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Nursery School and Family CENTRE



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# Welcome

**Dr. Lesley Curtis OBE**  
Headteacher/Head of Centre

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have come to the end of another very busy academic year celebrating our successes of all the high quality learning opportunities your children have accessed. We started the academic year with a successful Section 8 schools inspection with an Outstanding judgement in all areas in October 2018. We started the spring term 2019 gaining the Well-Being Charter Mark and in the summer term 2019 we have gained another Green Flag for environmental education.

In the newsletter you will read information from Faye O'Connor (Assistant Headteacher) about our environmental programme at Everton Nursery School and Family Centre. We also celebrated the In Harmony 10th Birthday this year with our children joining children from The Beacon C.E. Primary School, The Faith Primary School and All Saints Primary School to join in the celebrations at the Philharmonic Hall. Our children have certainly increased their concentration and musicianship since being part of the In Harmony programme.



We have had a number of staffing changes throughout the year due to maternity and sickness but I am pleased to inform you that we are able to employ Emma-Louise Scott (Teacher in the Centre for Nurture) on a temporary years contract until August 2020 and appoint Selma Kesedzic on a temporary contract to take the role of Teacher in Cresswell and Heyworth. I look forward to the teaching team developing new ways to address workload reduction as part of the requirement from the Department for Education.



We lost our hens this year due to old age but Tom (our Assistant Site Manager) purchased new hens from Acorn Farm in Kirkby and we had one donated from Rooster Retreat. We now have Hope, Faith, Charity and Grace, our new hens. The children welcomed the duck egg hatching programme this year and cared for the ducks once they hatched. Our Twitter account has become popular @EvertonNursery sharing all the educational activities the children engage in. I wish all our leaving children and their families great success in your new schools and don't forget to call back to see us all in your new school uniforms. Have a lovely summer break and we will see all returning children on Monday 9th September. Please remember to pay any outstanding dinner monies and daycare fees before you finish the school term on Friday 19th July.



Dr. Lesley Curtis OBE

Headteacher/Head of Centre



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Thanks to Gerry Simons (previous Governor of Everton Nursery School and Family Centre) who donated £100 towards the tickets for some children and their parents to visit the Epstein Theatre on Monday 1st July to watch, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.



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# Eco Schools

Faye O'Connor  
Assistant Headteacher



## Exciting Eco Schools News!

On June 6th Everton Nursery successfully achieved Green Flag for the 9th consecutive year. The assessment was led by Eco Schools coordinator Francis Hyland. Throughout the assessment Francis toured the school grounds whilst speaking to both staff and children about our commitment to Environmental Education. Following the assessment Francis shared some wonderful feedback;

"I was incredibly impressed by how embedded environmental issues were in your curriculum and how you use these issues to enrich the learning opportunities at your nursery and engage with the parents of your children.

I also really enjoyed meeting the various staff members involved (a clear demonstration that you have the whole school involved) and of course meeting the children. I was so impressed with the Eco-Code (it was so cute), but also how knowledgeable and passionate the children were, for example talking about turning lights off, identifying the different bugs and knowing straight away that they shouldn't eat the wild mushrooms – the children were obviously accustomed to outdoors learning.



# Eco Schools

Faye O'Connor  
Assistant Headteacher



- Their passion was evident when, as soon as going outside, they quickly grabbed some mini beast identification sheets. This was my first visit to a Green Flag Award winning nursery and it was such a pleasure and allowed me to learn so much!
- Soon after the visit Francis was back in touch to share some exciting news.
- Together with the Keep Britain Tidy Charity, Eco Schools would like to use Everton Nursery school to promote Environmental education in the Early Years.
- The Eco Schools film crew arrived on two occasions during July and filmed interviews with staff and children on the Eco Committee.
- The film crew gathered footage of Forest School, Woodwork, Yoga and much more.

It has been a pleasure to work with both Eco Schools and Keep Britain Tidy in a bid to make environmental education a priority across all Early Years settings.

Follow our school Twitter page @evertonnursery to keep updated of the live video during the summer.



