

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the 28th edition of the fortnightly Early Years Bulletin. The next Bulletin will be sent on October 23rd.

OFSTED

A new short video clip focusing on schools with provision for two year old children is here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1yBjKjEC-DI&list=PLLq-zBnUkspNNK54tPbRsr2SQT6z2mOI4&index=15>

SAFEGUARDING

Changes have just been announced about signing up to the DBS update service. This is strongly recommended but is no longer mandatory:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disclosure-and-barring-service-dbs-checks-for-childcare-providers-who-register-with-ofsted>

See this LSCB link to information about World Mental Health Day, which includes information on a course exploring the way parental mental health difficulties can impact on the lives of children and young people: <http://www.brightonandhovelscb.org.uk/world-mental-health-day/>

SEND

See the attached guide to Elizabeth Jarman's work on the impact of colour in the environment on those with and without SEND.

EQUALITIES AND INCLUSION

The FREE 2017 Black History Month family event is being held in the Dome café bar on Sunday October 15th: https://brightondome.org/event/14953/black_history_month_family_day/

HEALTH

A reminder of the need to raise awareness of CMV, or Cytomegalovirus. For more see:

<http://www.cmvaction.org.uk/working-small-children>. The National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (NICE) and Public Health England (PHE) recommend that children are taught the

importance of hand washing: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/teach-children-simple-hygiene-to-help-curb-infections>

FAMILY FINANCE

Please see the attached Brighton and Hove guide to Universal Credit.

EARLY YEARS PUPIL PREMIUM

Some important new policy-level research reports have been published, focusing on meeting the needs of disadvantaged children:

- the Sutton Trust, 'Closing Gaps Early': <https://www.suttontrust.com/research-paper/closing-gaps-early/>
- the Early Intervention Foundation, 'Language as a Child Wellbeing Indicator': <http://www.eif.org.uk/publication/language-as-a-child-wellbeing-indicator/>

EYFS TEACHING AND LEARNING

Literacy – a chance to win a Singing in the Rain book:

<http://www.worldbookday.com/competitions/singing-rain-competition/>

Understanding the World - mud kitchen....mud lab? Before you're tempted to hibernate this autumn, have a look at the inspiring Muddy Faces facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/MuddyFaces>

Expressive arts - stay outside to explore sound: https://www.teachwire.net/news/explore-music-outdoor-learning-early-years?utm_source=TEYweekly&utm_medium=20171006&utm_campaign=weekly

Interested in developing thrifty Reggio-inspired EYFS environments? See the 3rd October posting on this facebook page by Your Nursery in Manchester :

<https://www.facebook.com/Your.Nursery.Limited/>

POINTS FROM OFSTED REPORTS 2016-7

See the attached notes, collated to address the frequent recommendation from Ofsted last year that settings improve their ability to extend children's learning through high quality interactions.

APPRENTICESHIP FAIR

An apprenticeship fair is being held on Tuesday 7 November, 4pm – 6pm at Hove Town Hall. The aim of the event is to provide schools and early years settings an opportunity to find out more about apprenticeships by speaking with providers about apprenticeships,

speaking to a range of training providers about the variety of apprenticeships that are offered, talking to providers about their opportunities now and plans for the future and finding out what 20% 'off the job' training looks like. More information about the event is [here](#)

NETWORK MEETINGS

Follow the links to book your place: <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/children-and-education/working-childcare/working-early-years-foundation-stage>

Best regards,

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