

DAILY UPDATE

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SANDY'S DAILY MESSAGE

By the time you read this update, you would have received a letter in respect of the election of a parent governor for the school.

As from September, both the primary and secondary schools will have a joint governing body.

We are looking for someone to replace our existing Parent Governor, Lily Nwosu, as Sydney will be moving onto a new secondary school at the end of the academic year and we will need someone to replace her from September.

It creates a wonderful opportunity for any parent that is interested in this important role supporting the school and helping set the direction, policies and objectives.

You will be the voice of the parents and give that perspective to the body as a whole and will be

play a major part in ensuring we continue to 'link hands to reach every child's potential'

Anyone who is interested, but would like to learn more about the role, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Susanne Wicks, OHCAT's Governance Manager on 07795 606 346.

Sandy

ACTIVITIES / LINKS THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL

Rebecca has sent the following message:

Hello everyone,

I expect you're missing some of our favourite activities in the Art Room? Here are some hot tips about a couple of our most delighted upon consumable resources, **Foam** and **Gloop**.

Delighted upon on sensory levels, creatively and with science and imaginative experimentation in mind too. Even the most 'wet and

sticky mess' averse children are drawn to, and creatively engaged by these two resources: because they surprise and entertain so well. Have other things at the ready to introduce to foam and gloop and let the playful learning journeying begin!

We thoroughly recommend '**Kids Stuff Crazy Soap**'...foam that you can mould and sculpt.

It's like shaving foam but much better. It costs a bit more, but if I could be at school I'd be bringing it with me. It's a staple in our Art Room cupboard! It says on the tin, it's 'mouldable' and it is. You can squidge it through little holes and make snakes, and even play catch with it. It's great for mock cakes too. It's more expensive than ordinary shaving foam, but worth it. It doesn't smell like after-shave either, which is a bonus, I think! It says it's hypoallergenic, but would need some care as it's in a pressurised container, of course. Don't use it with water because it disappears straight away and loses appeal.

Shhhhhhhh... this is a closely guarded secret, deconstructed disposable **nappy** **filling** is fantastic too....!

We cut them open and mix the filling with water to make very engaging jelly like gloop, (Olha's brilliant idea.) This gets enthusiastically handled, and

things get added to it. Glitter makes it even more beautiful, and seeds take root and grow in the transparent 'mock soil' that it makes! And, you can re-use it and transform it again and again by simply putting the gloop in a sieve and running it under a tap. Stirred in paint for a game one day can be washed away for a new beginning next time. We've all seen how much liquid a nappy can hold... and this way to get satisfying gloop for sensory play, is much cheaper and more accessible than specialist play merchandise!

Remember the 'value added' benefits of activity that at first seems *just* play. Play is children's *work* and actually a capacity to play is essential to everyone's *wellbeing*. While we play, we reflect and relax; we make connections and find a kind of peace at times, and get inspired and excited at others. Shared play also brings us together and provides a climate for expression and communication. Don't knock it! Be playful, and I guarantee links will fall into place and *all* learning will be all the better for it. And we're all about *links* at The Link Primary, are we not?

Take care, special care still. Find delight and make connections, working at play with your companions.

Rebecca.