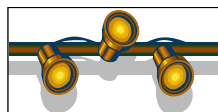




Trinket Box Newsletter

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Thursday 3rd May—
Gemas Farm visit (see email)
- Tuesday 8th May- we will be closed for staff training.



'Hi Ho, Hi Ho, Off To School You Go!

The next chapter of your child's life is close to starting as you now learn their allocated school place.

In the coming months we will work closely with your child's planned school so please let us know should your child be off to another school other than Thorpe Greenways. This will allow us to contact the school to discuss whether they wish to visit us at Trinket Box as part of a transition programme. It will also allow us to liaise with them regarding transfer of your child's learning journey.

As you can appreciate we mainly feed our children into Thorpe Greenways so we work closely with the school regarding transition. We try to ensure that children have at least one friend within their class and in past experience there tends to be at least 10-12 Trinket Box children in each of the 5 classes.

We will advise the school should your child have any allergies or medical conditions but please ensure that you also make them fully aware during the enrolment process.

Staff Members of the Month

If you feel that a member of staff has gone over and above the norm please nominate them for 'Staff Member of the Month'.

The Committee takes into consideration all the nominations and then awards two staff members with the title. Your input DOES count. ALL nominations are read and shared. Nominations can be made using the nomination slips in the foyer, or by email to annabel@thetrinket.org.uk or natalie@thetrinket.org.uk.

The last staff members selected were Tabitha Singh and Joanna Hoiles.

Well done to all staff concerned but I hope you all agree that we have a fabulous team who work very hard here at Trinket Box!



THUMBS UP FOR EXTRA FOREST SCHOOL

This is the first year that we have offered the facility of extra Forest School sessions with Kealey Kangaroo and take up has been really good.

This outdoor learning experience is a firm favourite amongst the school leaving children so please ensure your child isn't missing out! Kealey will build on your child's existing knowledge with other fabulous first hand experiences like growing fruit and veg and watching our very own frog spawn hatch! Pure awe and wonder experiences!

The cost of the extra sessions are £20 for 6 if these are accessed within your child's existing attendance pattern. If you prefer to pay for an additional session per week to incorporate forest school this will cost £60 for 6 sessions (the sessions will last approx. 2 hours each). Please let Natalie know should you be interested in either of these options (natalie@thetrinket.org.uk)



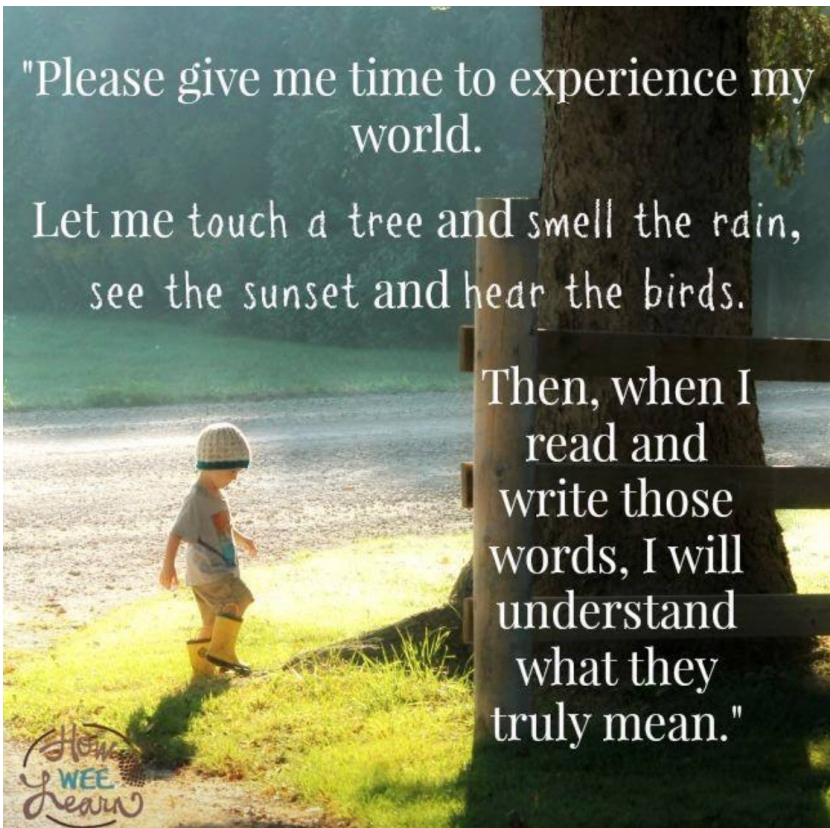
QUOTE CORNER— THE POWER OF NATURE

"Please give me time to experience my world.

