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Tuesday 12th September 2023

Happy New Academic Year and Welcome to our First Newsletter!

My name is Mrs Rania Bdeir, and I am very excited to be teaching Nursery children in Monet class this year! I am looking forward to getting to know you all and teaching your children and inspiring them to grow and learn in our fun-filled classroom! Please take time to read this newsletter which tells you what your child is learning about this term.

For the first few weeks of the term, we will be settling the children smoothly into their daily routines and supporting them to learn and follow the classroom and school rules. Soon after children will be engaged in play-based as well as adult-led activities to support their learning and development.

Literacy and Understanding the World: 'All About Me' will be the main theme for the first half-term, and 'Light and Celebrations' will be the theme for the second half-term. Children will learn about themselves identifying their body parts and talking about their qualities. They will also engage in activities to celebrate their uniqueness as well as understand how we are different. Through play and direct teaching, we will talk about how they are part of a family and learn to name family members. In the second half of the term, we will focus on cultural and religious celebrations. Children will have the opportunity to be immersed in different celebration experiences.

We will read a range of stories and non-fiction books to support children's understanding of the themes and develop their vocabulary. Children will be supported to show their learning through talk and re-telling of stories.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development: We want our Nursery children to be happy and kind! Children will be encouraged to express their feelings and ask for help when they need to. They will learn about the different emotions people experience and how our actions and words have an effect on others. Children are encouraged to always use their magic words 'please' and 'thank you'.

Reading: Please try to read with your child daily either the book they have chosen from Nursery or books of your own choice. There are a variety of books in the foyer of the nursery. You can change your child's book as often as you wish. All we ask is for you to write down the date, name of your child and the title of the book you have borrowed in the blue book. They will learn to recognise and read their name through self-registration.

Physical Development: PE and dance take place throughout the week. Your child will be encouraged to exercise every day, during their time in nursery, with a variety of PE equipment, bikes and apparatus for your child to use. Please make sure your child wears suitable shoes/trainers with velcro fasteners. Please note for your own child's safety, hooped earrings are not to be worn. Only studs are allowed as stated in the school prospectus. Children will also engage in daily play activities to support their eye-hand coordination as well as their pencil skills. We would encourage our children to trace over their names at home.

Mathematics: We will start the term by looking at sorting objects into groups according to a common quality like things that have the same colour or animals that live on the farm. Then, we will focus on numbers allowing children to develop strong grounding in numbers. Children will learn to recite numbers in the right order up to 5. They will practise fast recognition of quantities up to 3 without having to count them individually (subitising). Through games and activities children will learn to show finger numbers up to 5.

Expressive Art & Design: Children will learn different nursery rhymes and action songs. We will perform songs and poems and learn to move our bodies in time to music. Children will also have access to a range of art materials to explore how to create paintings, pictures, collage or 3D models.

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Things you can do at home: You can share with your child their photos as babies and engage in conversations about how they looked and how they have changed. Draw family trees and help them name family members.

Application for Primary School in Greenwich

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2024, you need to apply for a primary school place. Applications are now open, and the deadline for submitting an application is 15th January 2024.

Gentle Reminders

- Please send a set of spare clothes and underwear in your child's bag.
- Please ensure all bags, coats and children clothing are labelled with their names.

Wanted

We use a wide range of materials for our sensory play as well as crafts activities, and we would be really grateful if you have any spare of the following items that you no longer need:

- Baskets
- Boxes
- Tubes
- Food colouring
- Buttons
- Pasta
- Rice
- Lentils
- Paper plates
- Zip lock bags
- Old keys
- Scarves
- magazines

Yours sincerely
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