



Newsletter Friday 12th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our theme this week has been about the "Circus". The children have enjoyed lots of physical activities like balancing on stilts, dancing with ribbons, jumping through fiery hoops, building confidence balancing across beams and moving into different yoga poses. We've enjoyed lots of playdough this week, as the children made patterns and wrote their names in it, printed and counted the lego holes and made shapes. We supply a selection of tools for the children to use and they can then enjoy making and creating whatever they choose, which is not always what the intended purpose was.

Using the large parachute, we created a circus tent in each room for the children to get inside and play.

Next week, we'll be getting out your children's favourite toys and planning their favourite activities!

End of year celebrations

Thursday 18th July – Party Day

If your child is attending as an extra day, please arrive for 9:15am and collect at 12:15pm.

Friday 19th July – School Leaver Celebration

If your child usually attends on a Friday come for 9:00am.

If your child does not usually attend on a Friday (School leavers) drop off at 11:30am and adults make your way to the Church.

Leavers Celebration will be in the Church 11:45am – 12:15pm. – families invited.

Friday 19th July – CLOSE at 12:15pm for all children

Staffing

It's that time of year when we say goodbye to some wonderful staff. Anne Tickner has worked at The Children's Workshop for **35 years** and with a heavy heart has decided it's time to retire. During that time, Anne became a qualified early years practitioner, whilst raising her own young children. She took on management roles and has been instrumental in the planning of the curriculum and the incredible experiences and opportunities the children have had for the past 35 years. The Children's Workshop was one of the first childcare providers in Molesey, with many of the local children passing through. With a capacity of around 50 children a day, just think how many children/adults over the years have had the pleasure of Anne being their teacher in the early years. Anne is one of the kindest people I have ever met, she is passionate about early childhood development and recognises the importance of building strong relationships and creating a nurturing environment in order for children to feel safe and secure and in turn learn and make progress. We wish you the happiest of retirements Anne. Enjoy time with your family and please pop in to see us whenever you like!!

We are also very sad to say goodbye to some staff who were brought in specifically to support individuals and small groups who are moving on to big school. Thank you to Alice, Anna R, Antonia and Amy for all your hard work this year, September will be very different without you. As next year progresses, I'm sure I'll be reaching out to them again. Sadly for us, Georgie is moving away and for real this time! Your next setting will be very lucky to have you!

Important Dates

Summer 2

Thursday 18th July – End of year party

Friday 19th July – 11:45 School Leaver Presentation

Friday 19th July close at 12:15pm

Autumn 2024

Wednesday 4th September – Stay and Play (new Children)

Thursday 5th September – Term Starts

Half Term- Monday 28th Oct– Friday 1st Nov

Wednesday 18th December – Break for Christmas

Please

Please can you complete and return the **Parent questionnaire**, we have only had a few back.

Books2Borrow

Please can we have all books and bags back.

Tapestry

End of year reports are slowly being published and will be available for all by next Friday. Once the term has ended, we will generate a PDF for all those children that are leaving. Please watch the video with instructions on [how to download your PDF](#).

Here you will find information about [how to purchase a printed journal](#).