaving assembly
Official opening of Moon Room
and Last day of term

Summer Term 2015

Monday 13th April –INSET day school closed
Tuesday 14th April – Children return to school
Monday 20th April for 2 weeks – Living eggs/hatching chicks
Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday school closed
Thursday 7th May – Polling day school closed
Wednesday 13th May – Class photos and family photos
Saturday 16th May – Comet Open Day
25th – 29th May – Half term
Monday 1st June – Children return to school
8th – 12th June – Art Week
17th and 18th June – Canal trip
6th – 10th July – Sports Week
Tuesday 21st July – End of term party for children and their families and
last day of term