

MELROSE PARK OSHC BLOG

Term 3 Week 7



OUR WEEK AT OSHC



Monday was a fun filled morning as the children made their own freshly squeezed orange juice. The children used a hand held juicer to squeeze the juice from orange halves and poured it into a jug for sharing. The children enjoyed this so much that they have asked to do it again and will be participating in a lemonade making activity in the coming weeks. It was also the day of the much-awaited handball competition!! The children were ready after weeks of practice and were ready to play by the agreed upon rules. The group cheered on as the competitions ran, the children encouraged and supported each other and the overall winner was Marcus!! We also had chocolate prizes donated by a parent for the best cheering, the best sportsmanship and a referee award for our very helpful refs Natasha and Gemma who helped to ensure the games were fair. Whilst some were enthused by the competitive nature of handball, others preferred to create using their hands and clay. The group molded and sculpted the clay to create bowls, animals and statues all of which they have asked to paint in the coming week.



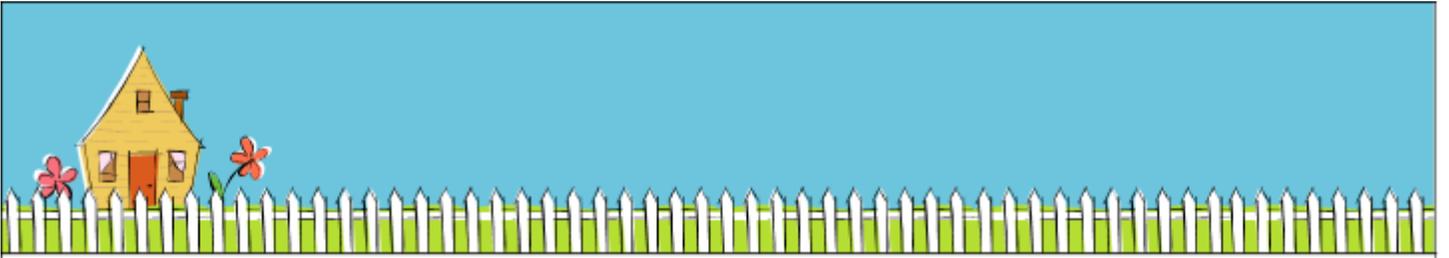
Tuesday morning started off great as the children were really excited to use the water colour paints to create an amazing resist painting image. The children drew a picture first in crayon and then chose from a variety of water colours to paint over the top. The children loved that they could still see the original drawing. Many students stayed and made multiple artworks. While some children loved the artwork activity, others got very involved in imaginary play with the shop.

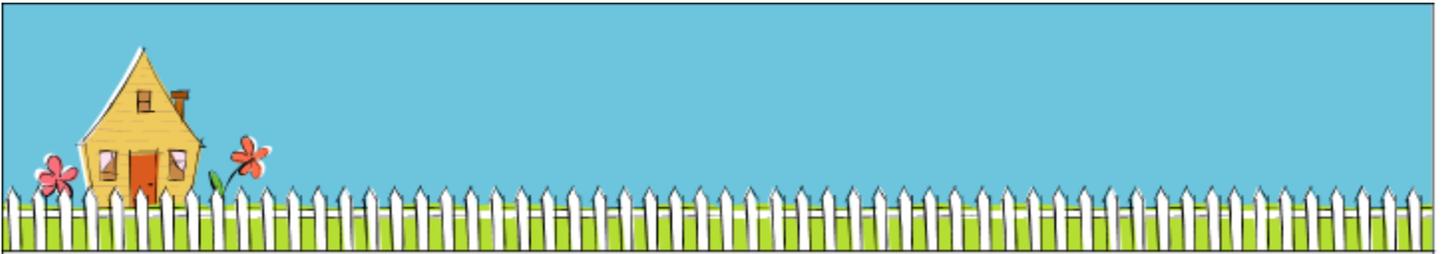


That afternoon the children were very excited to go outside and play. Majority of students loved playing in the sandpit. We had a great time outside digging and building little cities for all the children to live in. It was great to see all the children getting involved and working with each other. Further into the afternoon some of the children painted with a variety of different coloured paints.



Wednesday morning was all about stamping. The children were very excited to use the stamps and the new stamp pads to create a card or a picture. The children had great conversations at the table and they all got along so well. The children created amazing artworks and got very creative making full pictures out of a variety of stamps. The fruit of the week this week was dried mango which the majority of the children enjoyed!



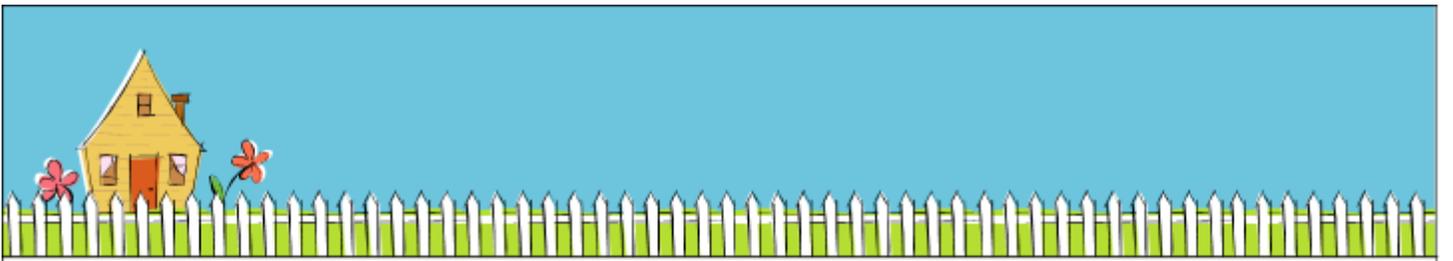


Thursday morning began with the children playing with Poly Dough. The children particularly enjoyed the sensory aspect of this activity since poly dough is a unique and creative building substance where the children were able to build and shape 3D multi-coloured designs. At one stage the children combined their Poly Dough together to create a large pizza. Many chose to create designs of snowmen, balls and love hearts. Many of the students have shown a particular interest in quiet morning activities such as chess and playing games of giant UNO. The children also had the option of playing ball games outside such as one bounce, handball and basketball.

The afternoon was spent outside on the oval and the equipment. Many of the children enjoyed playing mini MasterChef in the sandpit and creating and designing their own homes. Other children took an interest in playing with the skipping ropes and games of soccer. The volleyball net was asked to come out by the children due to their interest in the sport from Wednesday afternoons which are dedicated to enhancing their volleyball skills. In teams the children used their hand eye coordination, dodging and catching skills to play both newcombball and volleyball. They particularly enjoyed splitting the teams into genders where there was a girls versus boys competition. Later in the afternoon some children decided to come inside to participate in a collaborative art activity. This involved a large sheet of paper where the children thought of a design in which they would all participate in creating. "Mystic Jungle" was chosen as their design topic including animals such as lions, tigers and turtles. Given the mystery aspect of their topic many children enjoyed creating weird and wonderful creatures where they would mix up different animal body parts.

Friday the children helped out in the kitchen making special breakfast which consisted of pikelets, juice, yoghurt and granola. The children have been learning to serve the food to each other, use spreads and dish out portions whilst maintaining hygiene standards. They are becoming increasingly responsible for mealtimes and are developing a sense of care for others as they share jobs between each other. Also, on offer in the morning was a self-guided collaging activity using florals and coloured paper shapes. The group engaged in ball games including hand ball and one bounce to finish off the morning. An interest that the children have been exploring this week is loom bands and Friday afternoon the children took to creating the longest loom band chain possible.





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