

Rowland Hill Nursery School & Children's Centre Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

The OFSTED report about the children's centre will be published shortly and I shall share the findings with you on the website and in the café. I want to say a big thank you to all of you who took the time to come in and talk to the inspectors. It makes a really big difference to all the staff and Governors to know that we have your support and encouragement.

THANK YOU!

It is that time of year when colds and flu are around so all staff are needed at the moment in the nursery. Fahana may not be in the café every morning to

serve tea and toast but the toaster is there so go ahead and make good use of it. Can you just make sure your child is sitting at the table and not walking about with any food or drink in their hands?

In the nursery we will be having a real focus on tidying up over the next few weeks so it would really help us if you can talk to your children about this. It is important that your child learns how to tidy up and look after their belongings. Can you please practice at home?

- How to use a dustpan and brush
- How to put the tops back on felt pens
- How to pick up things from the floor and put them away on the right place.



I know children can take home some of the resources from nursery to treasure; we often lose cars and small world toys that children put in their pockets. Can you send them back in the next day please so we don't run out!

Book Reading

This week the children were reading about "Lost & Found" by Oliver Jeffers. I hope that you are hearing all about the penguin and the boat and the lost and found office in the home corner?

Donations

- Any donations of CLEAN empty plastic bottles would be gratefully accepted. As would donations of junk modelling (cereal boxes, egg boxes etc)
- Are you able to donate any prizes for the Family International Festival taking place on the 29th of March? Please hand them in to the reception. Thank you



SpongeBob Raffle

If you would like to take part in our raffle, please put a voluntary contribution between (50p - £1) in the SpongeBob money box at reception and ask staff for your ticket. You could win a fantastic prize. The grand draw will be on Friday 14th of February and the winning number will be posted on the information board. Come on get those pennies rattling. GOOD LUCK!!!!

Finally

Please don't send your child in with crisps, or drinks or sweets in because it really isn't healthy for them and we also have other children who may have a severe allergic reaction. If it helps we often talk about how superheroes don't eat chips! Or you could:

- Arrange a fruit or vegetable plate creatively. Shape cantaloupe, grapes, and strawberries into a face, or arrange raisins and carrot sticks in the shape of a house or animal.
- Tell young children the healthy snacks have special properties. For instance, present spinach as dinosaur food, cherry tomatoes as magic fairy beans, or rice cakes as models of alien saucers.
- Have your child help prepare the snack. If your child gets to participate in the washing, scooping, cutting, and arranging of the snack, he or she may be more likely to eat it.

Weds 12th Feb- **Funding & Sustainability Committee meeting at 5.30pm**
Mon Feb 17th- 21st- **Half term (Only Childcare in session)**
Mon 3rd Mar- **HR/Finance Committee meeting at 6pm**
Thurs 20th Mar-**Staff training day (Rowland Hill is open from 8am-2.30pm)**
Sat 29th Mar-**Family International Festival (12pm - 3pm)**
Mon 7th Apr- **Half term (Only Childcare in session)**

