



OAKWOOD

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The White House Nursery - Quality Childcare For Over 30 Years!



Welcome



Louise
Nursery Manager

Hi everyone and welcome to your parent newsletter from The White House Nursery Oakwood.

In this newsletter you will find lots of information regarding all aspects of nursery life, from the every day reminders and updates right through to exciting changes and big announcements.

Be sure to look out for any important dates for your diary, that way you'll always be in the loop!

Reminder - Payment Of Fees

A polite reminder to parents that payment of nursery fees is due upon receipt of your invoice, and always within the first week of the month. Any fees still outstanding by the end of the month are subject to a 15% late payment charge. If you are having any problems/ concerns with receiving your invoice, please speak with the office management who will look into this for you.

Bank Holidays and Term Closures

Please note that nursery is closed to all children on bank holidays.

Bank Holidays – Friday 10th April, Monday 13th April, Friday 8th May

Easter Holidays – Our 38 week funded children break up for three weeks on Friday 27th March and return on Monday 20th April. Our 44 week term time only children break up on Friday 3rd April and return on Monday 20th April



Easy Banana Pancakes

350g self-raising flour
1 tsp baking powder
2 very ripe bananas
2 medium eggs
1 tsp vanilla extract
250ml whole milk butter for frying



Turn overripe, blackened bananas into sweet, fluffy American-style pancakes. Serve with syrup and crunchy, toasted pecan nuts as a delicious brunch treat...

1. Sieve the flour, baking powder and a generous pinch of salt into a large bowl. In a separate mixing bowl, mash the very ripe bananas with a fork until smooth, then whisk in the eggs, vanilla extract and milk. Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients, tip in the wet ingredients and swiftly whisk together to create a smooth, silky batter.

2. Heat a little knob of butter in a large non-stick pan over a medium heat. Add 2-3 tbsp of the batter to the pan and cook for several minutes, or until small bubbles start appearing on the surface. Flip the pancake over and cook for 1-2 mins on the other side. Repeat with the remaining batter, keeping the pancakes warm in a low oven.

3. Stack the pancakes on plates and top with the banana slices, a glug of sticky maple syrup and a handful of pecan nuts, if you like.

Enjoy!...



Work For Us

The White House nursery are always looking for professional and qualified childcare staff to join our vibrant teams within our baby, toddler and preschool units across our 5 settings.

For more information go to
www.thewhitehousenursery.co.uk/recruitment





The Big Garden Party 2020

Our White House Nursery Charity Garden Party will return again this year - on Saturday 4th July! Following on from last years success we will be having one big joint event at our Borrowwash site, where children and families from across all of our sites are invited to enjoy some family time together whilst supporting a great cause! More information about the event and our chosen cause will be available closer to the time...

Until then, please remember us for any prize donations you might have! Some items we will be looking for are: Bottles of beer, wine, champagne, pop, juice, cleaning products, toiletries and sauces as well as gift sets, books, toys, games and homeware.

We would also like any bottle bags you no longer need for our bottle tombola! If you have any of these items you would be willing to donate, please drop them off at your nursery between now and then.

In addition to the Big Garden Party, we will also be having our own charity event for Oakwood parents. Please look out for more information on this in the coming months.

Reminder - Reconfirm Your 30 Hour Code

IMPORTANT NOTICE - All parents that receive the 30 hrs funding for your pre-school child **must** ensure you regularly check on your government gateway account and reconfirm your eligibility to renew your code.

Renewing your code is required every 3 months please check the dates carefully that you are given to reconfirm by as these dates can be at any time!!



Mothers Day - Celebration Events

Throughout W/C Monday 16th March, each unit will be inviting Mums and special female carers into nursery for a Mother's Day Stay & Play session throughout the week.

Please look out for further information in your individual room newsletters.



Nursery Development

This term we will be having some very exciting developments happening in our nursery garden...

This will involve moving our mud kitchen and creating an outdoor construction area, and once finished it will give the children lots more opportunities for exploring and investigating through play outdoors.

We will keep you updated with any progress on this and we look forward to sharing the brand new garden with you all once it's finished!...



Keep up to date... follow us on social media! #CaptureTheMoment

We believe that social media is a great way to communicate with our parents and provide them with the information they need on the go, at their fingertips.

The White House Nursery have an official Facebook and Instagram page as well as a YouTube channel which are updated regularly with the latest nursery news, photos and videos from around each of our settings.

Head over to our Facebook page for the latest news, upcoming events and useful information as well as our collection of stunning photo albums...

