

Alexandra Nursery School  
and  
Under Three's Centre  
NEWSLETTER June 2009



Diary dates

Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June – the over three's children will be celebrating the queens' birthday

Can you make a crown at home with your child and bring it to school ?



Please ask if you need any resources to help you make it.

We are having a sponsored football shoot on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June** in both buildings - this is to raise money to refurbish the gardens in both buildings. The governors have approved the plans for new climbing equipment and safety surface for the over three's garden. Some money will come from the school budget but we need to raise money to go with this. Please ask people to sponsor your child for an amount for each goal they score. If your child has a football strip can they wear it on Thursday- will we see any aspiring Beckhams or Rooney's?

The plans for the new garden are on the parents' notice board

Other fundraising ideas- **ladies only night on June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8pm**

We will be having beauty treatments, sale of cosmetics, handbags, scarves, shoes and jewellery.

There will also be a good as new sale. Please bring unwanted gifts for our stall.

Tickets for the ladies' evening are £5 which includes refreshments

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June** Spud and Yam- a Jamaican /Irish singing duo will visit the over three's centre to share music and stories with the children. The children in the under three's squirrels group will be going to school to join in. Parents are welcome to come and join the fun

*There will be a workshop for governors and parents on our policy and procedures for developing good behaviour in children on **Monday 22nd June at 5.15 – 6pm***

Staff news

We welcome Miss Naseera Abdulah to our daycare team. She is in both buildings working to cover for staff absences

Mrs Reid will be back with us on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June

We have two new clerical assistants in the office at the over three's building – Mrs Shameela Atcha and Mrs Jill Miskiw

Miss Leanne Kavanagh has been appointed as team leader for the babies in the under three's centre. She will start work with us on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Letters for Alexandra Nursery School places for September have been posted to parents. Because we have such a long waiting list we have only been able to offer places to children who will be three before the end of May. If these places are not all accepted we will send letters out to the next children at the beginning of July

advanced notice – parent consultation days this term will be during the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> July

# Events this month

## Children in the over three's centre will be learning about

- The queen      football      growing and planting
- The queen's birthday- celebrations, English culture and heritage
  - Parties and party food- special times
  - Football- developing physical skills and celebrating achievement
  - Fathers' day – caring for special people
  - growing and planting vegetables in our garden- nature and growth

## Children in the under three's centre will be learning about

- ☺ Football skills – kicking and throwing, scoring goals
- ☺ Rolling big balls in paint to make marks
- ☺ Mud and water with leaves and foliage
- ☺ Mark making with fingers in coloured cornflour
- ☺ Frozen coloured sand in containers to learn about size, shape and colours
- ☺ Floating acorns and leaves in water to learn about floating and sinking

## Links to the Early Years Foundation Stage

The Early Years Foundation Stage says:

### knowledge and understanding of the world -The Queen's birthday / parties/fathers

☺ *babies and children find out about the world through exploration and from a variety of sources*

☺ *Children should be helped to respect and value all people*

☺ *Babies and children needs regular opportunities to learn about different ways of life...*

### creative development- sand water and mud/ making cards

• *Creativity involves children in initiating their own learning and making choices and decisions*

• *Being creative enables babies and children to explore many processes, media and materials and to make new things emerge as a result*

### physical development- Football- growing and planting outside

• *Babies and children learn by being active and physical development takes place across all areas of learning and development*

• *Physical development helps children gain confidence in all they do*

• *Physical development helps children develop a positive sense of well being*

• *Good health in the early years helps to safeguard health and well being throughout life*

Another exciting month for your child- let us know what you think – *Barbara Kenny* head teacher

✂ *please write any comments in this box and put in the envelope on the parents notice board*