

## **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:

[www.ccn.ac.uk/nursery-city-college-norwich](http://www.ccn.ac.uk/nursery-city-college-norwich).

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.
- 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.
- 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.



**Nursery Staff** - 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.

**Students, staff and**

**Children in the**

**Sports Hall**



### **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 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. You will be given a diary that will be used in conjunction with Tapestry to share information and activities between home and nursery.

### **Nursery Visit to Laurel Lodge Nursery Home on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Some of our older children went to visit the residents at Laurel Lodge care home in



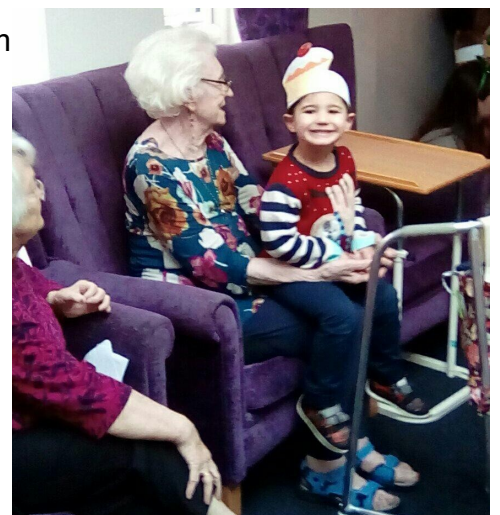
December. The children sang some Christmas songs with the residents including the twelve days of Christmas. The residents joined in by helping the children hold up pictures of the various days and we all enjoyed this even though we got a little mixed up!

We also sang 'Christmas buns in a baker's shop' with the children wearing a bun hat and standing near the resident who 'bought' them for a penny.

We have found these kinds of games help the children and residents get to know each other.

As some of the residents are not able to leave 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 visit again before the Easter vacation.



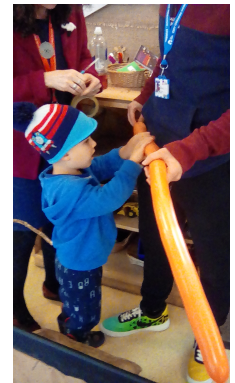


**Outings and Activity days** – We aim to arrange outings over the term to enhance the children's learning. We often take the children around the college to visit various departments including the greenhouse to see the flowers growing and the nurse's office to learn about first aid.



For the older children we have successfully run themed activity days at nursery with the help of the college students and feel the children benefit so much from these. We held a '**Mini Science Festival**' in October with the help

of lecturer Kathy Thompson and her science students. We have plans to run more of these activity days this term.



**Road Safety** - We are very lucky at the Nursery to have a local police constable, PC Andy Toes, who has made time to visit us to teach the children about road safety. We have also joined in with the road safety charity 'Break' who provided resources for the children to take home. PC Toes brought along his police van for the children to explore and even let them try out the siren!

The children enjoyed the visit and we hope, take away a valuable lesson on road safety.

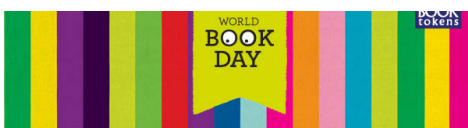


### **World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

<http://worldbookday.com/>

We are celebrating **World book day** at the nursery and will be encouraging the children to dress up as one of their favourite characters from a book. We will be visiting the college library on this day for a story telling session run by the librarian.

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



The Woodland and Farmyard children will be visiting the College Library every other week throughout the term for story telling sessions and to choose books to take out.

## **Sports Relief – 9 – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

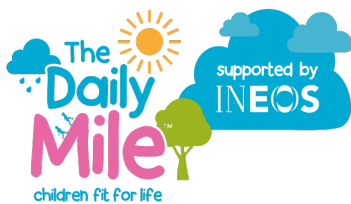
<https://www.sportrelief.com/>



Sport Relief is back on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**. This time we're asking you to help us take on poverty and injustice in the UK and across the world by getting involved and helping to raise some life-changing cash. We will be working with the Sports Science students to organise some fun activities for the children to join in with. We will have fun while we fundraise and hopefully help to make a real difference.

Last term we organised several activity sessions with the sports science students who came here to the nursery. The children loved this and we hope to be able to do this again this term.

### **Yoga session in the Woodland room**



This term we have continued with the daily mile at 9.45 each day, running on the field opposite the nursery. We have noticed that the children are enjoying this more and more and are thriving with the new daily routine. We are all benefitting by getting fitter and being more active while making this a fun time for the children at the start of the day.

## **Looking after our Teeth – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Upper Teeth		Erupt	Shed
Central incisor		8-12 mos.	6-7 yrs.
Lateral incisor		9-13 mos.	7-8 yrs.
Canine (cuspid)		16-22 mos.	10-12 yrs.
First molar		13-19 mos.	9-11 yrs.
Second molar		25-33 mos.	10-12 yrs.
Lower Teeth		Erupt	Shed
Second molar		23-31 mos.	10-12 yrs.
First molar		14-18 mos.	9-11 yrs.
Canine (cuspid)		17-23 mos.	9-12 yrs.
Lateral incisor		10-16 mos.	7-8 yrs.
Central incisor		6-10 mos.	6-7 yrs.



Lecturer Melanie Newton will be coming over to the nursery 7<sup>th</sup> February 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



A number of the Woodland and Farmyard room children (and the older Rainbow room children) are taking part in a forest school session on Wednesday 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. Please can you ensure that



your child is provided with suitable clothing.

**The nursery will provide your child with waterproof dungarees and a light weight waterproof, but we ask that you provide the following:**

**Cold Weather – Waterproof gloves, Waterproof coat, Thin and thick socks to wear with wellies and a complete change of clothing.**



### 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. Please give two weeks' notice to order cakes.

**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 (that don't matter if they get messy) for nursery use.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020**

**Easter Vacation**

### Summer Term Dates

**Term starts: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020**



**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.