

MELROSE PARK OSHC BLOG

Term 3 Week 6

DEAR PARENTS

Our lost and left behind water bottle collection continues to grow in numbers, if your child has lost a bottle please collect them from under the touch screen. Bottles that are left behind at the end of term will go in the bin.



OUR WEEK AT OSHC

We began our week at OSHC with Father's Day craft, as it's time to celebrate the wonderful men who created us! The children thought of all of the unique things that they love about their dads and what makes them special from the way they sing along to Taylor Swift songs in the car, to refereeing their sports games. A big thank you to all of the dads who are supporting these wonderful OSHC children! The hand ball competition was postponed due to the weather man forecasting rain, as the rain was a no show the children proceeded to practice and refine those gross motor skills and hand eye coordination that may win them a prize in next weeks hand ball competition (Weather permitting).

That afternoon a group of children made a very impressive fort from the stick and ball construction which was cleverly designed and executed (See pictures attached to be impressed). The group went back to the kitchen for their weekly cooking activity, this time making cupcakes as the children have been asking to create this yummy treat for weeks. The children have shown an interest in creating cupcakes in the sandpit and home corner so it was time to let them try it in the kitchen! The group enjoyed decorating the cupcakes using icing and fruit!

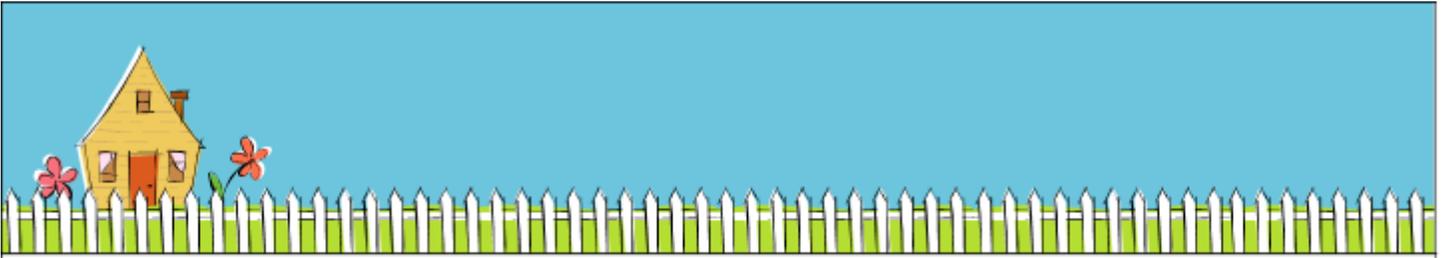
Tuesday morning was all about painting. Using paint pens of various colours the children used their creativity and imagination skills to craft pieces of art. They particularly enjoyed mixing the colours together and painting on one side of the paper and then folding it over to create a mirror effect. The children showed a great interest in experimenting with the paint pens in various ways to create different effects on their paper. Games of chess have increased in popularity during OSHC mornings with many of children opting to compete against each other.

The afternoon was spent outdoors! Many of the children enjoyed playing ball games, skipping, handball and imaginative play. The sandpit has been a bit hit with the children where they have been creating a 'mini MasterChef' game designing various meals with the sandpit tools. The role of the judge is often rotated among the children where they are given a topic in which they must design their "sand" meals around. The ball and stick game has been coming outside most afternoons where the children often challenge themselves in creating and building forts in which they can play in.

Wednesday morning the children continued creating Father's Day gift items including cards and drink coasters. Using foam sponge prints and a little bit of water the sponges would stick together allowing the children to create various shapes, buildings and letters. The group started a competition between themselves on who could build the largest tower or craft their name with the foam shapes first. Great interest was shown in making figures of the OSHC educators (see photo attached for great resemblance).

Wednesday afternoons are spent learning the skills of Volleyball. Coach Kyle assists in building the children's awareness and understanding of the sport. Years K-2 played games of dodgeball to build their hand eye coordination, balance and dodging skills. The older children in years 3-6 played games of Volleyball and Newcombball. Teams are evenly split where each child has a position in which they rotate to ensure all get the chance to serve and play front and back positions. The children have particularly been enjoying the OSHC educators participating in the games.



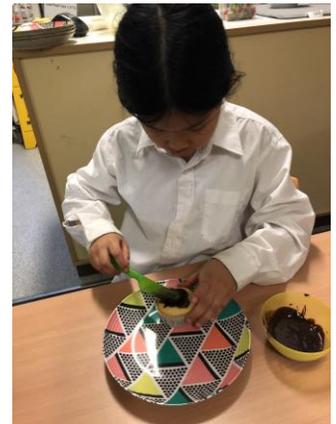


Thursday morning involved a continuation of Father's Day craft. The children have enjoyed creating special and unique gifts for their Fathers, grandfathers and any other special men in their lives.

That afternoon OSHC stayed inside where free play, colouring in, slime and a movie was offered due to wet weather. Many opted to create slime from scratch using Psyllium husk, water and food colouring. Aliens in the Attic was the movie chosen for the afternoon.



Friday the children were thrilled to be having waffles for breakfast, which was voted the most popular choice the week prior. The children assisted to make their own breakfast by helping to cut up fruits to accompany the waffles, getting plates and cutlery from the cupboard and helping to serve each other. Today was also the last day to finish off Father's Day craft, the older children took this opportunity to help their younger peers by giving them ideas and helping them with the spelling of the words they wanted written on their cards. The children used the foam noodles to construct with, this activity has proven very popular and the children continue to get more and more creative with what they can build.



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