

# April 2024

Welcome to the summer term (hopefully we will see the sun soon). This term is packed full of learning opportunities and fun!

Last term we were happy to see so many parents attending our Maths Workshop as well as our Community Energy Workshop, thank you for coming.

## **Bike Borrowing**

Would your child like to borrow one of our bikes for the weekend?

Our balance bikes help children to develop their skills and confidence. We will also provide a helmet.

Please see one of our staff team to organise.



Please can you name your child's clothes!

Also don't forget to provide your child with a spare set of clothes to keep at nursery. There is a named bag on their peg. **The bag must be kept at school.** 

#### **Chickenshed Theatre Company**

The children have loved joining in with all the songs and dances when Chickenshed come on a Friday afternoon.

We only have them for 3 more weeks and next week the children can come dressed in rainbow colours.



#### Workshop Resources

Please collect and bring in boxes, bottle tops, corks, buttons and other materials we can use for children to build with in our workshop area.

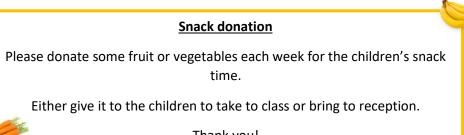
#### Earth Day

This week (22<sup>nd</sup> April) we are learning about how to care for our environment. The theme for Earth Day 2024 is Planet vs. Plastics. The children will be taking part in a range of activities to help them learn about the harm plastic can do to our world and what we can do to help.



Here is a short Youtube video that you can watch with your child.

## https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRnFzZj4dVk&list=WL&index=57&t=2



Thank you!

## **Rights Respecting Schools**



Last term we had our assessment to become a Silver Rights Respecting School. We are pleased that Comet is now a Silver Rights Aware School. The assessor was very impressed by the



children, staff and parents who took part in the assessment and the progress the school has made. She commended the school for its 'listening culture' where 'pupil voice is valued highly'. Look out for our fantastic banner outside!

## Natural Explorers outings



This term our Natural Explorers will continue to visit Shoreditch Library to develop their love of reading. Each child who comes on the trip borrows a book to bring back and share with the children at school, which they really enjoy. We will also be doing canal walks this term to prepare our children for the arrival of the ducklings in May. On our walks we will also do litter picking to develop the

children's understanding of caring for our world as part of Eco Schools.

## Toys, Back-packs and bottles of water

We are asking that children DO NOT bring toys to nursery, they get lost and the children get upset.

Please also DO NOT bring back-packs as we have limited space on the pegs and children can put their extra clothes in the blue bags provided. Children also have access to water throughout the day and do not need their own water bottle.

Thank you

## Starts Tesco Stronger Starts – Vote for Comet!!

Our application to Tesco Stronger Starts for up to £1500 funding for the School has been successful and have been put forward to the customer vote in the following Tesco stores: Shoreditch High Street, Old Street, Dalston Junction, Haggerston, Hackney, Southgate Road. Don't forget to collect your token and vote for Comet!

## **Children's learning**

We have really enjoyed watching how much children are learning. In the Spring Term children were learning about numbers and counting, they made their 10 or 5 frames with parents and made their own number lines. Children have been developing their physical skills outside, running, jumping and trying to master the monkey rings!

The children have been learning about Ramadan and Eid, they had a little party to celebrate. They enjoyed dancing, trying some dates and dressing up. Thank you to the families who made the lovely biscuits and cakes.

## Don't forget – we are closed from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Children return to nursery on Tuesday 7th May

#### **Dates for your Diary**

#### Summer Term 2024

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Polling Day school Comet closed Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – INSET Day closed Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday closed 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May - Hatching ducklings Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Class photos 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May – Half term Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Children return to school Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Soccer Aid day Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Open day for new families Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Refuge Day and Windrush Day activities 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June – Art and Creativity Week Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Art activity parent workshop Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers reports to parents Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Comet's Got Talent Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers trip (nursery closed to all other children in Sun and Star Rooms) Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Moon Room fun day 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July – Olympic Week Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Donkey Day

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July – summer end of term party & last day of term. **PLEASE NOTE there will be no breakfast, tea club or full time hours on this day.**