

St Pauls Nursery School and Children's Centre Newsletter



March 2018

Head teacher Update

Brrrrrr, its been so COLD!

The way our water feature has frozen outside has been a great source of learning for the children as has the snow – as its new to many. I hope you have had fun in it as a family, but most importantly kept warm.

Growing Area

The growing area has now been completed, partly funded by Wessex Water. This is a place for our children to grow fresh fruit and veg and they will also take some of our produce over to the Julian Trust to help feed our Bristol Homeless. The bunkers are empty...we need help to get them planted up and to maintain them, so if you are interested in this please let you key person know.

Partnership with the Bristol Old Vic

Exciting news - performers from Bristol Old Vic will be working alongside children and parents in term 5 and 6, our project with them will include visits to the theatre. We hope that this will be a long term partnership and that we can support greater access to the art for ALL our children and families

CC Review

We hope to have worked through the management of change for the whole of Bristol by June. Our team here are doing a marvellous job keeping our family support services going, but as we move over to the new model of delivery and get the extended team in place for the whole of central Bristol you may notice some inevitable temporary reduction in services, please bear with us.

Future of Bristol Nursery Schools

Maintained Nursery Schools are 100 year old this year, just as the government had reduced funding even more! Bristol has 12 good or outstanding Nursery Schools, who lead in developing exceptional innovative early year's pedagogy. The future sustainability of our Nursery Schools is now in the balance and we will be requesting that you us help please to lobby the government to maintain these valuable centres of excellence in our communities. Watch out for more information.

Thankyou as ever for choosing St Pauls Nursery School and Children's Centre, with your help I am confident that we can continue to improve and grow our provision and I know we are in a strong position to weather the storms of whatever challenges come our way.

Enjoy spring...when it comes!



Nursery term dates:

Last day of term is Friday 23rd March 2018.

New term starts on Monday 9th April 2018.

Family support is available throughout the school holidays.

Inset Days:

Nursery School and Children's Centre will be **CLOSED** for staff training and development on the following date:

Wednesday 6th June 2018

The entire centre (including the Children's Centre) will also be closed for the following public holidays:

Good Friday 30th March 2018

Easter Monday 2nd April 2018

May Day 7th May 2018

Spring Bank Holiday 28th May 2018

August Bank Holiday 27th August 2018

THE DEN

Early years 2 have a new space to use called "The Den." The room is set up with lots of open-ended resources to encourage imagination and creative thinking. It is a space where the children can visit in smaller groups, which has been really helpful when new children are joining us or moving from the baby room. We have noticed that some children really thrive when they play and learn in "The Den": They talk more, they show more confidence and they work more collaboratively. We have also begun to have circle time and meals down there, which helps to keep lunch times in the main room calm and peaceful as well.



Baby Group 6-12 months

Every Tuesday afternoon we run a group for babies from 6-12 months from 1.30-2.30pm. It is a welcoming and friendly group which has lots of fun activities, this term we have been focusing on RELAXING with our babies and enjoying new experiences. One of our parents asked if we could spend a session in the garden, we were able to play in the beach area, climb in the treehouse and enjoy a warm chocolate drink around the fire pit. *'Best session ever.....a magical place.....such lovely children'.....we all had a great time!*



Baby Room

In the baby room, we have been exploring "IN & OUT" as a provocation.

Some babies have been filling and emptying containers. One boy was interested in throwing toys into a cot then working out how to get them out again, later he was

throwing balls over the fence outside for older children to throw them back into the baby garden, so that he could do it again.

One child has been climbing in and out of the tyres outside and another has been practising climbing in and out of the rocking boat by herself, she has really persevered, even when her leg gets caught.

A few babies have been interested in filling bags with shapes and some like to carry or drag them around afterwards.



Partnership work with Bristol Refugee Rights

Do you know anything about Bristol Refugee Rights (BRR)? It is an organisation based at Malcolm X that supports refugees and asylum seekers from across Bristol and the surrounding areas.

We work in partnership with BRR to ensure that families with a child under 5 are supported to access their local children's centre. We have built up a network across the city to ensure that these families can enjoy learning and playing in their local communities.

