



Newsletter



Spring Term 2024

'Children at Oasis are learners for life'

Dear families,

Staffing

We are very pleased to welcome Demelza Yates and Charlie Powell to the Oasis team. Demelza and Charlie are both currently working towards a Level 3 Apprenticeship in Early Years. Demelza is working in the pre-school and Charlie is working in the toddler room. We wish them all the best with their studies!



Role Play Areas

Every term each room creates a new and exciting display/role-play area based on our termly themes and the interests expressed by the children.

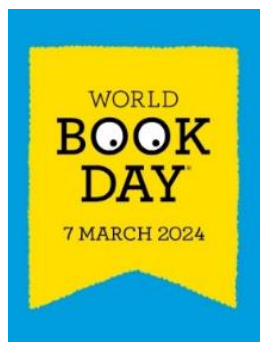
This term the baby room are exploring the story of Elmer the Patchwork Elephant. The babies have regular opportunities to interact with simple Elmer stories, which is supporting them with learning new words, exploring different colours, developing their listening and attention skills and engaging with adults and peers in simple, small-group activities. By working together in small-groups they are learning basic social skills to promote sharing, turn-taking, and playing cooperatively with others, which contributes to supporting the babies with building positive early relationships with their peers. The babies are also learning new songs and rhymes and have daily opportunities to act out simple roles in their play, which enables them to share their own ideas to promote positive self-esteem and self-confidence.



The Toddlers and Pre-School are learning about Space and have created their very own Space Station. The children are learning about different planets, moons, stars and galaxies, and are exploring the role of astronauts through stories, dress-up and role-play. The children have regular opportunities to consolidate their learning through meaningful experiences and test out their own ideas by creating their own space rockets, stars and planets. They are learning new songs, rhymes and words to expand their vocabulary and develop their communication skills and have daily opportunities to interact with meaningful mark-making opportunities using the clipboards and pencils. The children are exploring mathematical concepts such as counting stars, comparing the size, shape and colour of different planets, completing simple space themed puzzles and using positional language when describing objects in space. The children have also chosen their favourite space books and stories to add to the story area, where they can listen to stories and share books with their friends.



If your child has any related items, such as story books, props or pictures, then please feel free to bring them in. Your child can share these with their friends during play.



World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March 2024. To celebrate we will be looking at a variety of different books and stories from around the world. We will also be dressing in fancy dress and your child can come to nursery dressed as their favourite story character if they wish.

Red Nose Day - Do something funny for money!

Red Nose Day is on Friday 15th March 2024. To celebrate we will be having a funny hair day. Your child can come into nursery with a funny hairstyle if they wish. There will be a collection pot in the office if you wish to donate £1 to the Comic Relief Charity.



Oasis British Values Star of the Week

- Ruby Davies - Always keen to help her peers at tidy up time.
- Daisy Withington-Eyre - Showing a willing attitude with daily tasks and routines.
- Ruairi Bruce - Being kind and considerate to her peers and joining them into her play.
- Poppy Rowe - Always on hand to help others.
- Oscar Beaumont - Tidying away his toys independently before lunch time.

Healthy Under 5's

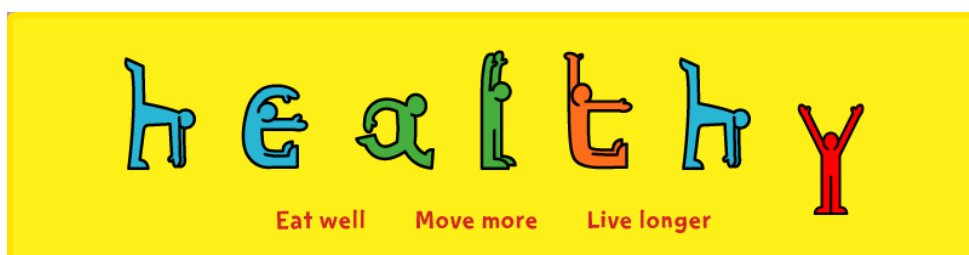
As a 'Healthy Under 5's' setting we provide lots of opportunities to develop the health and wellbeing of the children and their families. We always encourage the children and staff to eat a healthy lunch and we would appreciate your support in ensuring that children are provided with healthy options in their lunchboxes and that sweet treats are limited. We also ask parents/carers not to provide any nuts or nut products in children's lunchboxes due to choking and allergies. Below are some useful links.

Healthy Eating tips and links:

- <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/the-eatwell-guide/>

Lunchbox and meal ideas and recipes:

- <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#lunchbox-recipes>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/start4life/weaning/recipes-and-meal-ideas/>



Dental Hygiene

We have been teaching the children about the importance of cleaning their teeth. Please see below for some useful links.

