

Clarendon Campus Newsletter

Our learning journey

We have been very busy this term with all our celebrations!

As we are coming up to spring, the children have been planning their own curriculum of interesting activities that they would like to do.

The older children discussed as a group that they would like to spend more time outside when the weather improves, doing more investigation work as well as physical play.

Together with our fundraising money and some other funding, we are pleased to say we have purchased new resources, most of which is for use outdoors!



What's new?

We have some new binoculars so we can continue with our outdoor investigation and observation; we enjoy looking at the birds and have two new bird boxes in our garden.

We have a new coupe taxi and police car and a petrol pump to use with them.

For the younger children we have purchased a wagon so they can be pulled around the garden.

The children are enjoying the new basketball net too! We even have some lovely new play bricks that we are all excited about.

Fundraising

We had a great time raising money for **Crackerjacks Children's Trust** with our **Pyjama and Onesie Day**. We raised £20.00.

March 20th

We did a sports session with Nottingham College students taking a dance and song session for **Sport Relief 2018**

Let us celebrate

This term we have celebrated **Chinese New Year**.

We tasted some lovely Chinese food and made lanterns and lights.



The children enjoyed making **Mother's Day** and **Valentine's Day** cards and tasty treats. We have done many craft activities, cooking and lots of messy play.

The Rocking Robins Room staff had the great idea that the children could make part of their snack and tea menu, so we are enjoying doing this.



Observational painting



During the next few weeks, we are planning a **Homemade Cake Sale** and **Easter extravaganza**. We will be cooking, doing some great craft activities and hopefully spending lots more time outdoors.

Dates for events will be displayed in nursery

Fun throughout the spring term



The children have really enjoyed riding around the garden in our new wagon.



Our children have been lucky enough to have a few days to play in the snow. They enjoyed making footprints and snowballs but were pleased to come back inside to thaw out again.

World Book Day



Our very own Tinkerbell and Peter Pan looking at the numbers on the clock. The children from Rocking Robins room read lots of stories and acted out scenes from their favourite book.....We love **World Book Day!**



Our children visited the college Library to enjoy stories and choosing books.



Once Upon a Time Nurseries and Social Media

Search under pages on Facebook for **Once Upon A Time Nurseries** and make sure it has our sparkling star logo. We will be keeping you posted on the exciting activities and events that are planned at our nurseries for your children each week and sharing pictures of them having fun times.

It will also be great for updating you so although the sun is shining now if we have extreme weather or circumstances that affect our opening hours you can check the latest news here as well as the college website.

We hope you will find us and like us!

Nottingham College is developing its website and the nursery has a new page there too which contains, newsletters, menus and coming soon our gallery.

You can find it at <https://www.nottinghamcollege.ac.uk/about-us/our-facilities/nurseries-childcare>.

Local Authority Free Entitlement Hours for 2, 3 and 4 year old eligible children

The 15 and 30 free entitlement hours are available for all **eligible children** to attend an early years setting and regular attendance is expected in order that children make the best start to their education. Your child benefits by being in a learning environment and sharing many fun opportunities and experiences with children of a similar age. These firm foundations help to give your child the best start in their learning journey.

It is a requirement of being in receipt of a funded place that a child's attendance does not fall below 80% for the term, as stated on the Parent Agreement.

If your child is failing to attend nursery to use their free hours, please make contact with the nursery manager to discuss how your child's attendance will improve or to enquire if a funded place is available on a day/time that is more suitable to your family needs.

Please speak to the Officer-in-Charge if you have any questions or would like further information.

We are here for you

To support your child in our nursery we are always happy to help with any questions you may have.

The Acting Officer-in-Charge here is Kay Lawson she will be able to help you with any general enquiries and information.

Please see your child's key person to ask about your child's Learning Journey folder and to share any valuable information from home to enhance your child's time in nursery.