



Blackberry Lane Bulletin

Friday 15th of March 2024

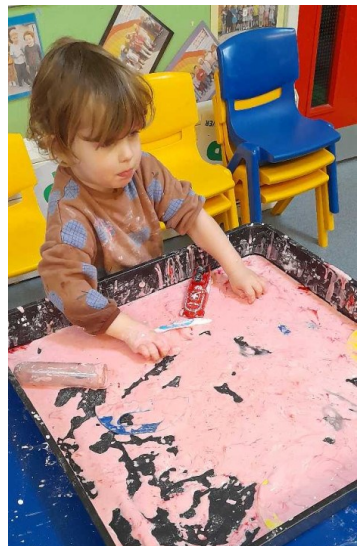
We have had a very busy 2 weeks with World Book day celebrations and Red Nose day fundraising. There were some fabulous dressing up outfits for World Book Day and the children enjoyed sharing their favourite books and stories.



Welcome to
Kanakano Crombleholme



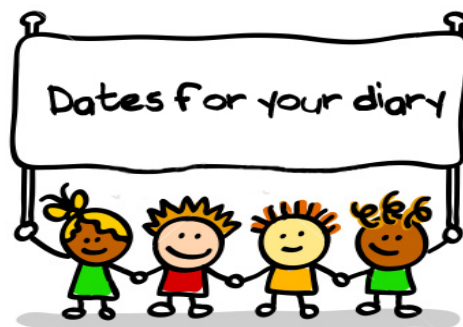
Activities for the Red Nose Week included red oats, balloon painting with red paint, gloop and red rice. A lot of fun was also had when the staff were 'pie faced' from Wednesday onwards and some of the children had a go on Friday too.



We have two new slides at the setting. One for nursery and one for pre-school. The pre-school children enjoyed helping remove the old slide and install the new slide in the playground. They waited patiently in line to take their turn at trying out the slide.



The children enjoyed completing the sponsored obstacle course for Red Nose Day and to date we have raised £305.42. A big thank you to everyone who has donated so far.



21-23 March

Active week

Thurs 28th March

Last day of Spring term

Sunday 31st March

Deadline for applications for 2 year old funding and 30 hour funding for working parents who wish to use this funding next term.

29th March-12th April 2024

Easter holiday

15th April

New fees rates will apply from this date.

If your child is already 2 years old or is turning 2 years old before the 31st of March 2024 and you are a working parent(s) don't forget to look at the website to see if you are eligible for the new funding that will be available from the 1st of April onwards. If you haven't applied by the 31st of March and received a code you won't be able to access any funding before September 2024. If you get a code please let us know and you will be added to the Local Authority funding portal. Please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk for more information and to apply.

If you are on benefits/ low income you may be eligible for the 2 year funding that you can apply for via the local authority.

<https://www.iow.gov.uk/schools-and-education/early-years-service/information-for-parents/funding-for-two-year-olds/> for more information.

<https://emsonline.iow.gov.uk/CitizenPortal LIVE/en> to apply.

Children who have turned 3 years old between the 1st of January and 31 March 2024 are automatically eligible for 15 hours of funding from April (known as universal funding and pre-school will apply for this on your behalf).

If you are working parents you may be eligible for a further 15 hours of funding (known as 30 hours funding) Parents need to apply for 30 hours funding on the childcare choices website (see above) before the 31st of March 2024. Once you have been given a code, please let us know so we can add you to the Local Authority funding portal.



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