

Rhymes Round-up



Autumn/Winter 2011

Kicking off the autumn term at the nurseries



It's a new idea at the nurseries, football sessions led by Chris West from Little Kickers and they appear to be a hit all round. The children have been learning a variety of ball skills and some have shown great football potential. The sessions have been enjoyed by both girls and boys, with the children demonstrating and developing their listening skills, coordination, turn taking and teamwork.

For football mad children it is a great opportunity to pretend to be their favourite football hero. Some are taking it one step further, coming in dressed in their

favourite football team's kit!!

The sessions are taking place at Martlesham Nursery weekly, alternately on Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons until the end of October. At Kesgrave Nursery sessions will alternate weekly on Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings from 13th October until the end of November.

Why not speak to a member of staff to see if there is a space for your child to join in the fun and take part, if they do not already attend on these dates.

Out of School Update

Felixstowe Carnival Time

We hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays; a lot happened at the holiday clubs.

Beacon Hill enjoyed swimming, trips to Orford Castle and the Stowmarket Museum of Life.



Rose Hill

Rose Hill went to Felixstowe, with snakes and ladders and lots of fun on the bouncy castles.

Heath went to Colchester Zoo and to Ipswich Town Football Club.



Broke Hall

Broke Hall went to the Cinema, Kingpin and Hollywells Park.

Felixstowe were visited by a dance teacher, went to Kids Kingdom as well as a fun day at the Carnival.



Felixstowe Holiday Club entered the Carnival with the theme of South Africa. The staff and children worked hard making their costumes, paper mache animals and cardboard huts. We were delighted to come in 3rd place. We would like to thank all the staff, children and parents at Felixstowe that helped us put on a great day. Also at Felixstowe the children and staff have been baking cakes to raise money for dogs for the blind; so far the children have raised £30.00.



Fun at Broke Hall Holiday Club

There ought to be more men in childcare

In January 2010 I was approached at Rose Hill by the YMCA to ask if we could help a student with his training towards an NVQ level 2 in Play Work. Kelvin started his placement with us and no sooner had he started I began to receive so many positive comments from parents.

The parents feel he has been a good role model with their children and is very good at organising fun quizzes and games outside. Kelvin teachers dodge ball when he is not at work and has introduced some games at Rose Hill.

Kelvin decided to come into child care as he is good with children and wanted to learn how to put it all into practice with the correct training. Since joining Rhymes he has successfully gained his level 2 and has recently completed his level 3 in play work. Kelvin has impressed Rose Hill School too and he now works in the day as a teaching supervisor.

Paul works at Broke Hall, he has always wanted to work with children and he has recently gained his level 3. Paul enjoys the more sporty side of being a play worker; you can always see him outside playing football with the children.

It would be great to employ more men in childcare and there is no doubt being a play worker can be a very rewarding career.



Paul helping with craftwork at Broke Hall

Nursery Focus Group

We would like to thank all those who took part in the Nursery Focus Group held on the 14th September.

In the convivial surroundings of the Admiral's Head in Little Bealings, a group of parents joined us to discuss

ideas for new activities at the nurseries and changes they would like to see in the future.

A number of new activities and initiatives are already being planned as a result. Everyone enjoyed the evening and we look forward to running another group in 2012.



Kelvin prepares for battle on the Rose Hill bouncy castle

Emma and Chloe

We would like to say goodbye to Emma Carr the out of school PA. Emma is not leaving the company but joining Martlesham Nursery as the cook, so thank you to Emma for all your help at out of school.

Chloe Winlow the Play Leader from Broke Hall will be the new PA. Chloe will still be the Play Leader as well as helping in the office at Martlesham to manage all the out of school duties.

Also thanks to everyone that helped with collecting clothes for Cash 4 Schools, helping to buy toys and equipment at the after school clubs. A special big thank you to everyone at Felixstowe as they collected six huge bags.

At Heath the children organised baking cakes for The Tree House Appeal and successfully raised £30.32. Thank you again to everyone that took part.

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You can now book holiday clubs online, download a form or pick up a form from the Play Leader. In October the holiday clubs are offering Halloween parties, trips to Colchester Zoo, the Cinema, Play 2 Day, Kingpin bowling, a spooky trail at Jimmy's Farm and dancing with Aimee.

SHHH! all quiet at Martlesham

Lisa B and Jo from Martlesham have taken part in a sponsored silence to raise money for the Lennox Children's cancer charity. Only using makaton to communicate, they aimed to raise awareness of the difficulties that children with speech and language difficulties have without the assistance of a communication method. The children at the nursery responded well and understood a lot of the makaton being used.

It was a difficult task to undertake but well worth it as they managed to raise £143 for the charity.

Congratulations

Julie Curtis (Martlesham) completed Level 3 in Children's Care, Learning and Development.

Rebekah Mortimer (Martlesham) completed Level 2 in Children's Care, Learning and Development.

Lisa Baillis (Martlesham) completed BA Early Learning Degree (level 6).

Gina (Martlesham) and **Paul** on the birth of their beautiful baby girl Ellen.

Jo Parsons (Kesgrave & Gorseland) and **Callum** on the birth of their daughter Layla.

Emma (Kesgrave) and **Nathan** on the birth of their baby girl Millie.

Make the most of your Christmas shopping day.



We have a few spaces available at both our nurseries during November and December for you to book your children in for an extra day/session so you can enjoy peaceful Christmas shopping.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity please speak to Debbie at Kesgrave or Lisa at Martlesham who will be happy to help. Please be aware that this service will be on a first come first serve basis so we recommend you book early to avoid disappointment.

Note: nursery fees will be charged for the extra sessions.

Zoo Lab brings creepy-crawlies to Kesgrave



On Friday 16th September the Zoo Lab came to Rhymes Nursery Kesgrave. Zoo Lab is an educational workshop for children that goes into settings and offers the children a chance to learn about and handle a range of exotic creatures from frogs to centipedes.

Other activities with the children included storytelling, listening, group discussions and getting the children to move around the room like all of the different animals they had been looking at. The children were all very interested and asked a lot of questions.

Ten days later pre school and toddlers were out in the local woodlands and thoroughly enjoying the walk as you can see below.

Kesgrave Nurseries Woodland Walk



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