

# MELROSE PARK OSHC BLOG

Term 4 Week 6

## DEAR PARENTS



## OUR WEEK AT OSHC

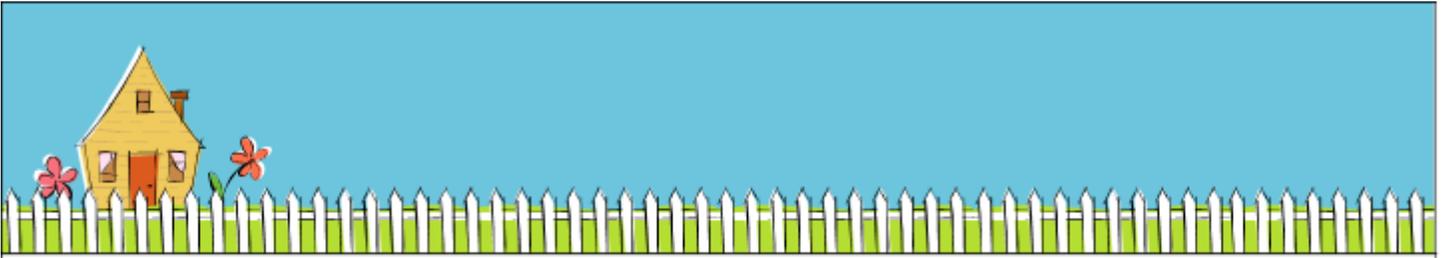


The children began Week 6 with creating a rainbow using scented / fluoro paints with cotton tips. Each child painted a different version of a rainbow and it was great to see the individual creativity of the children. Some chose to design their rainbow with traditional colours such as red, yellow, pink, green, purple, orange and blue whilst others steered away from this and rather chose to differentiate their designs from the norm. A new toy was introduced to OSHC this morning which the children are very excited about. A farm and animal set consisting of barns, horses, cows and stables allow the children to further enhance their imaginative play using the animal and building structures.

The afternoon was spent outside enjoying the beautiful warm weather. The children played games such as soccer, handball, sandpit play and were able to enjoy free play on the equipment. Craft for the afternoon consisted of art stencils in which the children used a straw and paint to blow the paint onto the stencil to produce a beautiful pattern or design. This activity was all about experimentation where the children were challenged in figuring out the best way to blow the paint to ensure their design would turn out the way in which they envisioned it would. Brightly coloured artwork was created in shapes such as butterflies, fish, air balloons, palm trees, pirate ships and dolphins.

Tuesday morning the children played with polydough. Polydough is a unique and creative building substance that lets the children build and shape 3D multi-coloured designs. The children particularly like this activity as it doesn't crumble or stick and it doesn't require glue to bind it together. Yet the elastic nature of the dough makes it ideal for sculpting cool shapes! The children enjoyed creating shapes such as snowman, balls and using playdough tools and stencils to create shapes of various animals.

Considering the afternoon was a sweltering 30 degrees the children were treated to a fun afternoon involving water. By submerging their feet in water and enjoying ice blocks the children enjoyed cooling themselves down and sensory play with the water. Many of the children enjoyed adding artificial plants, and using the sandpit toys such as pans, bowls, cups and spoons. Other children opted to stay inside and play board games, imaginative play or read.



Wednesday morning the children collaboratively made a flower chain using paper and glue sticks. By cutting strips of paper using various colours the children crafted a flower shape and then added green chains to attach the flowers. The children would often assist others in creating their flowers and were very fair in allowing each child to contribute to the chain. Outdoor play such as handball, one bounce and the equipment were offered to the children. Indoor games consisted of cards, playing with the glow track and reading. Many children have taken an interest in learning and creating paper planes and using them to have flying competitions with their peers.



Thursday the children painted on large sheets of paper as a group, using sponges and paint brushes. The children played a game of pyramid and Jenga or moved to the library for stick and ball construction. That afternoon the group used neon paint to make butterflies, this is done by folding the paper in half, painting one side then rubbing the two sides together, which creates a mirror image.

Friday the special breakfast was waffles, Gemma helped to serve her friends their food as she wanted to be the waitress for the morning. The children participated in outdoor play involving the game one bounce which requires the skills of hand eye coordination and gross motor skills. The children are being encouraged to participate in group sports in a fair and respectful manner as all children deserve the chance to build their skills, self-confidence and enjoy their sporting experience.



Quick look at our program for  
the following week!

## Monday

- Poly dough play
- Ice cube paintings

## Tuesday

- Loom bands
- Christmas craft
- Soccer with coach Chris

## Thursday

- Putting up the Christmas tree!
- Making flavoured ice cubes to add to our water jugs

## Wednesday

- Poster art
- Recycled craft

## Friday

- Christmas craft Santa's
- Christmas craft angels