# Educational Visits

Rebecca Wilson  
Early Childhood Educator

## Educational Visits in the Early Years

**At** Everton Nursery School and Family Centre we are always looking for ways to enhance and develop all children's learning experiences. We provide opportunities for all children to access Educational Visits in and around the local community as these visits can be very beneficial towards their learning.



Educational visits can and are planned around many areas of interest from PLODS (Possible Lines of Direction), festivals, celebrations and events that take place throughout the academic year. We also use Educational Visits to link to classroom activities.



**When** participating in Educational Visits I have found that children's language is enriched, their knowledge of Understanding the World is enhanced, plus their social development and skills increases. In turn this links into to our Early Years curriculum, the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). Children's observations are becoming more detailed and advanced which shows progression within each child's file.





# Educational Visits

Rebecca Wilson  
Early Childhood Educator



We have been very fortunate to visit many places over the last couple of years including a Recycle Centre, the Wind Turbines near the docks, an Architecture office in Liverpool and one off sculptures that have been displayed in the Anglican Cathedral grounds.



Educational Visits are not just about leaving school premises. Children have learnt so much from visitors that have come into our school such as visits from Police Officers and their vehicles. Children were given the opportunity to look around a police car and explore police equipment.



After this visit children began role engaging in imaginative play as they acted out roles of the Police Officer and the 'baddie'. If you consider that your job would be interesting for the children to hear about then please discuss this with either your class teacher or myself. If any parents/carers would like to support our children's learning in developing Educational Visits further we would like to hear from you.





# Block Play

Ellen O'Connell  
Early Childhood Educator

Children in Heyworth are keen to use the block play area almost every day. There are children who access this area independently as well as this being part of the deployment and planning.

Our block play area has grown to ensure all the children have the opportunity to experience this area.



Characters/Action figures who the children are interested in are displayed on the blocks so children can have the chance to use their imagination by acting out the characters on the blocks and talking about them to develop vocabulary.

Block play helps improve children's mathematics skills by talking about shapes and size of blocks as they build various structures.

During tidy up time some of the children will help to match the blocks to the shape stencils, helping them to also recognise what the shapes look like.

Block play encourages children to take turns and share which can expand friendships and develop their self-esteem. I will continue to evaluate and assess this area during planning and evaluation meetings ensuring quality learning is kept to a high standard.





# In Harmony

Rebecca Melia  
Nursery Teacher Cresswell 1

## The success of In Harmony programme during this academic year

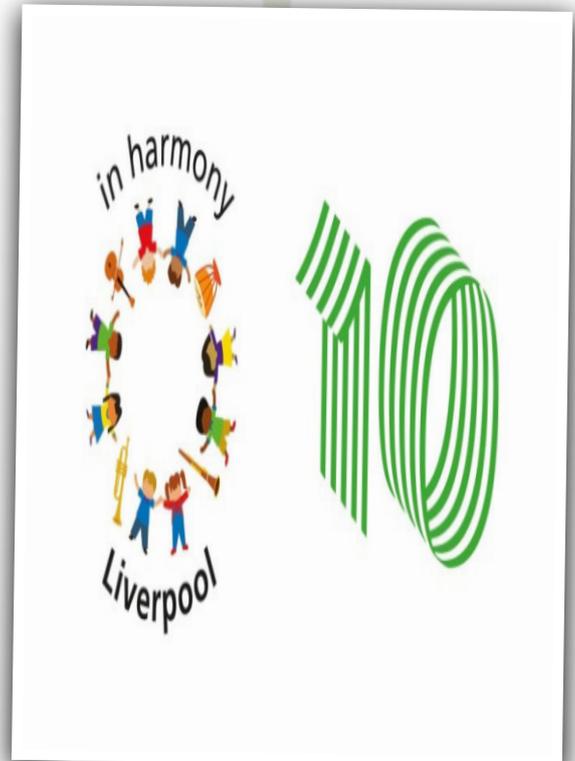
2019 highlighted the year that In Harmony Liverpool celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, making this year an extra special one for all the musicians, children and families involved.