Let me touch a tree and smell the rain,
see the sunset and hear the birds.

Then, when I read and write those words, I will understand what they truly mean."

At Trinket Box, we appreciate the importance of children being outside in nature. Along with our Forest School sessions, we have an 'all weather outdoor' policy and the children are allowed to access our garden at any time. Experiences outside help to develop children's senses, enrich their vocabulary, develop their physical abilities and encourage a knowledge of their outside world.



FABULOUS FUNDRAISING!

We've had some fantastic grids returned for our Easter 'Find the item' and you have definitely interpreted the items well! We hope that this was an enjoyable activity for the children and we hope to use funds raised to purchase some other nice new resources for our new book corner.

Over the Easter break, our computer stations have been moved and refitted in a more child friendly way. The old computer station area is in the process of being transformed into a cosy new book area and we have purchased some lovely activity panels for the children to explore.

With daily wear and tear and the number of daily attendees, we are continually renewing our toys and storage to ensure that our high safety standards are maintained. Therefore we are always fundraising but we hope that you agree that our fundraisers are fun and unique. If any parents have any fundraising suggestions, please feel free to contact the committee on committee@thetrinket.org.uk to put your ideas forward.



HERE COMES THE
SUN....LA,LA,LA,LA!



It looks like Spring has finally sprung! We would just like to remind you that with the nice weather, it is important that your child has **sun cream** applied prior to attending Trinket Box, and a supply in their bag if they attend all day. Also, in the nice weather, we know it's cooler to be wearing sandals but for safety reasons, we ask that your child wears **shoes with covered in toes**, e.g. The 'croc' style shoe. And finally, please ensure your child has a **sun hat** which is labelled. You can still purchase one of our hats for £3.50 if you prefer.



COMMITTEE FOCUS— FULL STEAM AHEAD!



It's been another busy term for the Trinket Box team. We had John Gardiner in from JKG Karate, he was a great hit amongst the older children and they even learnt to count to 5 in Japanese...

Our Easter raffle was very popular and we are very pleased to announce that we raised a whopping £261. Thanks you to everyone who took part. Congratulations to you all the lucky winners! We just want to take this opportunity in thanking the following organisations for so many generous donations, ASDA Shoebury, Sweet as Chocolate, Sweet Treats, Bow Stiles, Argosy Toys, Deb's Sweet Treats, Talia Tales, Banham Balloons & Sweeties Darling, a number of these are small local businesses, so any support you can reciprocate would be gratefully received, and finally a massive well done to Sonia for working like the Easter Bunny in the background, to make it such a success.

In our last newsletter, we touched upon our potential future events we had in the pipeline, as a committee. I am pleased to say we are holding a "Trinket Box Golf Society Event" on Sunday 6th May at Ballards Gore, Rochford. So please dust your clubs off and get involved, the event is open to any abilities!

We have also managed to secure The Pipe Of Port on the evening of Thursday 17th May for our wine & cheese tasting, so please come along and have a tippie or two...flyers will be going out in the children bags week commencing Monday 16th April and tickets are also available from this date. For more information on either of these events, please take a look at our Facebook page.

We would like to ask parents if they do have any used bottle corks, could they please bring them in and give them to Annabel, as we can use them for our fundraising event at The Pipe of Port (Wine & cheese tasting)

Finally a huge thank you and farewell is needed to Joss, Kelly & Kate (Secretary) for all their hard work they have put in over the years to help run our Committee. Thank you ladies! Without your involvement, we wouldn't be where we are today. We wish you all the very best of luck in the future.

Until next time, ichi, ni, san, shi, go !

Nicola O'Connor
Trinket Box Committee

