

Alexandra Nursery School and Under Three's Centre

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2009

The photographer will be taking individual photographs of children in the school on **Tuesday November 10th**

Please tell the school office if you **do not** want your child to have their photograph taken

You will be given proofs and can decide which photos you wish to buy

If you want younger children taken with nursery children then please bring them at the beginning of the session 9 am or 1pm

Parents of children in the under three's centre can also bring their children between 9 am and 4pm



**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
WE WILL BE HAVING A
RAFFLE IN DECEMBER TO
RAISE MONEY FOR THE
CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES.
WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL
IF YOU COULD BRING US
PRIZES**

Parent consultation days – both buildings

You will be getting a letter asking you to book an appointment time to come and see your child's key person during weeks beginning **16th and 23rd November**.

This is to discuss your child's progress, find out how you feel about their learning and share what we will be doing next with your child

If you cannot come during these weeks then please ask for an appointment at a time that suits you.

You will be given a sheet to fill in before you come to see the key person. Please fill this in and bring it with you- it will form part of your child's learning journal.

Children from the over three's centre will be going to see the pantomime "Cinderella" at the Albert Hall in Bolton
On **Wednesday 9th December** leaving school at **9.15** and returning at **1 o'clock**

Tuesday 1st December leaving school at **12.45** and returning at **4.30**

We have a limited number of tickets for children and parents
The cost of the coach and the tickets is £8 each
Please ask at the office if you would like a ticket

Please have a look at our website
www.alexandra-nursery.org.uk

Nappies

Parents must bring nappies for their child
We cannot supply these and children will not be able to be changed regularly if we do not have enough nappies

Can I assure parents that all photos taken of children are on school cameras which are kept in our buildings and downloaded onto school computers. Staff do not use their mobile phones in Nursery
these are kept locked in staff lockers -away from the work with the children

You have been given a questionnaire with this newsletter. We need the information to comply with the council's policy for Diversity And Gender Equality and would be grateful if you could fill it in. You do not need to put your name on.

The staff and governors have written a new development plan for the coming year. There is a copy on the parents notice boards.

What experiences will your child be having this month?

Under three's

Developing fine motor skills

Threading pasta and weetos onto pipe cleaners and wool

Cutting- magazines, straws, ribbons, shape templates,

Construction and small world- tolotoys magnetic blocks mobilo, train set, farm and jungle animals, tool kits

Sensory –fabrics to explore, birds with noises, smelly pots and bags, feathers, tinsel food tasting – apples

Treasure baskets-shiny objects, everyday objects, shredded paper, kitchen utensils, shells, wooden objects

Tasting fruit and vegetables

Role play dressing dolls, hairdressers, camping, teddy bears picnic, making dens,

Music and movement-skittles, dancing to African music teddy bears picnic

Outdoor –bikes, prams, planks for balancing, sand and buckets and spades, water painting, collecting leaves

MESSY PLAY- play dough with smells, pasta, glitter and sequins. Ice wet and dry spaghetti

Manipulative- custard, jelly, angel delight, mashed potato, cornflour. Cleaning tables and chairs with wet cloths hanging washing on line, coloured sand with small spoons and sieves

Sand –with twigs , cars, pebbles , rocks, bottle tops, Water –lavender oil, twigs, watering cans, bathing babies with bubbles, slimy water swamp with blue jelly and bugs!

Mark making-with gloop , rice pudding, shaving foam. Printing with fruit and potatoes

Glue-coloured glue , glitter, fabric, magazines, pasta rice confetti lentils, straws

Over three's

Developing fine motor skills-

Threading- making necklaces with cheerios threading round shapes

Cutting- leaf shapes, witches hats, stars, fireworks

Manipulative-pasta , glitter, clay, mash potato, shaving foam, fresh fish, dinosaurs in green jelly

Physical play-balancing, crawling, climbing

Ball play-footballs and nets

ICT- bip and bop, Romer dressed as Bob the builder, 2 simple music, musical toys

Construction – natural materials, woodwork bench, blocks and fabric

Outdoor classroom –feeding the birds, autumn match and treasure hunt Painting-printing with leaves, bricks , sponges

Gluing- dried flowers, fabric, autumn canvas- leaves, cones, twigs

Role play – house at night – bedtime, cleaning house, caves, builders yard, camping

Science and investigation –torches and light sticks, bulb planting, spinners rainbows and kaleidoscopes, discovery boxes

Baking –sandwiches, spider web biscuits, treacle toffee, black peas

Drawing- firework pictures, witches hats, lights and candles

Themes this month – bonfire night

This is a selection of our planned experiences
- see the plans on the notice boards for more details or ask a member of staff for more information

Please help us

– if your child is coming for dinner can you bring them before 12 o'clock. If you are going to be late, then please let us know and we will save their dinner

Under three's 332677 Over three's 332678

Please bring back any clothes that your child is changed into as soon as possible- we get very short of knickers, underpants and socks and have to buy these

YOU CAN FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HOW WE WORK WITH YOUR CHILD BY READING THE LEAFLETS IN THE PACK YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN

There will be workshops for all parents explaining the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum that all children aged 0-5 years follow . These will last for about an hour.

These are on the following dates in the school building

Friday November 13th at 9.15

Wednesday 18th November at 1.15 pm

Thursday November 19 at 7pm

There will be English classes for parents on Tuesday afternoons in the school please see office staff if you are interested