As always, the In Harmony programme has been very successful in our school this academic year, with all children and families across the school / centre being given the opportunity to access a range of music sessions. These sessions include 'Tots In Harmony', weekly musician-led sessions for our 3-5 year olds, and 'Tuning In' sessions. All of these In Harmony sessions are effective in focusing on developing the confidence and self-awareness of our young musicians. This development of confidence in children across our nursery school is evident during the termly sharing performances for parents.

Since 2009, the programme has benefited over 2,000 children and families in Everton and Anfield and over 300 professional musicians, artists, school teachers and staff. Over 1500 children and young people aged 0-18 are learning music every week with In Harmony, free of charge. As well as at our nursery, music making takes place at All Saints Catholic Primary School, Anfield Children's Centre, Faith Primary School, The Beacon Church of England Primary School and at Liverpool Philharmonic at the Friary.

Over 45% of children continue with In Harmony into secondary school, and 20 of these children have gone on to perform in Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Academy Orchestra, the National Youth Orchestra's *Inspire* programme and Sistema Europe Youth Orchestra.

On behalf of all children, families and staff at Everton Nursery, thank you to the wonderful musicians at In Harmony Liverpool who make these fantastic experiences possible for us all. Here's looking ahead to another successful and fun academic year with In Harmony.





# Heyworth Library

Hayley Dalton  
Early Childhood Educator

Throughout the term children have been choosing books to take home and read together with parents. You and your child can choose the book together from Heyworth library. Family workers have also supported children in choosing books from our library. The library is based in our extended two year old room in the Heyworth wing. The library is open to borrow books on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9 - 9.30am.

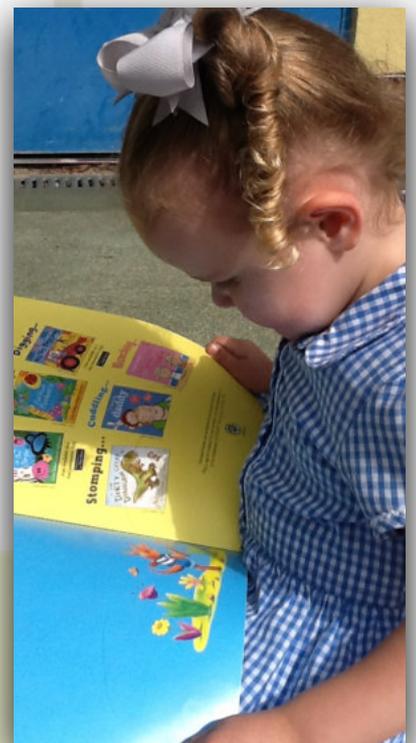
## Benefits of reading:

- Reading improves concentration.
- Reading relaxes the body and calms the mind.
- Reading exercises the brain.
- Reading helps children develop empathy.
- Reading helps a child's imagination.



## Reading with your children:

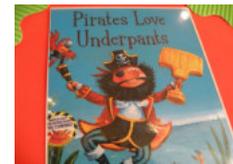
- Choose a **time of day** where you can relax with your child and enjoy a story. After school, during bath time and bedtime. There is no right time to read a book.
- **Encourage interaction.** When reading to your child pause every now and then and ask questions about the story.
- **Go to the library.** There is no need to go and buy expensive books, your local library has a lot of choice for children and they gain their own library card.
- **Talk about books.** After sharing a story together bring up in a conversation through the day. Compare a real life even to something that happened in the book.





# Toilet Training

Jade Dumbell  
Childrens Centre Deputy Coordinator



Toilet training is a stage of development and children need to learn how to do this in the same way as learning to walk and talk. Between 8-20 months children should be able to start communicating bladder and bowel movements. Between 16-26 months children should show awareness of bladder and bowel urges and when a potty/toilet is used for. There are a number of signs to look for to show that your child is starting to develop bladder control and is developmentally ready.

- They know when they have got a wet or soiled nappy
- They know when they need a 'wee' and may say so in advance
- Awareness of a soiled nappy and you may see them pulling a "pooh" face
- Wanting to be changed when wet and soiled (some children are quite happy in a wet/soiled nappy)
- Able to understand and follow simple instruction e.g. "Throw the ball"
- Able to remain dry for around 2 hours at a time
- Can do simple role play e.g. "feed the doll"

We would NOT recommend using pull ups at nursery as they can confuse children and they are an unnecessary expense. When starting nursery we would encourage you to bring plenty of spare underwear, clothing and shoes if your child has toilet accidents.