If you would like to find out more you can call Jenny Bodnarchuk (family support worker) on 0117 9030337 or come along to our regular lunchtime sessions at the Malcolm X on Thursday lunchtimes from 12.30-2pm (term time only).

Bristol Refugee Rights
Safety • Solidarity • Action for Change



Community Action in Schools

Venue: St Pauls Nursery School & Children's Centre

Tel: 0117 9030337

Day: Tuesday **Time:** 9.00 am - 11.30 am



This Course Aims to;

- ✓ Provide information and underpinning knowledge of a school environment
- ✓ Provide opportunities for you to learn about and explore the types of skills useful for event planning in school
- ✓ Introduce you to positive approaches to community engagement
- ✓ Support you in achieving your chosen course learning outcomes
- ✓ To help you to plan your next steps after completing course

Weekly Scheme of Work



Session Week	Date	Topic/Subject
1	10/04/2018	Meet and Greet! Introduction to Course Types of Jobs, Roles and Responsibilities
2	17/04/2018	Ways to Get Involved and Active in School
3	24/04/2018	Creating a Community Group - Asset Based Community Development (ABCD)
4	01/05/2018	Planning a Community Event/Activity in School
5	08/05/2018	Organising and Promoting Your Planned Event/Activity
6	15/05/2018	Reflection - Next Steps End of course Celebration!



Useful things to bring with you for each session;

- ❖ Pen and paper to make notes
- ❖ A folder/file to keep session work, handouts etc. in

Office updatesKeeping our children safe

Please be aware that it is our highest priority to keep your children safe at nursery. With that in mind please ensure that doors to the classroom are shut behind you as you are entering / exiting the room.

Many thanks.

Catering

Chartwells contract caterer has been providing the meals at the centre from the 12th February. If you have any comments that you wish to be fed back to the caterers, please email stpaulsncc@bristol-schools.uk or pop in to reception. Please note that the meals now cost £1.90 per day and request that exact change is given to reception as we are unable to provide change during busy periods of the day.

Family Learning— parent open sessions—
EVERYBODY WELCOME

Come along and chat to staff and learn alongside your child. We are offering these sessions based on different aspects of the curriculum at St Pauls Nursery and Childrens Centre.

Maths—How we use maths, all day, every day.

Tuesday 17 April, Thursday 19 April

Building Learning Power—Teaching children to develop lifelong learning skills.

Tuesday 15 May, Thursday 17 May

Literacy—Early mark making and reading.

Tuesday 12 June, Thursday 14 June

Transitions— How can we support our transitions from one room to another or on to a new school.

Tuesday 3 July, Thursday 5 July

All sessions start at 8.30am drop off time. you are welcome to stay for as long or as short as you like.



Community Updates

St Pauls Library

Why not come along and join our friendly and informal Shared Reading Group at St Pauls Library. It's a great way to meet new people or to share your love of books and stories. All reading levels and abilities are very welcome and we hope to meet you soon. Held every Wednesday from 11.00-12.30 at St Pauls Library Governors Rd.

Free family craft activity at M Shed

Get your masks, headdresses and wristbands ready for this year's St Pauls Carnival! M Shed are running a free Carnival-themed activity day on 21st April. Drop-in any time between 11am and 3pm.

We'll also be launching a brand new display all about Carnival on the day.

If you have any questions, do get in touch at museum.community@bristol.gov.uk

M Shed, Princes Wharf, Wapping Rd, Bristol BS1 4RN

St Pauls Adventure Playground—Affordable Children's Bike Exchange

Tuesday-Thursday 10-6pm at the Fern Street Garage at the Adventure Playground.

Also, we will be running 3 sessions per week at the APG from April, on Thursday/ Friday/ Saturday

afternoons. Thurs & Fri, 3.30-6pm. Saturday 1pm - 5pm.



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Newroz Piroz
Come and enjoy this Kurdish tradition

* Kurdish food, music, dance * Bring your favourite dish to share *

Malcolm X Community centre
141 City Road
BS2 8YH

Saturday 24.03.2018
5 - 11 pm

Ticket:
£5
(under 16 free)