



Summer Update 2011

at Mulberry Kindergarten & Art Centre

Mulberry Update

The children at mulberry have planted summer vegetables including sweet pea's and tomatoes in our allotment. They continue to care and nurture for these weekly. Mulberry children recently took part in a poem competition. We have received certificates for each child and also a medal for them taking part which will be going home this week. **Well done all!**

Parents evening

On Tuesday 9th August 2011 from 6.30 to 8.00pm Mulberry will be hosting a parents evening. This will give us a great opportunity to display and show all the children's work and projects done so far this year. You are welcome to come along and join us for a drink and a few nibbles while looking through learning journeys and also having the chance to talk to all staff. This evening is for parents only.

Summer Art Club

We are now taking bookings for our Summer Art club for our 5-12 years olds. See Katie or Kim for details.



Please contact Katie at Mulberry Kindergarten on 01728 688719 for further details



Staff Update

Kim Shotter who has a Degree in Early Years Childcare is now studying for Early years Practitioner status. Kim is our Relief Manager when Katie is unavailable.

Holly Di Cicco has recently joined us as Supervisor. Holly is level 3 qualified and has 7 years experience of working in childcare.

Ria Pilkington is working towards her NVQ Level 3.

Clare Roberts has recently joined our team at Mulberry. She is also Level 3 qualified and she will be working in the pre-school and saplings room

Rachel Cox is due to go on maternity leave at the end of July. We wish her all the best and look forward to her returning to work next year. **Lana Bridges** has now left Mulberry.



OFSTED

On Tuesday 31st may 2011 we had our Ofsted inspection at Mulberry. We are very pleased to announce our outcome grade in all areas is **Good**. I have attached you all a copy of our report for you to read. This will soon be on our main website.

We are all very proud of the closing statement by the Ofsted Officer Moira Oliver.

Children are cared for in an exceptionally warm, calm and caring environment where the staff are genuinely interested in them and their lives outside the setting. They are treated with kindness and respect, providing good role models for the children to follow. Simple, age-appropriate explanations are given to the children to support them to manage their own behaviour. They are encouraged to be kind to each other, share the toys, and staff support them to take turns on the bicycles. Children play extremely well together, cooperating and negotiating and building close friendships.

We are looking forward to a summer filled with sunshine and having fun with the children in the Mulberry Garden. Thank you all for your continued support.

Katie Pryke
Manager

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