Top Tips for toilet training over the summer.

The summer holidays can be a great time to practise some of the skills needed for toilet training.

1. Try and establish the length of time it takes for your child to have a drink and then empty their bladder. If your child goes one hour without emptying their bladder this is a good indicator that they are ready and will help you plan for toilet visits when out and about.
2. Plan through the day set times to take your child to the toilet. If you ask your child "would you like to go to the toilet" you will most likely be met with a "No." It is important that you tell your child it is time for toilet "Toilet time".
3. Have toys/books in the bathroom or by potty that are for use at toilet time to help distract your child and help to keep calm in sometimes stressful situations.
4. Use lots of praise and encouragement "I'm so proud of you doing your 'wee' on the toilet". When your child has an accident simply say "Uh oh, you had an accident. Let's clean it up. Maybe next time you can do your wee on the toilet." If your child sits on the toilet and is unable to go still praise your child for trying.
5. Give you child the opportunity to practise pulling up and down their own trousers.

Give your child nappy free time each day as having a nappy on all day every day can delay toilet training as the nappies can be very absorbent.



# Spencer 3

Emma-Louise-Scott  
Spencer 3 Centre for Nurture Teacher

## Educational visits

Throughout this academic year Spencer 3 have taken part in an array of educational visits. These visits have been incorporated alongside their curriculum in order to enhance an aspect of the Development Matter's framework; Understanding the World.

During the Spring term Spencer 3 celebrated and learnt about Chinese New Year. In order to give a better insight into this celebration as a class we took a trip to China town. The children saw the many decorations, wall art, symbols and vibrant colours during this visit.



In China town Spencer 3 noticed the many lanterns in the streets which gave them inspiration to create their own Lanterns when we returned to school. This visit out gave Spencer 3 an experience to better their understanding of this cultural celebration.

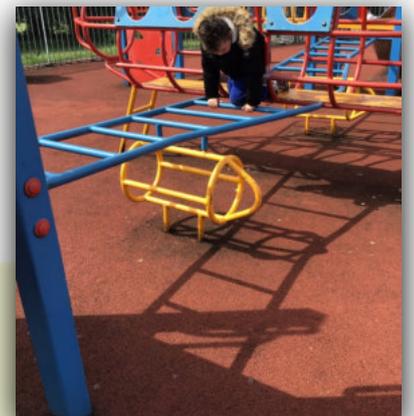


In the Summer term Spencer 3 have been exploring their local environment and utilising the local park. This visit out has involved many aspects including road safety as we walk from school to the park.

Spencer 3 have been learning about safely walking on the footpath beside a road, learning to safely cross a road and ensuring they are holding an adults hand and being sensible throughout. When

visiting the park Spencer 3 explored the different climbing equipment, swings, slides and roundabout.

Turn taking has been at the forefront of these visits out as only one person can go down the slide at a time.





# Spencer 3

Emma-Louise-Scott  
Spencer 3 Centre for Nurture Teacher



Most recently Spencer 3 visited the Philharmonic hall to listen to a performance by the Philharmonic Orchestra and a reading by Cerrie Burnell.

Spencer 3 travelled in the school minibus to the Philharmonic hall and settled in their seats for a gripping story telling with a difference. Cerrie Burnell shared her wonderful book "Mermaid" accompanied with a soundtrack performed live by the Philharmonic Orchestra.



After this performance Spencer 3 got a chance to meet some of the musicians from the Orchestra some of which were familiar faces from our In harmony sessions in school. This exciting afternoon was full of wonder, colours, stories and magical music.

