



# Portico at Moss Bank

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*Special points of interest:*

## **NATIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS DAY.**

Tuesday 4th May.

## **NATIONAL BEAR WEEK**—from the 21st

June.

## **CHILDREN'S ART WEEK**— 6TH—13TH

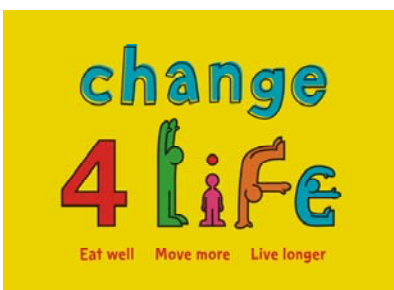
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## **Children's Centre**—

Are you registered — if you need to know which is your local centre please ask— there are lots of fun sessions for mums dads and grandparents to attend throughout the year.

## **Have you registered with Change4Life**

there is loads of fab information and activities you can do with your family register on –line. Please ask if you have no internet access



## Welcome ....

Finally we have some nice weather to entice the children and staff to play outdoors more. An update around outdoor play can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

All our capital access funding has now been spent and as you can see, all the flooring is complete, and furniture has been delivered. Thank you for your patience whilst moving our continuous provision areas to suit the children and how they use the resources.

Thank you to all parents for making our parents evening / open night very successful.

You will all receive one of our annual questionnaires. These really help us look at our provision, what we offer and how, so please take the time to fill one in and send it back anonymously.

You may notice we have some new students —please ask your child's key worker to introduce you— Melissa (E2E), Carl (Level 2), Sara, Paige and Claire (DCE)

Well done to Hannah and Rachael who won joint staff member of the month this term, and to baby room who won room of the term.

## Here are just a few reminders .....

- Please can you bring in waterproof sun cream and a sun hat for your child.
- New contact details ? Please give your new numbers to your child's key worker so we can update files.
- Don't forget we will be closed 3rd May, 31st May, 30th August (bank holidays). Next holiday for funded only children is 28th May for 2 weeks, returning June 14th.

## **STAFF TRAINING**

Well done to Tess who has now completed her Level 3.

Well done to leisha who has completed her level 2

Hannah and Leisha are now completing their level 3

**Other training**—Safer recruitment, food and nutrition.

## **Children's**

## **Uniforms**

**For preschool children**

**Jumpers—£9.00**

**T Shirts -£6.00**

## Outdoor Play—the Stepped Approach

We are in step one of the approach. Training is going well—we have had the first collection of resources—water play—and the children are enjoying experimenting with the water through the guttering and pipes, and practising how to put on the all weather suits.

The door to outside is now open throughout the morning and afternoon sessions and the children are slowly getting used to this—at the moment every one seems to be all out at the same time, however we are confident that the children will get used to the door being open all the time and will choose whether they want to use resources inside or be outside. We have altered the way we have snack so that staff ratios can cover children who are playing inside and out.

The next collection of resources—building and construction will arrive in early May.

The babies and toddlers still access the outdoor area every day even though the new resources are directed at the 2-5's



Some of the new resources



## ECAT—Every Child A Talker

We are delighted to be involved in a year long programme that will enhance and encourage the children's speech and language skills.

**For children**—strengthening early language development of the aged 0—5's

**For practitioners**—developing their knowledge, understanding and skill

**For Parents**—Increasing your involvement and help you to develop your child's language in the home.

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## Progress Matters ... a tracking tool ...

If you have read the leaflet given out in the parents evening about the Early Years Foundation Stage, you may have read something about progress Matters. For those of you who have had children in nursery for a while now, you may be familiar with the profiles we used to fill in for each child and pass on to schools. **We will not be using these any more,** but will be using a tool from the DCSF (Department for Children, Schools and families) called **Progress matters.** This ties in nicely with the monthly evaluations we already complete for each child.

At the end of each month when staff evaluate what learning has taken place, **we will now be recording which age band of the development matters part of the EYFS your child is working within.** Please ask your key worker to show you. This information will be put onto the progress matters chart by managers to enable you to see easily what stage your child is working within and will help staff plan for their key children and track their progress in all 6 learning areas.