

## **Welcome to the Nursery at City College**

A warm welcome to all families and children that have joined us during the Spring term.

We hope your children have settled into nursery life and are enjoying the time they spend with us. Please also take a look at our Nursery Webpage on:

<https://www.ccn.ac.uk/our-college/city-college-norwich-nursery>

for information on the nursery and our Policies and Procedures.

## **Severe Weather Policy**

When snow or hazardous road conditions make the closing of the Nursery necessary, the procedures outlined below will be followed.

- If the College is closed then the Nursery will automatically close as we would be without security and kitchen support.
- Information on the closure of the College can be accessed via the College web site on [www.ccn.ac.uk](http://www.ccn.ac.uk).
- Alternatively, the local radio stations will also be informed of the decision.
- A telephone message will also be recorded on (01603) **773530**
- Although the Nursery will endeavour to open at all times in conjunction with the College, a situation could arise where not enough staff are able to travel into Norwich. In the event of this happening we will implement our Emergency Staffing Procedure.
- If for any reason we need to close the Nursery early due to a change in circumstance we will again notify you at the earliest opportunity.



## **New Nursery Staff**

**Suma** has joined us as a Nursery Nurse during term times, working on Thursday and Friday each week.



This term we have several college students at the nursery completing work experience placements. We will display a photo of the student working in your child's room so that you are aware who is in the nursery. Students are supervised at all times by our fully trained nursery nurses.

### **Tapestry, our online individual learning journeys**

As most of you will know, Tapestry is an educational software package that enables us to produce an on-line learning journal for every child. Your child's individual learning journal can be accessed by logging on with a secure username and password. You will then be able to view all your child's observations, photographs and even video from their time at nursery. This will enable you to follow your child's individual progress closely and you can reflect upon their achievements with your child. You can add comments so that we, as a nursery, find out about which activities your child really enjoyed and the learning they get at home.

We are sure that you will love this new way of viewing your child's achievements as much as we do! Please ensure you have completed a consent form so that you can access your child's Tapestry account.

### **Nursery Visit to Laurel Lodge Nursery Home on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Some of our older children went to visit the residents at Laurel Lodge care home in December. They made Christmas cards, played some action games and finished the visit by singing Christmas songs around the tree. As some of the residents stay in their rooms the children went to see each one individually to deliver a Christmas card and to wish them all a Merry Christmas. It was lovely to see how the children interacted with the elderly residents and how they understood that in some rooms they needed to be quiet while in others they were encouraged to sing loudly! We all enjoyed this visit very much and plan to visit each term. We hope to go again before the Easter vacation.



**Spring and Summer Term Outings** – We are aiming to arrange several outings over the coming months to enhance the children's learning. These will include sessions where whole rooms can go off site, or just several children from a particular age group. The days and children involved will be rotated to enable as many children as possible to have an opportunity to go out. We will send letters home with information and consent forms for you to sign giving your permission for your child to leave the college site.

**Gardening/Growing Things** – At the nursery we encourage the children to enjoy playing outdoors and to participate in growing flowers and vegetables in our nursery garden. This spring the children will be busy planting up again in the allotment area at the rear of the nursery, as well as in the main garden area. If you have any cuttings that are child friendly, we always welcome any new additions to our garden areas

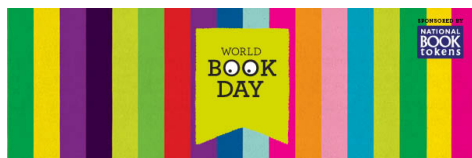
### **World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

<http://worldbookday.com/>

We celebrated World book day at the nursery and several children dressed up as their favourite characters.

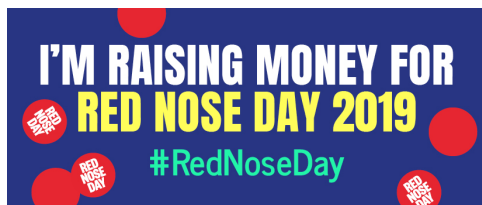


The Woodland room children visited the College Library and we will be organising further trips and storytelling sessions throughout the term.



The children will be receiving a book voucher for World Book Day.

## **Comic Relief – Red Nose Day 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019**



Since its launch in 1988, Comic Relief has become something of a British institution. It's the day, every two years, when people across the land can get together and do something to raise money for charity. The money raised help vulnerable people across the UK and the world, to live happier, healthier and safer lives.

We will be joining in with the fun by holding a **Red Nose Day Party** for the older children and hope you will support us with this worthwhile charity.

## **Looking after our Teeth – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Lecturer Melanie Newton will be coming over to the nursery with some of her dental students to talk to the children about the importance of looking after their teeth. The students each talk to a small group of children and with the aid of pictures and props demonstrate the best way to clean teeth and the healthy foods we should be eating.



## **Forest School**



The Woodland and Farmyard room children (and the older Rainbow room children) are taking part in a forest school session on Friday mornings this term. We aim to run further programmes until the end of the summer term to ensure as many children as possible can take part in forest school activities.

## **Birthday Cakes**

Because of the risk to children with allergies we are not able to serve cakes brought in from home. If you would like us to celebrate your child's birthday at nursery with a cake please speak to your keyperson. These can be ordered (freshly baked) for £3.50.

**Just one reminder....All weather Coats and Wellingtons** - As it is important that the children can be taken outside in all weathers, we would be grateful if you could provide waterproof outdoor clothes and wellingtons, hats and gloves, and a spare set of clothes for nursery.

Could we ask for donations of the following when children have grown out of them?

**Pants – knickers – socks – vests – hats – gloves** Thank you

## **Spring Term Dates**

Term ends: **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Easter Vacation**

## **Summer Term Dates**

Term starts: **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019**



**Please note:** Children on College contracts will need to request a place for vacation periods if needed. Booking forms will be emailed to you. Please let us know if your contact details change.