

SPRING UPDATES 2024

EDITH KERRISON NURSERY SCHOOL

**A warm welcome to all our new children and families!
We look forward to working in partnership with you and do anything we can to help.**



Dear all,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. Time is flying by and it's hard to believe we are coming to the end of February.

The children are making wonderful progress in the nursery developing their friendships, communication and vocabulary, enjoying the wide range of books and learning opportunities on offer especially outdoors in our well equipped garden. There is just so much to do and explore!

Our staff are always happy to talk to you about your child. Please speak to your child's Key person or room leader if you have any queries. If you would like further support do ask to speak to me as Headteacher or our Assistant Headteacher Emilie Johansson. If you have any concerns about your child and any additional support they may need, please speak to our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator Balazs Vida.

We would like to welcome Helen Brown our new Senior Teacher.

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Balazs at the end of the term who is leaving us to relocate to another part of the country. We wish him and his family all the very best and thank him for all his hard work, commitment and support to our team, children and families. Helen and Joanna will be the class teachers for Red class and have been busy getting to know the children and the team in preparation for a smooth transition. We are grateful that our Assistant Headteacher Emilie will be taking over the role of SENDCo for the school. She has a great deal of experience and expertise in this field.

Jo Aylett

Headteacher

Up and Coming events

Tuesday 12th March - SEND parent forum

Tuesday 13th March - Family fun with books

Thursday March 21st — Parent Curriculum Day 'Healthy bodies, healthy minds'

Wednesday 27th March - Family fun with books

Thursday 28th March - School closed INSET day for staff

Friday 29th March - Easter holiday begins

Monday 15th April - Children return to school

Friday 3rd May—School closed for INSET day for staff

Monday 6th May—School closed Bank holiday

Wednesday 15th May - SEND parent Forum

Friday 17th May— Parent curriculum day " communication - every interaction counts!"

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Help us to keep our children Healthy

At Edith Kerrison we aim for children to be as healthy as possible. We know the damage that sweets and sugary drinks can do to children's teeth, causing the erosion of enamel that does such an important job protecting the teeth from decay and helps to keep smiles healthy and bright! Therefore we do not allow sweets, juice, cakes, crisps, biscuits on the premises. Thank you for your support. We strongly recommend all children be registered with a dentist for regular check-ups.

Attendance Matters

Children who come to school every day learn more! Please ensure your child benefits from attending school everyday.

If your child's attendance is low we will be contacting you to discuss our concerns and look to ways to improve it.

The school expects all family holidays to be taken in the school breaks. Holidays taken in term time will not be authorised.

Please remember it is important to let us know if your child has had an accident or injury at home or will not be in school because they are unwell. If we do not hear from you we can become very concerned about your child's safety.

SEND Forum News

Our recent SEND Parent Forum session took place with a great turnout, thank you for all who attended. Our focus was on Language and Communication skills, a topic where many families often need some support. We discussed the stages of how language develops and we talked about different pathways and our experiences. We also shared strategies and techniques we use at the nursery. Please keep an eye for announcements for future Parent forum sessions which will cover topics like sleeping, eating, toileting, DLA, sensory needs.

Nursery school opening and closing times by the Park

Morning session 8.40 am—11.40 am

Gates open 8.40—8.50 and 11.35—11.45 am

Afternoon session 12.30—3.30

Gates open 12.30—12.40 and 3.25—3.35 pm

30 hours

6 hours daily to be arranged

Mobile Phones

Remember please no mobile phones to be used in the garden or in the rooms with the children. This is a safeguarding requirement—we want to keep everyone at Edith Kerrison safe. If you are staying to settle your child you are most welcome to bring in a book or magazine to read.

Family Fun with Books

Last term our families were invited to work on a story telling project with The Book Trust. Each week we explored a book together, sung some songs and worked on activity with our adults. To support our interest in the weekly story there were special videos and learning activities to do at home. We collected all our activities together in a special book which we get to keep at the end of our project. We think our parents/carers are amazing, it was so lovely playing the balloon game and making our monster masks. When we work together we really are a creative bunch. We finished our five week project with a special celebration at Custom House Library, library staff were delighted with our lovely books. Joanna and Rez would like to thank our awesome families for all their hard work at home in the nursery to make sure the project is such a great success for our children. We are delighted we are able to run the project again this term so more families can take part and enjoy!

Keeping children safe

For advice, guidance and support on how you can keep your child safe please see the following links:

www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe

www.safehome.org/resources/child-safety

www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety

Outside Play

Children love to play outdoors and this is where most children choose to spend the majority of their time. At Edith Kerrison we are lucky enough to have beautiful garden spaces that we make the most of all year round whatever the weather. We see our gardens as other classrooms providing rich learning opportunities and we know spending time outdoors really supports children's well-being, health and education. Our curriculum for nature enhances our outdoor learning experiences.

The children have had lots of fun exploring and learning outside during the spring term. They showed a great interest in the frost that the cold and ice that the cold weather brought at the beginning of the term. This led us to lots of interesting conversations and learning about hot and cold. For example we found it really interesting how our hot breath created vapour whilst breathing in the cold air. We left some warm water outside in a container overnight to see what might happen. Lots of different predictions were made and we were very excited when we discovered that on one of the mornings it had turned into ice!

We enjoyed lots of different dens and enclosures. This took lots of teamwork, including sharing ideas and taking turns as we tried to figure out the best way to connect and join materials. It was very exciting especially when we got to sit inside afterwards.

We have developed our gross motor skills, balance and coordination as we have climbed up, over and across the different A frames and planks. We explored lots of different ways to do this.

All children have enjoyed sitting around the fire with hot chocolate as we celebrated Lunar New Year. We learnt lots of new facts and had lots of fun creating our own dragon dances to the beat of a drum.

In the warmer months we are looking forward to doing some gardening. We will learn how to prepare the soil for planting using different tools and look at what seeds and bulbs need to grow.

At Edith Kerrison we know that we do not get sick from being outside. We get sick from virus's that spread more quickly inside. However we do know that it is important to be dressed appropriately for the weather and that means warm coats, hats, gloves and scarves when it is cold and waterproof coats/trousers and wellington boots when it is wet. Please help your child to enjoy the outside with all the wonderful learning it has to offer by making sure they are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions.

Educational Visits

Last half term, some of Blue Class and their parents went on a series of educational visits near and far. We entertained the residents at Summerdale Court Care Home, flew like birds on the IFS Cloud Cable Cars, and became scientists at the Science Museum, to name a few. Thank you so much for the support of those parents that were able to make it. It is Red Class's turn this half term, so please sign up if you are able to attend all of the visits; we really hope you and your children enjoy them!

Prams/buggies and scooters

Please leave prams, buggies and scooters under the shelter whilst you take your child into the garden. A member of staff is always on the gate and happy to look after younger siblings in their prams whilst you help your child to register. Only scooters and children's bikes may be left under the shelter during the session. Please take prams and buggies home as we have very limited space.

Website

Please do visit our website to find out about all the learning opportunities your child has taken part in this term. You can also find out lots of information about our curriculum and core book approach.

www.edithkerrison.newham.sch.uk

Library

If you have some time at the beginning of the session to help change the children's book bags we would love to hear from you! Please speak to your child's room leader.

Religious Festivals and celebrations

Ramadan is expected to begin 11th March and ends 9th April. Eid al Fitr is expected to be celebrated April 10th.

Easter: 29th—1st April

We will be marking all our religious festivals and celebrations through cooking, art work, displays and books, reading stories, and looking at pictures and artefacts.