You can find all of our vibrant nursery videos on The White House Nursery YouTube channel - take a look at what the children have been getting up to in and around nursery, all in sparkling HD!

Take a look at what's been happening at White House HQ on our Instagram page, where we'll be sharing all the inside goings on, direct from our head office.

The best of our content will also be published on The White House Nursery official website, to showcase our various locations and give an insight to nursery life.

If you would like your child to be featured in our content, please make sure you have signed our 'Capture The Moment' parent consent form. If not, you can collect one from the office on your next visit.

www.thewhitehousenursery.co.uk



- ★ Latest Nursery News
- ★ Upcoming Events
- ★ Parent Reminders
- ★ Useful Information
- ★ Photo Albums
- ★ Facebook Competitions and much more!...

Easter Activities

Throughout W/C Monday 6th April, each room will be doing lots of exciting activities with the children in celebration of Easter. We will be having an egg hunt in the garden, baking chocolate nests, tasting hot cross buns at snack time and much more... Please see your child's individual room newsletter for more details.



World Book Day

Throughout W/C Monday 2nd March, all children are welcome to come to nursery dressed as one of their favourite book characters, and to bring a book along with them to share with children and staff at nursery.

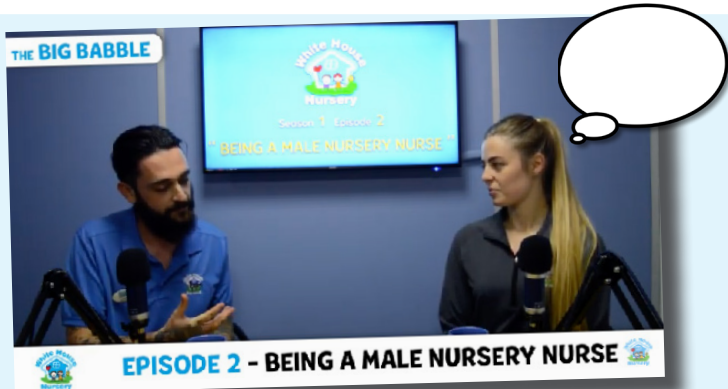


Parents Information Evening & School Transitions

On Wednesday 6th May we will be holding a parents information evening where we will also be discussing school transitions.

Please be sure to add this date to your diary and we will update you with more information at a start time closer to the date.





'The Big Babble' White House Nursery Podcast

For the past couple of months The White House marketing team have been working on something brand new and exciting to share with our parents!

'The Big Babble Podcast' has officially started over on our Facebook page. You can catch up on previous episodes now and there will be a new episode released every Sunday!

The aim of our podcast is to start a discussion on a range of topics relating to nursery life, and share opinions and experiences within our community. Each week we will be joined by members of our team to discuss subjects including Speech & Language, Music In Nursery, Outdoor Play, SEN and School Readiness.

We hope you find these podcasts interesting and informative. We'd love to hear your feedback so please leave us a comment and share your thoughts!

#WhiteHouseNursery #TheBigBabble



Hungry Little Minds Campaign

Many little things light up hungry little minds. Children take everything in, and even the smallest things you do with them can make a big difference.

They love it when you chat, play and read with them, even when they're too young to understand everything. Whatever the time and wherever you are, you can turn almost anything into a game. And every little thing you do together will help set them up nicely for the day they start school.

Early communication, language and literacy development is a key priority and is essential for children to be able to thrive and progress.

And at nursery we strongly focus and strive to improve children in this area of development, as statistics from the Department of Education show that children are falling behind.

Studies show that extra engagement and support from parents and carers can help early learning and help set your child up for school and later life.

Please visit the website below for some super easy activity ideas you can use to support your child at home!

www.hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk



In House Staff Training - A Message From Julie

"During this term, we are continuing to roll out two workshops to our practitioners to enhance their knowledge and awareness of supporting creative development and mathematical development within our nurseries. These sessions are part of our ongoing in house Continued Professional Development (CPD) programme.

These sessions ensure we provide age and stage appropriate opportunities and offer an opportunity for reflection and networking for our practitioners across sites. A key element of the workshops focusses on the three characteristics of effective teaching and learning which are:

Playing and exploring - children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go'

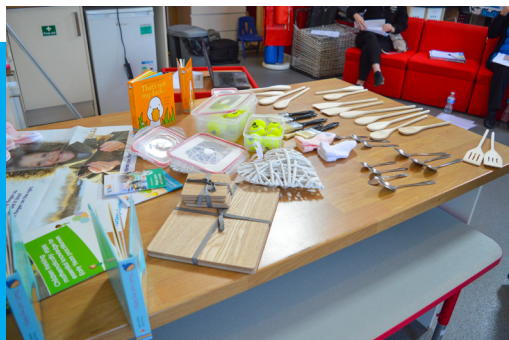
Active learning - children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements

Creating and thinking critically - children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things

For more information please ask a member of staff for a "Maths At Home" leaflet.



