

# End of Term Newsletter



9<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Our final newsletter for this term, and indeed the year. I cannot believe how the second half of the term is rushing past so quickly and that Christmas is almost upon us.

## NOTICES.

### **Last Day of Term**

If ALL CHILDREN and parents from both schools could come to Edgware on 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am, the show will then start at 10:00am sharp. The raffle will be at 11am. The children who finish at 12pm can leave with their parents after the show and raffle from Edgware. The children who stay for the afternoon session can come back to Mill Hill for the afternoon as usual.

### **Step By Step Montessori Mill Hill**

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December we are having the children's Christmas party in the morning followed with a special Christmas lunch.

### **Step By Step Montessori Edgware**

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December we will have our children's Christmas party with lots of party games and refreshments.

### **Christmas Holidays**

We break up at the usual time on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The children return back to the Montessori on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017**. We take this opportunity to wish all our parents/carers and children a very merry Christmas and a very happy new year. We hope you have a wonderful time with your families.

## AN INSIGHT INTO THE CLASSROOMS

### **Children's House – Mill Hill**

*Sabeen Nanji*

Thirteen weeks have passed so quickly and we are now in our final week of the term. What a journey it has been for both the children and the staff over this time. This has been my first term in my new position as the manager of the Mill Hill branch, as well as the lead directress in this classroom. I hope I have managed to build on the successful foundations my mum and other staff have laid over thirteen dedicated years.

It was a lovely start to the term as most of the children who were in my class in Edgware moved with me here too! It has been a real privilege to observe the children's response to this specially prepared environment and see how all the children have flourished an enormous amount in just a short span of time. I truly believe we are providing the children an education for life, not just preparing the children for the next school. The skills they learn here are intellectual and practical. We help to direct their creative energies towards constructive activities which lead them to develop concentration. Most importantly, we are striving to develop each child's mental attitude – their perseverance, their courage, their motivation, their compassion, their attitude towards a challenge. These will truly serve them for life. Have a look at Carol Dweck's Ted talk to understand further why our mental attitudes are so important and how they are nurtured in childhood:

[https://www.ted.com/talks/carol\\_dweck\\_the\\_power\\_of\\_believing\\_that\\_you\\_can\\_improve](https://www.ted.com/talks/carol_dweck_the_power_of_believing_that_you_can_improve)

I wish you all a peaceful and restful holiday.



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## Children's House – Edgware Large Hall

*Ruchita Sharma*

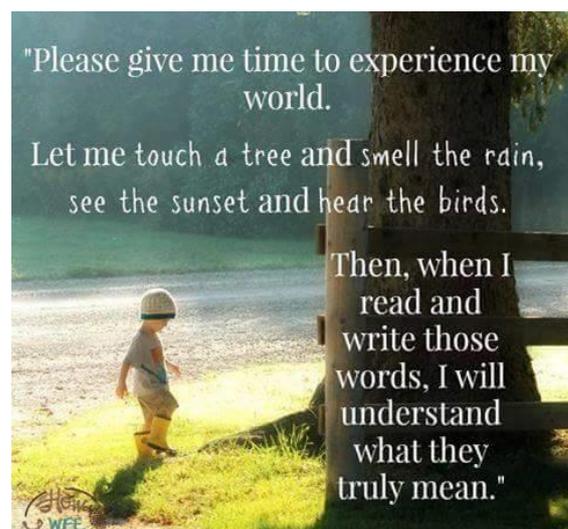
The children have really enjoyed all the festive activities we have done this week. We cannot believe that the end of term is already here. Some of our children from the toddler class will be moving from their room to our class in the spring term. We welcome all the new children in both the classes who are joining us in the New Year. The children are continuing to work for the Christmas concert and we hope you enjoy it. We are very proud of all the effort they are making in practicing singing the Christmas carols.

As always, please could you make sure that your child's clothing is named, so that we can re-unite any lost property with the children it belongs to straight away. Also please avoid coming late as it disrupts the whole class when children come in late. Some parents are also sending toys with their children which is very difficult for us to look after as we have no storage facility here as we pack away every day.

## Infant Community – Edgware Small Hall

*Kay Nanji*

It's been another busy week in the classroom. The children have been learning about different cultures and celebrations. They enjoyed learning about hibernating animals and we did lots of festive activities with them. As we approach the end of the term we would like to wish a very Merry Christmas to all those celebrating. We hope that everyone enjoys the break and we look forward to seeing you all back in the New Year. Thank you once again for all your support the children have had a very productive term and we wish you all a restful break. We hope the holidays are filled with lots of cherished memories and see you all in the New Year.



Warm wishes for the holidays,

Kay, Sabeen & Staff

