

Newsletter

Summer Term 2012

Tuesday 12th June - Friday 13th July



Welcome to the Summer Term edition of the Splash and Dash Newsletter. The first half term was jam-packed full of exciting events, including the hugely successful Family Fun Day. The children learnt all about healthy eating with the 'I know why it's Yum, Mum' rainbow fruit and vegetable workshop. This supported our 'see how we grow' topic, along with the children enjoying bringing in and sharing baby photos of themselves during our 'photograph week'. They had fun guessing who the babies had grown into and even looked at the staff's baby photos! As always 'gardening week' was a joy and the children learnt so much and had the best time digging, wheel-barrowing, planting, watering and generally getting dirty! This supported their knowledge and understanding of the world and environmental development and kept them busy too. Pet week saw the children meeting a puppy, a dog, a rabbit and even a bearded dragon! All of our themes and activities encourage the children to learn and develop and are excellent foundations for the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

The second half of term is all about moving on, with activities devised to help the children gain confidence about starting nursery or school. We will also be practising hard for our Sports Day!

Finally, to round off a fantastic year, there will be a family picnic and sports day on the last day of term, Friday 13th July in Lammas Park. Those children staying on will start back on Thursday 6th September, after a hopefully sunny summer break.

Jackie Winslade (Manager)

New Staff Member

We were pleased to welcome Annie Murphy into our team. Annie is an experienced Early Years Practitioner and joined us after the Easter break. She has settled in well and is loving spending time and getting to know your children!

List of Volunteers

We are happy to have volunteers and would like to let you know who will be helping out at Splash and Dash and on which days:

Mon - Glynis Jones
Tues - Sandra Zih
Thurs - to be confirmed
Fri - Sandra Mansi

We are lucky to have them, as the children like them and they help to support the team. All volunteers are pre-interviewed, reference and CRB checked and work under the supervision of staff at all times.



Here are some lyrics the kids learnt during the 'I know why it's Yum, Mum' workshop. Maybe you could sing along with them during meal times!

Broccoli (Old Macdonald had a farm)

Broccoli's so good for me, EIEIO
It helps me and my tummy, EIEIO
With a yum, yum here,
A yum, yum there,
Here a yum, there a yum, I know why it's yum
mum,
Broccoli's so good for me. EIEIO

Peppers (Three blind mice)

Three peppers x2
See how they shine x2
Peppers help me to feel fine,
Their different colours are so divine,
Maybe I'll eat them all the time?!
Three peppers

If you like the idea of encouraging your child to eat more fruit and veg, then there are more Rainbow Workshops held on the 30th June and the 7th July at The Grove Pub (10am/11am). www.pitterpatterhub.com

Baby News

Nita's baby girl arrived on 8th March weighing 8lb and she called her Leah. They have been to visit once and the children were delighted to meet the new arrival.



Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to any parents of 3 year olds for their 'voluntary contributions', they are much needed and much appreciated. If it has slipped your mind, it is not too late to offer your contribution. Splash and Dash rely on these donations to maintain staff ratios and our high standards.

Fundraising Update

Easter bonnet parade - £86.34
Spare change in Smarties tubes - £129
Family Fun Day - £1000!! Well done and thank you to everyone who helped.
There will be a 'sponsored scoot' at the sports day.
Look out for your sponsorship forms coming soon.

New Website

The website is now live!
www.splashanddashplaygroup.co.uk

Lunch Club - 12 till 1pm

Lunch club was very popular last term with a number of children attending some sessions. It's a great way of gaining some extra time for yourself and the children love playing in a smaller group. No need to book in advance. Bring a packed lunch and £5 for the session.



Drop-in Sessions

Don't forget Splash and Dash accept children for drop-in sessions with payment on the day, provided we can still meet the required staff/child ratios. If you wish to take advantage of this on a day your child doesn't normally attend, check with Jackie for available places and then drop them in. £13.50 per session.

Parent Rota

All parents with children at Splash and Dash commit to helping out at a session each term. The time flies by and it's lovely to share a session with your child. Please volunteer!