



Greenfields Nursery School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been a lot to celebrate at Greenfields this year already. An 'outstanding' outcome from Ofsted following our school inspection and awards for Nursery of the Year and Early Years in Schools at the 2018 Nursery World Awards!! I hope that you are all as proud as I am to be a part of the Greenfields community. Please help us to spread the word of the outstanding work at Greenfields by telling your friends and family all about us.

We said goodbye to some staff at the end of last term; Gwendaline Chin – Assistant Head, Prabhjot Chadha – Nursery Officer, Irene Olubi – Nursery Officer, Narinder Dhaliwal – Nursery Assistant and Farida Habib – Assistant Cook. We wish them all well in their new ventures.

We welcome three new members of staff working in the under three's; Fiona Cherry – Nursery Assistant, Lipi Hamida – Nursery Assistant/Apprentice and some of you may already know Mangalika Munasingha who has previously worked with us supporting the Children's Centre sessions. And finally congratulations to Jenny who is currently on maternity leave following the birth of her baby boy.

It has been wonderful to see all of the returning children settling back in so well and the new children beginning to make friends and enjoy their new environment. I have seen some lovely role play taking place with children dressing up and acting out their favourite stories. It is these types of activities that foster a love for reading and stories that is so essential in a child's early learning.

We have a busy term planned with lots to get involved in so keep an eye on the diary dates to see what is coming up. This week is Healthy Centre Week, there will be a range of activities for children and families, please be speaking to your children about the importance of exercise and a healthy diet so that we are all encouraging good foundations for a healthy life from the beginning. We also have curriculum day and visits to the places of worship so please make an effort to come along if you can and support your child's learning in nursery.

Ellie Larkin

Head of Centre

Diary Dates

Autumn Term

3rd September 2018 – 21st December 2018

30 th Oct – 2 nd Nov	Healthy Centre Week
2 nd November	Curriculum Day
6 th November	Visit to Mandir
27 th November	Visit to the Gurdwara
21 st December	Training Day (Centre closed)
24 th Dec – 4 th Jan	Christmas Holiday (Nursery School closed)
24 th Dec – 2 nd Jan	Christmas Holiday (Whole Centre Closed)
3 rd Jan	Day care children return
7 th Jan	Nursery School children return
11 th Jan	Visit to Church
15 th Jan am & 16 th Jan pm	Maths and Problem Solving Workshops

Curriculum Day

Parents are invited to attend curriculum day on Friday 2nd November. We will be looking at how children learn in the areas of Expressive Arts and Design and Personal, Social and Emotional Development. Put the date in your diary!!

Parent Gym

To help your child be happy, confident and do well

Parent Gym is a course of six workshops; each session lasts two hours, and is packed with practical tips and techniques to make family life easier and help your children thrive.

The first course is starting on Wednesday 7th November at 9am and will be led by Rohini. If you are interested and would like more information please speak to Rohini or your child's keyworker.

Settling into the Over three's

The children have all settled very well into the routine of the Over Three's room. The children are exploring the nursery environment with interest and enjoyment and are demonstrating independence and confidence by participating in a range of activities. The children are forming good peer friendships and building relationships with key workers and familiar adults.



Snack Time...

Snack time in the Early Intervention Room has been very successful. Children are exploring different tastes and textures, some of which are their first experiences. Children are being taught to be independent even at this early age to develop their self-help skills



Mud...mud...mud....

In the under three's we have recently taken delivery of our new outdoor mud kitchen. A place where mud pies, stone and leaf cakes, plus many other creations can be made by the children as they use their imagination. The new mud kitchen is built to be on the children's level and has a large amount of space accommodating a larger number of children exploring at once. It also consists of more storage space allowing us to keep a vast array of resources for the children to utilise. The mud kitchen allows us to see children develop in many ways. We observe children sharing experiences from home such as making food or pretending to feed one another, as well as watching children communicate and cooperate together effectively. The under three's new mud kitchen is now open with many different chefs daily delivering a new culinary experience for all.

Talk and Play

Are you concerned about your child's speech and language development? If so talk to your child's keyworker and you may be able to join our next talk and play group led by Raj.

Talk and Play runs on a Wednesday at 11.45am; the next course begins on the 14th November.

Attendance

We are focussed on improving attendance this year as we know that good attendance has a huge impact on improving children's learning and progress. Please ensure that your child is in nursery school every day and on time. We are monitoring attendance on a monthly basis and if your child's attendance falls below 85% your keyworker will follow this up with you. Thank you to all of the parents that have been calling in to let us know when your child is ill and absent from school.