

MELROSE PARK OSHC BLOG

Term 4 Week 1



OUR WEEK AT OSHC

Our first day back at school began on Monday morning. The children were excited to be back with their friends and ready for another term of learning. The children participated in craft activities, boardgames and outdoor play activities. Using cupcake wrappers of various colours and shapes the children created a collage artwork. It was great to see the children use their imagination and creativity skills to produce artworks that were all unique and different in their own way. Many of the children enjoyed playing outdoor games such one bounce and handball.

In the afternoon using clay the children were allowed to express their creative freedom through creating objects, shapes and different designs. Popular designs included making animals and stationary items such as a pencil holder. Once their design had been created, they then decorated them with gemstones.

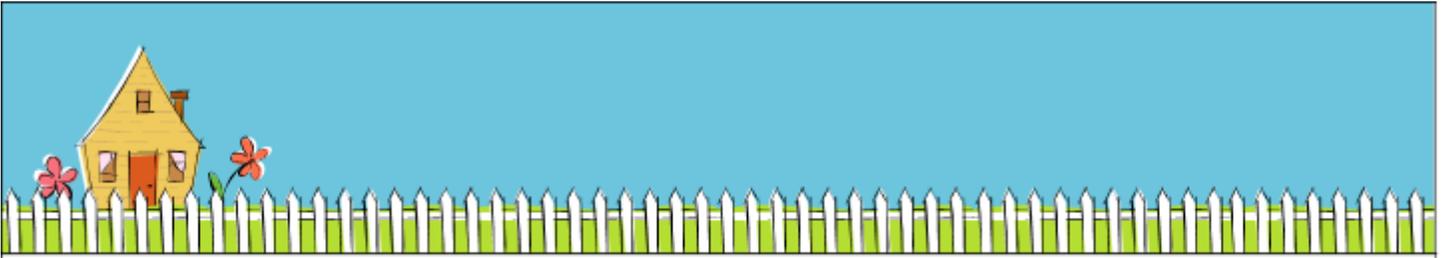
Tuesday morning consisted of painting with a twist. Rather than using a typical paintbrush the children used foam sponges and rollers that were of various letters and designs. Dipping their sponges into the paint they were able to utilise the letters to spell their names or the roller designs to print patterns such as love hearts and stripes onto their artworks.

The afternoon was spent outside on the equipment, oval and sandpit. The children are continuing to enjoy playing in the sandpit each afternoon where 'mini Masterchef' has continued to persist as a popular activity. In teams the children create various food items using sand, based on a food type that then get assessed by the 'judge'. Imaginative play and outdoor sport activities such as soccer, skipping and handball have been enjoyed by all children.

Beading was Wednesday morning's craft activity since the children have shown a particular interest in this since Vacation Care. Using their fine motor skills, the children carefully place beads on numerous template designs such as squares, stars, love hearts and dolphins. Once all the beads had been placed, they were then ironed to stick them together so the designs could be taken home.

In the afternoon the children have enjoyed playing with large bubble sticks. They alternate turns to ensure each child has an equal turn and while waiting the other children often try to catch and pop the other bubbles.





Thursday morning craft was shaving cream painting. Shaving cream was placed into a tray with food colouring which was then mixed to create a colourful design (see attached pictures). Plain paper was then placed into the bowl which resulted in a beautiful and very colourful artwork design. It was a process that the children thoroughly enjoyed (due to the messy nature of it). However, whilst the activity was messy it was greatly enjoyed by all the children where many of them expressed interest in wanting to do it again in the future.

Thursday afternoon the children continued sculpting using the clay and will paint their creations when they dry. The children made a variety of Halloween themed clay creations as they get excited for the approaching celebration.

Friday morning the children moved between the activities of foam alive, stretchy goo and collaging! Foam alive is a sensory material that can be moulded, stretched and shaped, the children used the ice cream cones and scoops to create pretend ice cream using the foam alive. They enjoyed the special breakfast of granola, yoghurt and fresh fruits as a healthy start to the day!

Friday afternoon the group used the spray paint bottles to paint fluro pictures that look amazing and are hanging up in the OSHC room. The group also worked with coloured clay and created unicorns, rainbows and animals!



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