



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

This Evening from
5.00-7.00pm
ALL WELCOME!

Streetsbrook Value of the Term

Happiness

DIARY DATES

Monday 27th -

- KS1 Choir Practise for members only (4 of 4) - 4.00pm

Tuesday 28th -

- Special Menu – Arctic Lunch

Wednesday 29th -

- Y2 Mathematics Workshop for parents - 6.30-7.30pm

Thursday 30th -

- Y2 Mathematics Workshop for parents - 9.00-10.00am
- Full Governing Body Meeting - 5.30pm

Friday 1 DECEMBER -

- Parent Partnership Meeting - 9.00am
- Last Swimming Lessons

The Streetsbrook Childcare Holiday Club booking forms are now available, open on the following days:

- Wednesday 20 December
- Thursday 21 December
- Friday 22 December
- Wednesday 3 January

<http://www.streetsbrook.co.uk/childcare1415/childcareindex.html>

Party time **CRAFTS**
Junk modelling **LEGO Fun!**
Biscuit making

Understanding Your Child – Online Course

SMBC are delighted to announce that staff and parents can now access an innovative ONLINE course about children, worth £39, completely FREE! Simply use the coupon code below. Valid until March 2018. <https://inourplace.co.uk/learn-now/>

The course is for parents, carers and professionals caring for children aged 0-18 and looks at brain development, play, styles of parenting, sleep, temper tantrums, communication and more. Coupon: **SCHSOLUYCMAR18**

MULTI SKILLS COMPETITION

Well done to our Year 2 children for competing in the Level 1 Multi Skill Competition on Monday.

A great time was had by all and all of the children worked extremely hard and tried their best! The children competed against 17 other teams in a range of events including speed bounce, javelin, sprinting and throwing. We have some excellent athletes here at Streetsbrook Academy. The atmosphere was fantastic and I would like to congratulate all the children on their efforts. I am awaiting the results of the competition and will update you as soon as I receive them. Miss Flanagan

PARKING NOTICE

This Nissan car was seen parked on the yellow zig zags at 3.00pm on Monday 20 November. Please can the owner of this car be reminded that parking in this area is strictly forbidden.

Lost Property

The lost property basket, located in the Main Reception, is starting to overflow. It would be great if we could reunite these items with their owners. Thank you

SPOTACULAR

What a wonderful day was had by all, we had lots of fun AND we raised a total of **£295.79** from the donations on the day!



We still have to count the money raised through parents donating 2p and 1p coins; we will of course let you know the grand total next week. The School Council just wanted to say a huge thank you to all the Mums and Dads who supported us with this event. We simply couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for the cakes!!! They were delicious.

Reception's Arctic inspired Lunch!

Each Term a different Year group will be designing a special lunch to go with their current topic. This term Reception's topic is 'On Top of the 'World' and on **Tuesday 28 November** the whole school will be treated to the following menu;

- Fish Fingers
- Chicken Wrap
- Cheesy Jackets
- Baked Beans or Peas
- Ice Cream 'Arctic' Roll

If your child wishes to send Christmas cards to their friends, the post box is now available in the main entrance hall until Friday 15 December. Children's names and classes should be clearly written on the envelopes.

NURSERY



We have truly been decking the halls in Nursery this week with all things Christmas! We have been working very hard on all the different art displays for the Christmas Fair. Please remember to have a look at our handprint Christmas trees and 2D shape winter scenes when you visit on Friday.

We have also begun learning about the 5 senses, which we will continue to look at next week. We will be exploring sound, touch and smell with a plethora of very exciting activities!

Rehearsals for the Nativity are well underway, with minor tweaks being made all the time. We will be supplying the children with costumes and letting parents know of any adjustments needed. Speaking parts will be sent home in due course, but not too soon - we don't want to give away any spoilers!

Please remember to continue sending in your Parent Observations. They are so helpful in helping us to build a well-rounded picture of the children's development. Many thanks as always! Team Nursery.

YEAR 2

A huge congratulations to the children who participated in the Multi Skills Competition at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre. It was a delight to see the children work so hard as a team and as individuals, persevering throughout any events they found tricky.



Back in school, we've been focusing on Geography, using the iPads to explore different cities of the world, from Paris to New York City, as well as devising maps based around traditional tales.

A huge thank you to all of those in Y2 (and Y1) who contributed to our choir for the Christmas Fair; Mr Fogarty is both proud and grateful for your efforts, and so too are the rest of the school.



Streetsbrook Childcare

In Little Stars we have enjoyed a reading week. Children have brought in their favourite stories from home to read to their friends. We have also been busy with our Christmas song practise and showing our creative side with lots of Christmas crafts!

This week Rockets have been working hard practising for our Christmas Carol concert as well as decorating Childcare with beautiful Christmas decorations. We have been reading a book 'Aliens love Panto Clours' and designed our own Christmas pants – see them in our book area!

Thank you to all those parents who took part in Parent Consultations and meeting your child's Key Person. Please feel free to write a comment on our 'Wall' opposite Rockets room to all the team to let us know how we are doing.



The children benefitted from another emergency evacuation yesterday in the form of a Fire Drill at the beginning of lunch. This ensured our Lunchtime Supervisors are aware of our procedures. The evacuation was very successful and completed in a timely way. However reminders about the need to walk, rather than run and the importance of being quiet did need to be reinforced to the children and will be followed up by staff.



RECEPTION

In Reception we began practising for our Christmas performance. All children now have the lines they need to learn and we would really appreciate your support in learning to say these lines in a loud voice.

In Maths we began investigating the concept of subtraction and helped Miss Maths with some tricky 'taking away' problems. Using segmenting and blending skills continues to be a strong focus in reading, writing and phonics sessions. These skills were put to very good use when the children wrote a packing list for an Arctic Adventure.

A real highlight of this week has been our Science investigation session. The children have learnt that polar bears use fur and fat to keep them warm in icy water and this led us to our own investigation question.....

Will fat keep our hands warm in icy water? Using a fair test the children had the opportunity to predict, investigate and discuss the outcome of this very 'hands on' Science activity. Please ask them to tell you about it.



Next Tuesday, 28 November Reception will be hosting a special topic themed lunch for the whole school. The theme of the lunch will be 'Wrap Up Warm', inspired by our work on Arctic weather.



We look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Fair this evening and hope you will all visit our craft stall to buy our handmade Santa gift tags!

YEAR 1

This week in English we have continued to look at Winter poetry and have explored alliteration. The children have been creating their own alliterative sentences, focusing upon the structure of the story 'Pass the Jam Jim'. Perhaps you could ask if the children can remember any of the lines from 'Pass the Jam Jim'. In Maths we have been learning about addition and subtraction. We have been solving addition and subtraction problems for money and measurement and have also begun to explore the number bonds to 20. See if the children can remember any of the number bonds to 20. In art we have been learning about the artist Mark Rothko, creating our very own colour field painting using secondary colours. See if the children can remember an interesting fact about Mark Rothko. Next week we will be looking at letter writing in English as the children will be writing their letter to Santa. Enjoy your weekend and we hope to see some of you at our Christmas fair!