



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 role-play area based on our termly themes and the interests expressed by the children.



This term the baby room has created 'Under the sea' which is supporting the babies with learning sea animal names, developing new language, learning basic communication skills, exploring new songs and rhymes and demonstrating emotional empathy through acting out roles and behaviours which develop self-esteem and self-confidence. The babies are encouraged through their daily interactions to learn how to share and take turns and through their play are developing basic social skills to support them with building positive early relationships with their peers.

The toddlers are extending from their Woodland theme and are exploring 'Spring Time'. The children are learning about different wildlife, animals and habitats, which is supporting them to develop new language and extend their communication skills. The toddlers are also exploring trees and plants, investigating minibeasts and insects, and promoting Eco Friendly awareness by learning about how to look after the outdoors and natural world. The children have daily opportunities to consolidate their learning through meaningful experiences and test out their own ideas by creating their own Spring themed area which includes decorating plants, flowers and animals. We look forward to nurturing our own tadpoles and frogs!

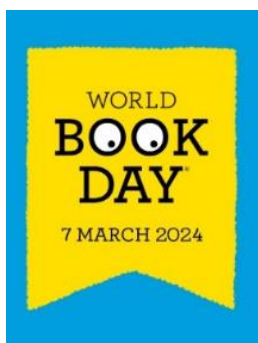




This term the pre-school are learning all about 'Dinosaurs' and will be taking on the role of Palaeontologists! They are learning the different dinosaur names, sharing fun facts about what they ate, where they lived and their different characteristics, exploring fossils and opportunities to go on their own mini excavations to hunt for dinosaur bones and fossils! These activities are supporting the children to learn new words to extend their vocabulary and increase their communication and language skills. The children are also having daily opportunities to explore meaningful mark-making when recording their findings and are given opportunities to explore mathematical concepts such as counting, comparing shape, size and weight, competing simple puzzles and using positional

language during their excavations. They have also chosen some of their favourite dinosaur books and stories to add to the story area, where they can enjoy listening to familiar stories, share books and explore dino dress-up 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 adult-led 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

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

Toddler Room

- Elijah Barber - Showing consideration for others by helping them with their coats and sharing.
- Delilah Best - Helping her friend at tidy up time.
- Hali-Cloud Martin-Laity - Helping adults to set up activities in the mornings.
- Jett Pepperell - Demonstrating good sharing with peers.
- Josh Cooke-Maddern - Independently helping an adult tidy away using the dustpan and brush.

- Willow Gray - Independently helping at tidy up time to clean and tidy away the sand toys.
- Grayson Lang - Demonstrating fantastic manners at snack time.
- Ruben Wakefield - Demonstrating good sharing of toys with his friends.
- Ronnie Bourne - Helping set up activities after lunch.

Pre-School

- Bryn Chapman - Being kind and considerate, always allowing his peers to join in his play.
- Malaki Yates - Including his peers in his play to develop ideas and stories around small world activities.
- Billie Woolcott - Demonstrating fantastic turn taking skills with her peers when participating in role play activities.
- Elena Keast - Thriving during role play activities where she delegates roles and demonstrates good listening skills.
- Jaxx Smedley - Always willing to carry out small tasks to support staff and peers.
- Arabella Adams - Showing fantastic turn taking skills when participating in role play activities.
- Taran Deeble - Demonstrating fantastic communication skills during free play and the daily routine.

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/>

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.



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>

BBC TINY Happy PEOPLE

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:

A red graphic with white and black text and images. At the top, 'MMR' is written in large red letters, with 'MEASLES', 'MUMPS', and 'RUBELLA' written in smaller black letters below each letter. Below this, there is a paragraph of text about measles. To the right, there is another paragraph of text and a small 'i' logo. 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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MEASLES MUMPS RUBELLA

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.

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.

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the safest way to protect your child

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/School Lunches

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.

Hot lunches will not be available from Friday 29th March 2024 to Friday 12th April 2024 inclusive.

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

No Hot lunches

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Thank you for your continued support.

Lorna Trudgeon