



January Newsletter, 2020

Dear Families

A very Happy New Year to you all and a warm welcome to all of our new children who have joined us at Grandpont this term, in both the Blossom Room and the Nursery School.

Best Wishes

Lisa Fern

Headteacher

Blossom Room Inspection- Please find in this link

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50139633> a copy of our latest OFSTED report for our childcare setting which was inspected on the 12th December 2019. If you would like a paper copy please ask a member of staff for one.

The judgement of the report was 'requires improvement' which we are disappointed with. However the report celebrates many positive and wonderful attributes of our Blossom Room setting.

We have been unpicking the areas for improvement and written an action plan to address these issues. Lynne has already put some new strategies in place and we will be working hard to ensure a better outcome at our next inspection. We will be expecting another visit from OFSTED in 6-12 months time.

Lynne and I would like to discuss the implications of the report in more detail with you. we will hold a couple of drop in sessions for you to come and chat and ask questions on

Thursday 16th January from 5.00-6.00pm and on **Monday 20th January between 8.00am and 9.30am**. If you are not able to make one of these sessions and have any other questions then please email me or Lynne on

office@grandpontnurseryschool.co.uk

I would also like to take this opportunity to say **Thank you** for the huge amount of support and encouragement you have shared with us since the report was published.

Routines and reminders- It is always good at the start of a new term to remind yourselves of these things;

- **Named clothing-** Please name all your child's clothing to ensure a safe return if it comes off during the session.
- **Waterproofs and wellies-** Please ensure your child has a pair of NAMED wellies and a jacket at nursery for when we go outside to play. These can be left with us, in the group tub, so your child is ready to play outdoors. We regularly go into our woodland area and we require the children to wear wellies when they play here.
- **Late arrivals-** If you arrive late for one reason or another then please ensure you have filled in a slip at the office so that we can ensure your children are registered for H&S purposes.
- **Absences-** It is important that you let us know if your child will not be coming into nursery. Either email us or call us. If we have not heard from you, then the office will probably give you a call.
- **NO food in Nursery-** You should have noticed our NO NUTS signs up in nursery. This is because we have a couple of children who have food allergies. Please also ensure that your child doesn't eat any snacks in the nursery, before or at the end of the session to help us to ensure this is a safe environment for all our children
- **Car Park-** The car park is for staff only during the day. However, if you are collecting your child by car after 3.45pm then you are more than welcome to drive into the car park to collect.
- **Parking on the road-** Please ensure you park in an appropriate parking space on the road, to ensure safety and avoid congestion.



Nursery School Fruit- Thank you for your kind donations of fruit each week. Please keep donating. We offer this to the children at snack time and it has been great receiving and sharing your donations.

Save the date!- Tuesday 11th February 2020-Sleep Talk.

Dimitri Gavriloff is a Clinical Psychologist specialising in paediatric sleep and also one of our Dad's at Grandpont. Dimitri has very kindly offered to hold a talk and discussion with families on the basics of sleep and sleep/wake regulation for those interested to attend on this date. This will be an evening session. This will be an evening session and times will be confirmed soon.

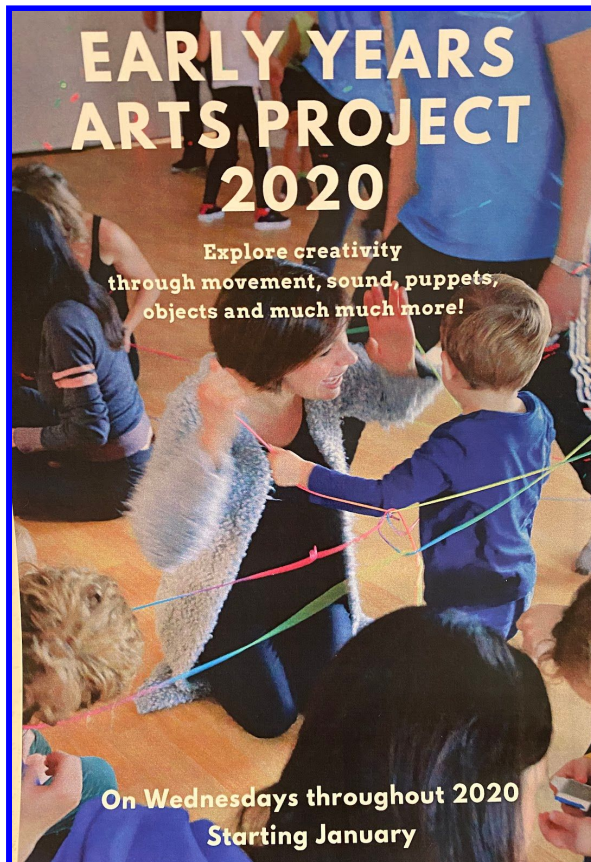


South Oxford Family Room

Early Years Arts Project- We are very excited to be able to work with 'Dancin Oxford' who are running a funded project with us at Grandpont over the next 12 months. This project is for parents/carers/family members to join in with their children. The sessions will be run by two artists who will facilitate the sessions exploring creativity using movement, sound, puppets, objects and much more. They will run on a Wednesday morning in the family room. If your child attends nursery at this time but you would like them to join in these sessions then you are welcome to bring your children into nursery after the session.

If you are interested in joining these sessions then please let Karen know at SOFR;
coordinator@sofr.org.uk

The artists; Emma Boor & Roly Carline will be in the Family Room at the stay and play session on Friday 17th January at 10.30am if you would like to meet them before the sessions start. If you cannot make this session but would still like to be involved in the wednesday sessions then that is not a problem.



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DANCE FESTIVAL 2020

EARLY YEARS ARTS PROJECT 2020

Are you a parent / carer with children 5 years
or under? Come and join our free weekly
creative sessions on Wednesdays throughout
2020. Taking place at:
**Grandpont Nursery
Rose Hill Family Centre
John Henry Newman School**

AN EXCITING PROJECT LED BY TWO PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS
EXPLORING CREATIVITY THROUGH MOVEMENT, SOUND,
PUPPETS, OBJECTS AND MUCH MUCH MORE...

For more information
please contact: info@dancinxford.co.uk
or call 01865 252820

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