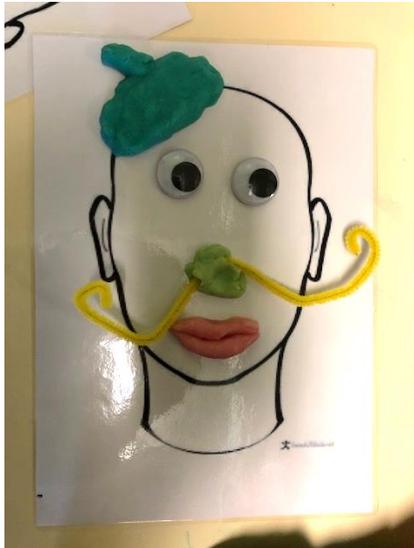


MELROSE PARK OSHC BLOG

Term 1 Week 5



OUR WEEK AT OSHC

We began the week by asking What makes you happy?

The children pondered this question then gave answers such as Ruby's reply "Unicorns" Gemma and Githanjali both agreed dogs made them feel very happy and Neve answered "Rolling around in the grass and jumping in the rain". The children used these sources of happiness as inspiration to paint a picture that would make them feel happy! That afternoon the group made stress balls for those times in life when things get hard. Using balloons and funnel the children choose between flour and rice to add to their stress ball. They added funny faces to the balloons with markers to make them individual. Rosie created a stress ball for each of her friends.

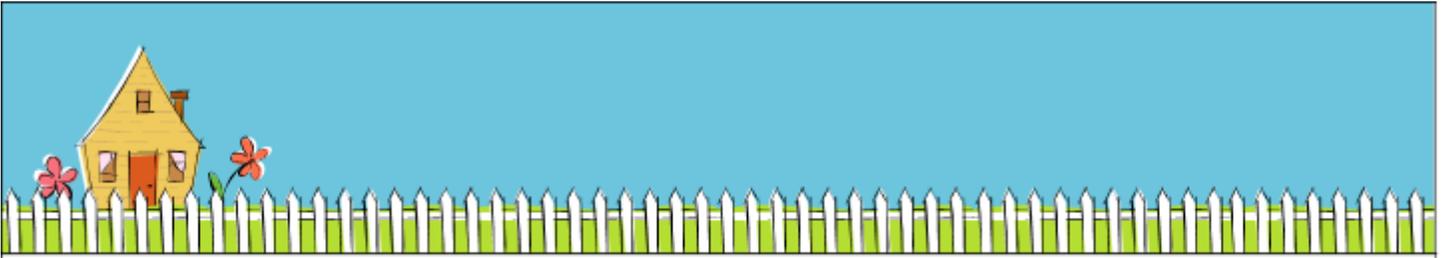
On Tuesday the children explored their sense of smell whilst using scented paints. The children discussed the smells they enjoyed and the ones they did not favor as much as they painted a colorful picture of fruit. The children attempted to smell and match the scent to the fruit it came from.

In the afternoon the children created aromatherapy playdough. The children took turns adding ingredients to a large bowl to be mixed together. It was then time to add the scents. The children choose vanilla, mint and cinnamon. The children endeavored to match scents to colours.

Wednesday, the children re used the scented play dough to create faces. Using the outline of a face as a guide the group got creative adding eyes, hair, hats, mustaches, eye brows, noses and mouths. Matilda created a replica of her dad giving him a beret and moustache. Mia created an imaginary friend that has magic powers!

That afternoon, the children made calm jars that work on the concept of blending two liquids by shaking them when you feel sad or angry. Whilst the liquids settle again a sense of calm should begin to emerge. Each child chose different colour's and some choose to add glitter to personalize their calm jar.





Thursday, we mixed colours using paper plates. Each child chose a selection of colours and using a spoon scooped a small amount onto the back of a paper plate. On completing this they stuck a second paper plate on top and rubbed the two plates together to blend the colours. This also created a cool pattern. There were some pretty interesting colour combinations as the children are learning about primary colour mixing.

That afternoon the group experimented with bicarb soda, food dye and vinegar. Using a dropper, the children squeezed up some coloured vinegar and squirted it down onto their bicarb soda. They watched in awe as the vinegar bubbled up as they sprinkled on bicarb soda. Nate and Sebastian attempted to make a volcano on their paper which proved to be as messy as it was fun.

Friday, was another day of experimentation this time using shaving cream and food dye. After filling a tub with shaving cream, the children worked together using droppers to add food colouring to the shaving cream. Using a thin paint brush the children swirled the colour into the shaving cream, placed a piece of paper on top of the cream then scraped the excess shaving cream from their paper creating a marble effect paper. Millie and Ned help to lead the activity by directing their peers. In the afternoon the group got messy and explored sensory fun! The children worked in pairs and after sticking bubble wrap to their feet, the children painted each others bubble wrap shoes in bright colours. Next, they stomped, jumped and twirled on the long paper roll. Lincoln and Thomas told the group they had the biggest feet and would make huge foot prints. Ella and Megan laughed as they jumped and commented that they could feel the bubbles popping. As a follow up Ava and Ariana asked if they could do the activity again but cover their hands next time.

It's been another fun filled week at OSHC!