Julie Smith
Quality & Development Manager



In House Staff Training

Our practitioners have thoroughly enjoyed the recent Maths and Creative training sessions they have been on and they have given some fantastic feedback.

Creative training impact and comments are:

"The children have been having lots more new creative experiences".

"The training has given me new ideas to use with the children".

"The children have enjoyed the different materials".

"The children have been more engaged".

"Children show more control over over resources".

Maths training impact and comments are:

"Children are using more numbers in play".

"Children are showing an interest in the maths booklets"

"We are introducing more maths vocabulary in play"

"We have noticed the children matching objects"

"We are using more maths in every day activities"

If you have any concerns about speech, language and communication needs of your child, whether it be understanding typical patterns of speech, understanding what children should be saying when or support with ditching that dummy then please speak with a member of staff who will point you in the right direction.

We will be sharing what we have learned with you at our parents information evening in May!

Paediatric First Aid Training

All sites will be continuing with Paediatric First Aid training throughout the year, which takes place at our Kids Club site on a Saturday. Here's some photos from a recent training session with Nigel...



Cultural Capital

Following recent updates to the EYFS, Cultural Capital will be a new focus for us over the coming weeks and months. The framework explains Cultural Capital as:

"Some children arrive at an early years setting with different experiences from others, in their learning and play. What a setting does, through the EYFS curriculum and interactions with practitioners potentially makes all the difference to children. It is the role of the setting to help the children experience the awe and wonder of the world in which they live, through the seven areas of learning."

In response to this, we have redesigned our 'All About Me' booklet which you will have filled out when your child joined us. This is something that will be reviewed and added to throughout your child's time with us, so we can gain a better understanding of your child's likes and dislikes, and what makes them happy or upset.

We have also included an additional document to this which asks about what 'experiences' your child has had so far. Some examples of these experiences can be found below:

Pumpkin or fruit picking

Going to the hairdressers/barbers

Going to the post office

Singing rhymes or songs

Visiting the beach

Visiting the Zoo

Riding on a bus

Going to the supermarket

Going swimming

Going to the local park

Feeding the ducks

Walking a dog

Baking

Going to a library

Playing in the snow

Dentist

You will be asked to circle any experiences your child has already had, you may add new ones if they aren't listed. This information will then be used when planning various opportunities for learning at nursery. This will then be reviewed regularly and more experiences can be ticked off!



Does your child start school this September?

Have you thought about childcare outside of school hours?

Welcome to The White House Kids Club!



Our out of school club is aimed at 4 - 14 year olds and runs before and after school, as well as in the school holidays. Kids Club is a great place for children to socialise, have fun, try new things and make friends away from their regular school routine.

Breakfast club runs from 7.30am until 9am and offers many benefits to both children and parents. Children enjoy a healthy breakfast with friends and are offered a choice of foods including cereals, toast, pancakes, crumpets, fruit and yoghurts. The children are then dropped off at the local schools ready to start their day.

Morning Drop Off Service To The Following Schools - Borrow Wood, Asterdale, St Werburghs & Springfield

Breakfast Clubs Run By Us At The Following Schools - Borrow Wood & Redhill Primary School

After School Pick Up From The Following Schools - Borrow Wood, St Werburghs, Springfield, Asterdale, Cherry Tree, Meadow Farm Primary School and West Park Secondary School,

Our on site after school club runs from 3.00pm until 6.00pm. Children are collected from the local schools and brought back to Kids Club for a light tea followed by a variety of activities. After school club is a great opportunity for children to relax and unwind after a full day at school. Children are free to choose from a range of activities suited to their age range, including an X Box, Playstation, Pool Table and state of the art cinema room upstairs!

Redhill After School Club - We also run an After School Club on site at Redhill School. With the same kind of activities on offer as we have at Kids Club, but operating on site at Redhill School hall and using their fantastic facilities both indoors and outdoors. Please enquire at Kids Club for more information.

Holiday Club is available outside of term time during school holidays and inset days. Children have the opportunity to take part in large group games, off site trips and various other activities while improving their social communication skills. Keep a look out for our booking forms, which are available to download from our website prior to each holiday, just head over to the holiday club page of the website. There you will find all the information you need including the sessions we offer, applicable fees and details of all the fantastic activities and trips we have planned for that holiday.