



EYFS Newsletter

Autumn 2
12th November 2021

Events & Celebrations



Next week is anti-bullying week which we will be marking with **Odd Socks Day** next **Monday 15th** and our **Teddy Bears' Picnic for Children in Need** next **Friday 19th November** when we are going to be dressing up in our pyjamas and bringing our teddies to tea!



On **Tuesday 30th November** we have a **Drama4All Workshop** in school with a Space Theme for all our children to enjoy.

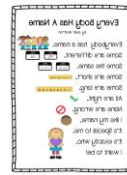
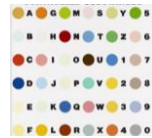
On **Thursday 9th December** EYFS will have a visit from the **Hobgoblin Theatre Company** who are going to do a performance and drama workshop of '**Jack & The Beanstalk**'.

Our **Christmas Dinner** and **Christmas Party** day will be on **Wednesday 15th December**.

This Week in the EYFS!

After all the excitement last week, it was lovely to have all the children returning to school very settled and ready to learn.

Nursery now have a weekly focus letter/sound in phonics and this week it has been **Aa** for apple, ant, alligator and alphabet. We are thinking about things that begin with that letter/sound and are clapping the syllables in each word. We read the story '**The Dot**' by Peter Reynolds, a story about a girl who learns to make her mark. We have been making dot and spot drawings and paintings, and we have also been looking closely at our own names – identifying the initial capital letter and counting how many letters there are in our name. We also learnt a name rhyme as we explored similarities and differences.



Reception have also been going dotty – they have looked at the work of the Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama and made their own spotty pumpkin pictures. They have memorised and performed the poem '5 Little Pumpkins'.



They have continued their phonics programme focusing on the letter/sounds **b** and **h**. In mathematics they have been developing their knowledge and understanding of 4 and 5 and numerical patterns within those numbers.

Next week children will be designing a greetings card for Christmas, Eid or birthdays. These will be sent off to a company who will scan them in and send you an order form, which we will put in the book bags. You can then order copies of your child's card if you would like to, with a small fee being paid to the PTA for each pack ordered.

Book Bags & Reading

Your child needs to bring their book bag into school every day. Please check their book bag daily for important letters or information. Initially we will be inviting your child to choose a book to take home and share with you every **Friday**.



How you can help

You can help by reading to and with your child every day.



Bikes & Scooters

We are able to accommodate bikes and scooters in the Early Years playground if your child chooses to scoot or cycle to school.

Parent Partnership

We have two designated email addresses for queries:

Nurseryteachers@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Receptionteachers@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Please support your child to wear Odd Socks on Monday and their pyjamas on Friday when we will also be holding our Teddy Bears' Picnic – All teddies welcome!

Christmas Holiday

The end of this term will be **Friday 17th December** at 2pm. We will return to school on **Wednesday 5th January!**

If you have a child in Nursery and you wish to apply for a place in our Reception, the application phase for Reception 2022 remains open until the deadline date of **19 January 2022**. Parents need to submit their application online on www.eadmissions.org.uk. Tower Hamlets are holding virtual information sessions for parents about Reception and Nursery admissions. Reception sessions:

Wednesday 17th Nov – 10 am

Thursday 25th Nov – 1 pm

Wednesday 1st Dec – 10am

Link to sessions: <https://thpt2021.eventbrite.co.uk>