

# MELROSE PARK OSHC BLOG

Term 1 Week 9

## DEAR PARENTS

Just a reminder to fill in permission slips for vacation care by 29.3.19. Places are still available for week 2 and pirate day week 1.

The fruit of the week was dragon fruit, which turned out to be very difficult to find! After a last-minute dash to the shop the fruit of the week became Raspberries which most of the children enjoyed. The group have a voting form so they can be the decision makers for the fruit of week in the future.

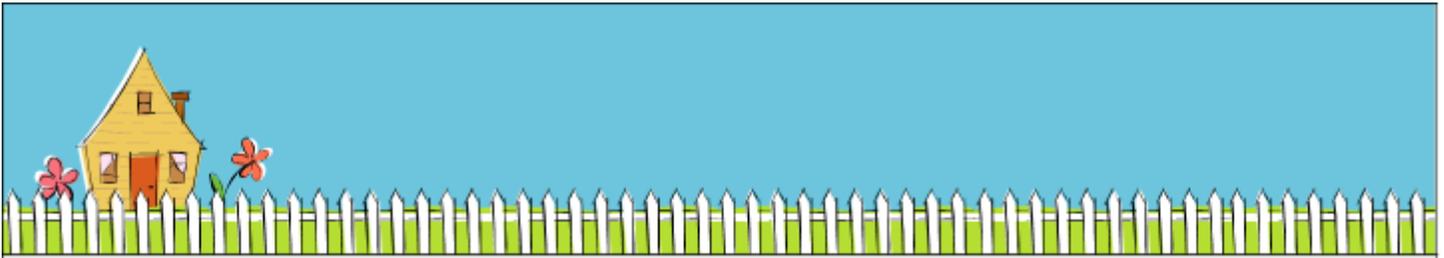


## OUR WEEK AT OSHC

Monday, the children began the week with a lentil exploration craft. The children used a mandala print out as a guide for patterning using different coloured lentils and rice. That afternoon the group experimented with oil and water using the two liquids to paint. Using a large tray, the children helped to fill the tray with cool water. They then added a few drops of food colouring. Next using droppers, the children added oil along the surface of the water. The two liquids remained separate, and the children watched as the oil moved along the water in bubbles. They then used a plain piece of paper and gently laid it upon the surface of the water. The oil and water created an interesting pattern along the paper with help of food dye adding bright colours. The children loved this activity and most stayed to make several oil and water paintings.

Tuesday the children created rain sticks. The group used scented paints to colour the outside of the cardboard in patterns and shapes. The children then used a spoon to scoop lentils inside their rain stick. They questioned what the lentils were? How were they cooked? And what did they taste like? When the stick was finished they made a peaceful rain like noise. That afternoon the group built their fine motor skills by snapping paint covered rubber bands. The concept behind the snap was creating a splatter effect on their paper.

Wednesday the children were invited to create water circle paintings. They began by searching for circle shape objects in the room to trace around. When they had covered their paper in circles, they used water paints to fill in each circle, making each circle a different colour. That afternoon the group celebrated the changing of the season with autumn leaves painting. The children began by painting a tree, then using a bent cardboard tube, orange yellow and red paints the children created leaves on and falling from the trees. It is the perfect addition to decorate the OSHC room.



Thursday was a lot of fun as the children choose their paint colours and even experimented with mixing colours together to create the perfect doughnut colour. The group decorated their doughnuts with swirls, stars and even sequins. They looked a treat!

That afternoon coach James visited the children to continue Tennis lessons. The children enjoyed a game of champions and skittles. When they had finished tennis, the group sat down to an experimental painting. Using salt and glue, the children created patterns and words with the glue on the paper. Next, they sprinkled salt over the glue and gave it a shake to remove the excess salt. Lastly the children used water paints to colour the salt.



Friday!! The children were energised and ready to create! The group started with wind sock construction and painting. The children made their own designs for the outside of the wind sock. Then when it was dry added the streamers, another bright addition to the OSHC room. The children discovered some of the rain sticks that had been made earlier in the week and asked to take part in creating one of their own. So, they were given cardboard tubes, paint and lentils and creative freedom to make their own rain sticks.

That afternoon the group got busy in the kitchen to make a yummy Friday afternoon treat of rice bubble slice! The children helped to add, mix and distribute the ingredients. The children once again were reminded of working cooperatively and taking turns. The Melrose park OSHC children appear to love cooking and ask every week if they can cook something new!



