

**SEASONAL NEWSLETTER**

*Together we play, talk, listen and learn*

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**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 Deputy Headteacher Tania Chowdhury. If you have any concerns about your child and any additional support they may need, please speak to Lorna or Tania our Special Educational Needs Coordinator.

Jo Aylett

Headteacher



**UP AND COMING EVENTS**

**World Book Celebrations**  
24<sup>th</sup> February – 7<sup>th</sup> March

**Ramadan**  
28<sup>th</sup> February

**Chick eggs arrive**  
3<sup>rd</sup> March

**Family Reading**  
4<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> March

**Canning Town Park visit with parents**  
5<sup>th</sup> March

**Rainbow dressing up for World books day**  
6<sup>th</sup> March

**Pre-school sessions for new admissions**  
13<sup>th</sup> March, and 20<sup>th</sup> March

**Fluoride Varnish with Dentist**  
13<sup>th</sup> March

**Blue class cable car visit**  
28<sup>th</sup> April

**Red class cable car visit**  
29<sup>th</sup> April

**SEND Parent Forum**  
27<sup>th</sup> March

**School closed for Eid celebrations**  
31 March

**Red class Wanstead Park visit**  
1<sup>st</sup> April

**Blue class Wanstead Park visit**  
3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Easter Holiday**  
7<sup>th</sup> April – 21<sup>st</sup> April

**Summer term begins**  
22<sup>nd</sup> April

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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, or biscuits on the premises.

### Attendance matters

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

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

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.

### 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](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe)

[www.safehome.org/resources/child-safety](http://www.safehome.org/resources/child-safety)

[www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety)

<https://rights4children.org.uk/feeling-safe>

### Mobile phone

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.

### 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

30 hours

6 hours daily to be arranged

### 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.



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## Educational Visits

We are greatly looking forward to our exciting programme of educational visits for Blue and Red class beginning soon. These experiences will help to broaden children's knowledge and understanding, make connections with the wider world and enhance their vocabulary to support their communication and language. We will be travelling near and far. Please see the letter that has been sent out for more detail.

We would like to thank you in advance for your much appreciated support, we cannot do it without you and we really hope you and your children enjoy them!

### Inclusive setting

We are an inclusive setting working with all children at all stages of development. We build on children's achievements and plan next steps based on what children can do, moving all children forward in their learning and development.

We have been awarded Inclusive School Status by the Inclusion Quality Mark in recognition of our excellent, high quality inclusive practice.



### 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.

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### Library

Please make sure your child brings their book bag to the nursery every day to choose a book to share at home. Please encourage your child to choose a book. Do not worry if your child chooses the same book over and over again, it is good to have favourites and be familiar with a story! Please help your child to look after library books. If a book becomes damaged, we will ask for a small contribution towards a new one.

### Festivals and Celebrations

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

Ramadan is expected to begin 1st March and ends 29th March. Eid- ul -Fitr is expected to be celebrated March 30<sup>th</sup>. The school will be closed on Monday 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Easter weekend falls on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April.

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## 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.

### Warmer months

We are looking forward to the warmer months and 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.



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