# Everton Children's Centre



Paula Fagan  
Children's Centre Co-ordinator

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## Week commencing July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Monday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1.30pm – 2.30pm

**Fareshare Food Bank**

Tuesday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1pm – 2pm

**Under 1's Soft Play**

Thursday July 25<sup>th</sup> 11am – 1pm

**Campfire and Forest School**

Pool Sessions available daily 9.45-10.45am, 11.15-12.15pm, 1.15-2.15pm

## Week commencing July 29<sup>th</sup>

Tots in Harmony

**with the Philharmonic To Be Confirmed this week**

Tuesday July 30<sup>th</sup> 1pm – 2pm

**Under 1's Stay and Play**

Thursday August 1<sup>st</sup> 11.30am-1pm

**Teddy Bears Picnic, Stanley Park, Meet at Bandstand**

Pool Sessions available daily 9.45-10.45am, 11.15-12.15pm, 1.15-2.15pm

## Week commencing August 5<sup>th</sup>

Monday August 5<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm

**Acorn Farm at Everton / Pramathon at Stanley Park Bandstand 12.30-2pm**

Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup> 1pm – 2pm

**Under 1's Stay and Play**

Wednesday August 7<sup>th</sup> 1pm – 2pm

**Under 2's Soft Play**

Thursday August 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30am – 12.30pm

**Gardening activities with Ian the Gardener**

Pool Closed

## Week commencing August 12<sup>th</sup>

Monday August 12<sup>th</sup> 1pm – 3pm

**Fareshare Food Bank**

Tuesday August 13<sup>th</sup> 11am-12pm

**Lounge Room Lizards / Under 1's Stay and Play 1-2pm**

Wednesday August 14<sup>th</sup> 1 – 2pm

**Mini Movers Session**

Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup> 11.30 – 1pm

**Nature garden pond dipping / Bring a packed lunch**

Pool Sessions available daily 9.45-10.45am, 11.15-12.15pm, 1.15-2.15pm

## Week commencing August 19<sup>th</sup>

Monday August 19<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm – 2.30pm

**Fareshare Food Bank**

Tuesday August 20<sup>th</sup> 1pm-2pm

**Under 1's Stay and Play**

Wednesday August 21<sup>st</sup> 1 – 2pm

**Mini Sports Day**

Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup> 11.30 – 1pm

**Nature garden pond dipping / Bring a packed lunch**

Pool Closed

## Week commencing August 26<sup>th</sup>

Monday August 26<sup>th</sup>

**Bank Holiday (Centre Closed)**

Tuesday August 27<sup>th</sup> 1pm-2pm

**Under 1's Stay and Play**

Wednesday August 28<sup>th</sup> 11.30 – 1pm

**Teddy Bears Picnic, Everton Park. Meet at Centre**

Pool Closed

Activities are available for **children aged 5 and under**. We do allow children to attend with their younger sibling, but please be aware these activities are aimed at younger children and we do not have facilities for older children. Snack will be provided at each activity.



# Family Fun Day

**Angela Bithell**  
Early Intervention Family Worker

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## 6th July 2019

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July, the children's centre held a family fun day. The theme was forest school fun and pizza making. More than 20 families who live within the Everton area, including some who attend Everton Nursery School came to the fun day. Although it was

raining for some of the time, we still had time to explore the forest school, searching for bugs and other objects.



We made our own pizzas using muffin bases and a selection of ingredients, chosen individually by each child. We used onion, mushrooms, ham, cheese, mixed peppers and pineapple.



We also took part in physical activity by exploring the outdoor equipment including hula hoops, skipping ropes, balls and more.



**Don't forget the children's centre remains open during the summer look out for our summer timetable of activities.**

# Holiday Dates 2019 / 2020



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## Autumn Term 2019

Monday 2nd September  
Tuesday 3rd September  
Wednesday 4th September  
Thursday 5th September  
Friday 6th September

\*Inset Day School Closed  
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Monday 9th September  
Tuesday 10th September  
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November  
Friday 20th December

Children return to school  
New children start in groups  
Half Term - School Closed  
End of Autumn Term

## Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January  
17th - Friday 21st February  
Monday 6th April  
Tuesday 7th - Friday 17th April

Start of Spring Term Monday  
Half Term - School Closed  
End of Spring Term  
Spring Break - School Closed

## Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April  
Monday 4th May (To Be confirmed)  
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May  
Friday 17th July

Start of Summer Term  
Nursery Closed - May Bank Holiday  
Half Term - School Closed  
End of Academic Year

\*Inset Days are for staff training

