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Curriculum News

A few weeks ago we had a fire crew to visit! The children were very excited as they had a chance to get into the cab and use the hose to knock over some cones with a water jet. The fire crew also gave the children a demonstration of how they put on all the necessary clothes to fight a fire. Our heartfelt thanks go to Leoni-Rae's Dad, Warren, who is a fireman and made the event possible.



To see a larger copy of this photo, please visit the website.

We have also spent time in the last two weeks Junk Modelling, creating all sorts of exciting new uses for used packaging, and learning about the animals and plants that are found in Spring. We also celebrated Mother's Day with the children and made Mother's Day cards. This week has seen us very busy with Easter Activities!

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Staff News

Angie has been invited to join the Early Years Professional Status Board to contribute to discussions about what will be done with the limited funding now available to Early Years Professionals. We also wish Rebecca "Good Luck" as she is in the final weeks of writing her dissertation!

Dates for your Diary



Start of Term	26 th April
Closed for Royal Wedding (Bank Holiday)	29 th April*
May Day Closure	2 nd May*
Closed for Polling Day	5 th May *
No afternoon session	9 th May*
Quiz Night	20 th May
End of Half Term	27 th May
Summer Term begins	6 th June
Halletts Photographers	20 th June
Leaver's Photos	21 st & 23 rd June

*Please note Parents will not be charged for closure days

All these dates and future events/ dates are now available in the Calendar section of the website.

Forthcoming Events

We will be hosting another Quiz Night on Friday 20th May, 7.30 for an 8pm start. The event will run in a similar way to our previous quiz nights, so if you have any ideas for raffle prizes, please bring them in to Pre-school after the holidays. Tickets will be available after the Easter holiday. If you would be able to sell tickets to parents at the beginning/ end of Pre-school sessions, would like to help on the night, or have a raffle prize to donate, please email administrator@funtimepreschool.org or put a note in one of the committee member's pigeon holes, Thank you.



Fundraising

A huge “thank you” to everyone who supported the table top sale on Saturday 26th March. We raised £155 for Pre-school through our tables! Thank you to anyone who supported us by donating toys, cakes or books, or came to support us on the day. Special thanks to our parent volunteers, Rachel, Randi and Kathryn, and to Frances- the sale would not have been possible without you all.



We hope to have another similar sale before Christmas, so please keep hold of any unwanted toys or books to donate to us nearer the time! Any leftover toys were divided equally between a hospice charity shop and a crèche who lost all their children's toys in a recent fire.

Did you know?

Did you know you can access the upcoming curriculum for your child at Pre-school by logging on to our website? To see the current half term outline of themes, go to <http://www.funtimepreschool.org/curriculum.html> and click on the link entitled “Half term curriculum”.



Schools Vouchers

It is that time of year again when we are collecting Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers for schools. Please bring them in and leave them in the boxes in the foyer, they help us buy exciting new resources for the children. We hope to have enough vouchers to “buy” water channelling stands, more small world characters, weighing scales, wellie stands and an agility ladder. Please leave your vouchers in the boxes in the foyer.



Ink Cartridges and mobile phones can now also be exchanged for these vouchers, bags will be available in the foyer soon. In the meantime, please log onto the website and follow the link on the homepage to the list of cartridges we can collect and redeem.

Past Letters and Newsletters

If you misplace a past letter or newsletter, they are now available to view/ print from our website.



Volunteers

WE WELCOME ALL PARENTS AND CARERS TO STAY AND PLAY WITH CHILDREN DURING THE SESSION. In the foyer there is a rota for volunteers, but please come and join us if you find yourselves free - the children love seeing new faces, and you might enjoy it!

Sun Protection

As the weather starts to get warmer after Easter, please remember to put sun cream on children and send in **named hats** for when we play in the garden area, thank you.



Getting Ready for “Big School”

The children will have the opportunity to practise changing into their PE kits during the summer term. This will offer them the opportunity to gain independence and build up confidence for their transition to school. If your child will be starting primary school this September, please send in named t-shirt and shorts in a bag for us to use in afternoon sessions.



Committee 2011-2012

The annual Pre-school Committee AGM will be held again in June. Whilst some committee members will stand to be re-elected, many of the current committee will be stepping down as their children move on to school. If you would like to join the committee, or just find out a bit more about what each of the roles involve, please ask a member of staff or the current committee. To see who is on the current committee, go to <http://www.funtimepreschool.org/committee.html>. We are a registered Charity and have to abide by the Charity Commission's laws. The Committee is responsible for employing staff so we MUST have a Committee who are accountable. Without them, the pre-school cannot run.