Oral health and looking after children's teeth:

- <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/taking-care-of-childrens-teeth/>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/babys-development/teething/looking-after-your-babys-teeth/>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/healthier-snacks-for-kids/lower-sugar-drinks-for-kids-stop-tooth-decay>



Safer Sleep for Babies: A Guide for Parents and Carers - Please See Link Below

<https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Safer-sleep-for-babies-a-guide-for-parents-web.pdf>



Online Safety

Technology is becoming such a big part of everyone's lives and children and young people spend a lot of time online. Although it is a great way of socialising and exploring new facts, the internet does pose many potential risks to children and young people. Therefore, it is important that we are talking to young children and helping them to understand how to stay safe online.

We have compiled an E-Safety Guidance for Staff and Parents, which can be taken home to read at your leisure. The guidance compiles many useful documents to help parents learn about what children are doing online and how they can make online experiences positive and safe for their children.

The guidance is available from the office and can be borrowed for up to two weeks at a time. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like any further information.



Stay safe online

Early Reading

Research shows that stories play an important role in children's learning and development. Sharing stories with children from a young age supports early communication and reading skills and helps to promote lifelong readers.



Oxford Owl is an online website that is packed with expert advice, top tips and activity ideas so you can help your child with reading and maths. It provides a wide range of resources and e-books for children across the age ranges. Please follow the link below:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

BBC Tiny Happy People

'When children start school, they should be able to speak to their new friends in full sentences, ask teachers simple questions and understand what they're told to do. When they have these skills, they'll feel more confident, and they'll be happier'.

Tiny Happy People is here to help you develop your child's language and communication so that they get the best start in life. Please follow the link below to explore their simple activities and play ideas and find out about babies and toddlers' amazing early development:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

The logo for BBC Tiny Happy People, featuring the text 'BBC TINY Happy PEOPLE' in white and yellow on a purple background.

Parents Policy Board

This month the staff have reviewed the Fire Policy, Fire Procedures, and Promoting Positive Well-Being Policy. If you would like to receive an emailed copy of this policy, please email or telephone the Office.

Designated Safeguarding Team

As part of our safeguarding procedures we have a Designated Safeguarding Lead who is **Lorna Trudgeon**, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads who are **Juliette George** and **Briony Sedgeman** and Assistant Designated Safeguarding Leads who are **Lindsay Roberts** and **Hollie Empson**.

Mark Fletcher is currently the Designated Safeguarding Lead on the Management Committee.

More information is available in our policies and procedures, which are displayed in the reception area or on our website.

Easter Break/Funded Sessions

The last funded day before Easter is Friday 22nd March 2024. Funded sessions resume on Monday 15th April 2024. Please note that this is a week longer than the school's Easter holiday. This is because there are only 38 funded weeks per year.

Marazion Oasis will be closed for the Easter Holidays from Friday 29.03.24 to Friday 12.04.24 inclusive. Please speak to Briony if you would like to book your child into Ludgvan Oasis during this period.

Hot lunches will not be available from Thursday 28th March 2024 to Friday 12th April 2024 inclusive.

Measles - Important Update from Cornwall Council

Cases of measles are rising across England, including among children. It's an infection that spreads very easily and for some people can cause serious problems. It is particularly easy to catch in environments when in close contact with others, such as nurseries and schools. There are currently large outbreaks in London and Birmingham, and we have experienced some outbreaks in the south-west already. Cornwall Council anticipate that it is only a matter of time before they see measles outbreaks in Cornwall.

The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. Please see information below and letter attached:



The graphic features a red background with white text and images. At the top, three white boxes contain the letters 'M', 'M', and 'R' in large red font, with 'MEASLES', 'MUMPS', and 'RUBELLA' written in smaller black text below each. Below this, the text reads: 'Measles is circulating, it is serious, very infectious and can cause complications. Especially for those with a weakened immune system, babies under one year and pregnant women.' To the right, a white text box contains: 'You need two doses of MMR vaccine to protect you, see your GP practice to make an appointment. It is never too late to have your MMR. Immunisation the safest way to protect your child'. At the bottom, there are three photos: a young woman with glasses, a young man, and a woman holding a baby.

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Bank Holidays/Oasis Closures

A polite reminder that Oasis Childcare Centres will be closed for the bank holidays. Please see dates below:

- Friday 29.03.24
- Monday 01.04.24
- Monday 06.05.24
- Monday 27.05.24
- Monday 26.08.24

Diary Dates

World Book Day

Thursday 07.03.24

Red Nose Day

Friday 15.03.24

Funded Sessions/Easter Holidays

Last funded session Friday 22.03.24

Start again Monday 15.04.24

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Thank you for your continued support.

Lorna Trudgeon