

Phase 1 InfoZine

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April 2011

Celebration

The Reception children have been very excited to see our bulbs growing and flowering. They have been watering them for weeks, and finally some of them have come into flower. The children have drawn some beautiful pictures of the daffodils and hyacinths. This has developed the children's knowledge and understanding of the world and introduced them to life cycles.

Diary Dates

End of term	Friday 8 th April 2011
Easter holidays	Monday 11 th April – Monday 25 th April 2011
Summer Term starts	Tuesday 26 th April 2011
Bank Holidays	Friday 29 th April 2011 & Monday 2 nd May 2011
Coffee Morning	Wednesday 11 th May 2011

Curriculum

We have also had cut flowers in the classroom for the children to explore. Sapphire class have had tulips and Amber class hyacinths. We have been looking at them, feeling them, smelling them and painting pictures of them.

On Thursday and Friday Sapphire class did a scientific experiment to explore how plants use water. We stood white carnations in different food colouring. Gradually, the carnation's petals turned the same colour as the food colouring they were standing in. It was really exciting to watch the changes happening to the flowers, and it showed us how the flowers 'drink' the water.



After the holiday we will be continuing our 'plant' theme by planting runner beans and sunflowers. We may be having some pets too ...watch this space!

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Notes and Reminders

Be on time for the Academy day.

The Academy day starts at 9am sharp each day. It is important for us to foster good attendance and punctuality in our youngest students.

New Learning Director

Sian McDermott will be joining the staff team on a more permanent basis after the holiday. Many families know Sian as she has been at the Academy part time since the reception classes opened in September. She will be four days a week as the Learning Director for Phase 1.

Goodbye

During the term we have had to say goodbye to Lorraine Thomas one of our early years assistants. Lorraine only worked with us for a short period of time but had to leave due to her own family commitments.

Early Years Assistants

Over the past few weeks you may have seen two familiar faces working with our early years children. They are Alan Hembra and Vicki Wright. Alan and Vicki are two Higher Level Teaching Assistants who work mainly with older students but cover in the early years when they are needed.

Year 1 Teachers

After the holiday we will be welcoming two new teachers to our staff team who will work in our year 1 classes. They are Esther Rowe and Emma Short and will be in the Academy during the summer term getting to know our lovely children and setting up our new year 1 classrooms.

Building Work

The ground work for the new year 1 classrooms will start during the holidays with the new classrooms being delivered soon after. Part of the outdoor area will be fenced off with safety fencing for a short period of time after the holiday. This is to ensure our children are all kept safe. When the classrooms are finished you will be able to look around them before your children go into them in September.

Outdoor Play Equipment

Can we remind all families not to let your children play with the toys in the outdoor area before and after the Academy day. This is to ensure our health and safety measures are always upheld

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Community Information

1. Do you want to become confident using the computer?

Starting on Friday 6th May 2011 Oasis Academy Hadley will be running a 4 week beginners computer course 9.15am – 12.15pm on Friday mornings for parents and carers. (further details to follow)



2. Would you like information and ideas about reading?

Oxford Owl is a new FREE website where you can find age-specific reading tips, book recommendations, and lots of fun ideas to really bring your child's reading to life. You can now enjoy there 100 free eBooks and activities with your child's favourite characters like Biff, Chip, Kipper and Floppy. They've also got a special Kids' barn area that's jam-packed with games and fun activities to make reading more fun



***For further information on all community incentives and events
please see Deborah Reid (Community Outreach / Parent Support Advisor)***

For further information for these and any other events please visit our website at
www.oasisacademyhadley.org