



Cluster Meetings Update

for practitioners who work with children from birth to five

Spring 2008 - Multi-sensory Experiences



Cluster meetings provide a time and place to

- Meet with other practitioners
- Celebrate, support and develop your practice
- Ask questions and share ideas across sectors
- Keep abreast with national and local trends

AUTUMN 2007 ON REFLECTION

Attendees: 15 settings (25 practitioners)

During autumn 2007 we held Cluster meetings at South Acton Children's Centre and Hathaway Primary School. The theme for these meetings was 'Multi-sensory experiences' which included practical ideas for developing this approach within your setting.

The sessions included opportunities for some settings to share their own ideas and experiences.

South Acton Children's Centre talked about how they use a multi-sensory approach to supporting children with additional needs. Following this they shared the importance of young children's relationship with musical experiences, and then invited us to join in with some favourite songs.

Practitioners from Hathaway PS shared how they have developed sensory play using natural, malleable and real materials. They talked about how multi-sensory experiences could support children with EAL to develop confidence in interacting with others.

We also heard from Medcliffe Community Nursery/Medcliffe Open Door Centre, who showcased a variety of team-made resources including a 'Sensory Umbrella', feely books and puppets.

The early years advisory team also provided a multi-sensory practical activity to involve practitioners in engaging in hands-on exploration.



What did you say about the session?

'Lovely ideas for the garden'

'Good practical ideas...great to have (an) opportunity to look around a different setting'

'Informative session and enjoyable'

'Practical ideas, networking and discussion (were most valuable)'

Handouts on the day

- Early Years Advisory Team presentation
- "Developing through Music" presentation

If you would like a copy of one of these handouts please contact: Safina Nazir, 020 8825 7249

Useful Publications

The Creative Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers

Dombro, Colker and Dodge, 1997, ISBN: 1-879537-40-0

Supporting Children Learning English as an additional language

Department for Children Schools and Families (D.C.S.F) Ref:00683-2007BKT-EN

Useful Web Links

www.childrenscentres.org.uk/earlyyears

<http://www.iamyourchild.org>

<http://www.nncc.org./Child.Dev/child.dev.page.html>

<http://www.ncclc.org.cctopic/brain.html>

<http://www.zerotothree.org>

<http://www.flavor-online.com/2005fall/pdf/kaun.pdf>

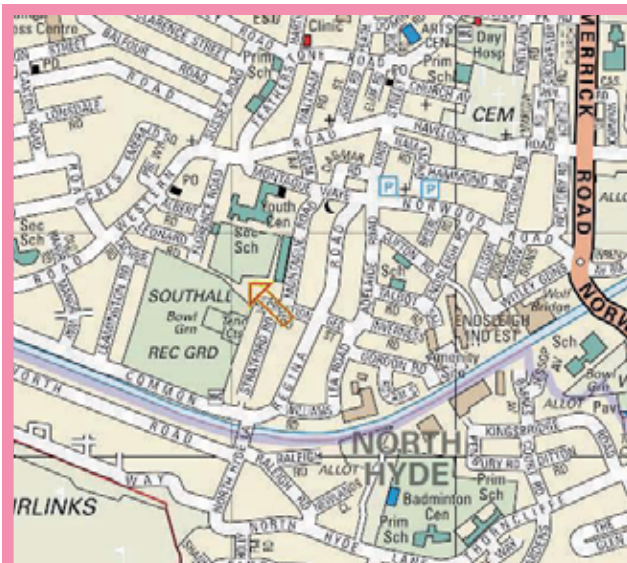


Don't miss the next one!

“Nursery motor programme”

Skills, activities and useful resources to address
nursery children's physical development

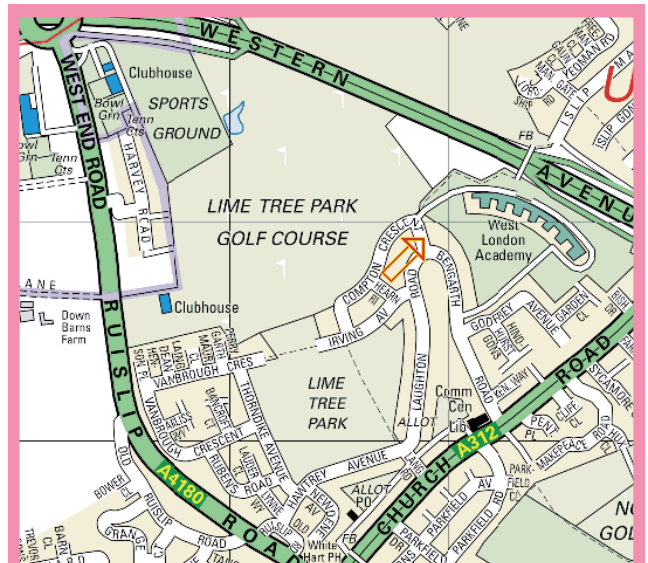
Introduced by Mew Ling Yap and Alison Forster



Tuesday 4th March 2008
4.00pm to 5.30pm

Greenfields Children's Centre
Recreation Road
Southall, Middlesex
UB2 5PF

www.greenfieldschildren.com



Wednesday 5th March 2008
1.30pm to 3.00pm OR 4.00pm to 5.30pm

West London Academy Primary
Compton Crescent
Northolt, London
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If your setting would like to share or contribute
multi-sensory activities / area / experience please contact:

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Book your place now by posting or faxing your reply slip!

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