



## Bulletin

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Dear Parents,

### *Observations and Assessments*

This is a very busy time of year for your children's key person and senior staff who are now preparing Leavers Assessments. Although it may seem early, feeder schools have asked that they have this information in June so that they can be prepared before breaking up for the summer, so everything is in place for your child starting school in September.

So... over the next few weeks, there will be fewer observations published for your children. Your children will continue to benefit from lovely experiences and learning opportunities at nursery; it is simply that time usually directed to writing these observations will be used to write final assessments. We expect to publish the final assessments no later than 5th June.

**We ask that parents of leavers place a comment and post 'reply' to the final assessment. These comments will be added to the published assessments. Please do this no later than 12th June.**

We will then forward the assessments to school in the week commencing 17th June.

After half term, we will resume publishing regular observations for the children who will stay with us into the autumn term. For our leavers, we will support their transition to school. They will have fewer observations which will not be linked to EYFS development statements.

**Please note that you will need to send the 'Day in the Life' reports to yourself no later than 6 weeks after your child has left nursery. After this, their records will be unavailable in compliance with GDPR protocols.**

### *Photos*

Proofs for photos will be out soon. Please make sure that orders are placed by **24th May** as printers sometimes make an additional charge for late orders.

### *Booking Sessions*

Please think ahead if you think you will need to book additional sessions in the May half term, summer holidays or in the Autumn. A reminder that we shall be open on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the half term break and throughout the summer holidays for longer days (until 5 or 5.30). In September, this will include

Tuesdays. You may wish to know that holiday sessions are available for all Oaklea children and leavers up to age 8.

For those families wanting to apply for the 30 hours funded childcare, please apply through Childcare Choices NOW!

Thank you to those parents who have expressed an interest in increasing their sessions from September. This is really helpful, as we plan to staff the Autumn term.

### *Sun protection...*

Please make sure your child arrives wearing clothing (named) that is suitable for the day's weather. We also ask that your child arrives with sun protection **before** arriving for their nursery session. We will re-apply Nivea Factor 50 for all those staying into the afternoon. Please advise us if your child is intolerant to this product.

### *Children's safety*

We remind all families that the responsibility for your child(ren) is passed into the care of their carers **as soon as** you greet them at the door. Whilst the Community Centre is a lovely space to have a purpose-built nursery, it is in a 'public space'. There are exits on both sides of the building. One leads directly onto a busy car park and the other onto the busy Ipswich Road. Please take care!

### *And finally...*

Thank you so much for a lovely send off for Annamaria. I know she was touched by your kindness and she is sorry to leave us. We will all miss her and are so grateful for the amazing amount she achieved over the 15 months she was with us.

Some good news is that we have appointed a wonderful manager – Martina. She is due to start properly in September, but we hope to introduce her to you all in July. In the meantime, we are so grateful to Catherine, Emma and Miriam who are managing the remainder of this term so competently.

### *Stop Press...*

We are delighted to be able to hold our Leavers' celebration at St John's Church on Thursday 18th July at 2 pm. Please save the date - more information to follow!

Yours sincerely,



*Catherine Theodosius*

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*Setting Manager*

**Caroline Allen**

*Managing Director (Oaklea Montessori CIC)*

*A Reminder of our summer term topic...*

<b>Weeks beginning</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>A few ideas for home - Enjoy &amp; bring in for your child's journey book!</b>
23rd April to 10th May	<b>Wonderful Earth – let's explore SPACE</b>	Visit the library and choose some non-fiction books on Space! See if you can spot the moon (we might even see it in the daytime?). Share some time cloud watching on a warm day!
13th to 24th May	<b>Wonderful Earth – let's explore AUSTRALASIA</b>	Kangaroo jumping races Learn to waltz (in time for Strictly!) – Waltzing Matilda Internet search for pictures and videos of some fun Australasian animals (kiwis, duck billed platypus, Kangaroos, wallabies, koalas etc.)
27th May to 7th June	<b>Wonderful Earth – let's explore ASIA</b>	Make Chinese food together and try to eat with chopsticks Dress up in a sari, listen to Indian music... Make collage pictures using rice, noodles and other ingredients, listen to oriental music...
10th to 21st June	<b>Wonderful Earth – let's explore AFRICA</b>	Enjoy a trip to the zoo and look for African animals Listen to African drums & make a drum to join in! Make a pyramid Colour pasta and thread colourful beads.
24 <sup>th</sup> June to 5th July	<b>Wonderful Earth – let's explore NORTH AMERICA</b>	Look at surfers and make a surf board Look at the habitats of grizzly bears and polar bears Look at some Mexican art and make your own designs together. Make a pattern with stars and stripes!
8th to 19th July	<b>Wonderful Earth – let's explore EUROPE</b>	Find out with your child how to say 'hello' in different European languages Look at different transport methods to cross the water into mainland Europe Compare a euro coin with a £1 coin
22nd July to 2nd August	<b>Wonderful Earth – let's explore SOUTH AMERICA</b>	Enjoy the monkey house at the zoo Make colourful parrot pictures Listen to the sounds of the rainforest (youtube) Sing '10 little monkeys jumping on the bed'
5th to 23rd August	<b>Wonderful Earth – let's explore ANTARCTICA &amp; OCEANS</b>	Enjoy a trip to a Sea life centre Enjoy penguin race games Watch short clips of sea life Sort your recycling together and talk about plastic in the oceans.
27th August to 8th Sept	<b>Wonderful Earth – let's talk about OUR HOLIDAYS!</b>	Borrow a Travelling Teddy or make a diary to tell us about your holidays...

		Days out / stay home holidays / what did we do? / where did we go?/ who did we meet?
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