

Dear Parents/Carers

SUPERHEROES ASSEMBLE!

Welcome to an action packed and extended version of our weekly newsletter. What a week we've had! The Camp Canary team have been working hard in the background on a lot of new improvements to our service and this was the week we finally got to see them in action! Each activity is now categorised into STEM, Arts/Crafts, Play, Active and Drama. The children can choose every activity throughout the day. We have specialist Sport and Drama teachers and have introduced new staff roles. Alongside this, we've started to provide free snacks and trialled a food company to provide hot food.

New Faces

Meet our team of specialist play workers and sports coaches. Every staff member commented on how much they have enjoyed this week. Some of them ended up staying later because they didn't want to leave the children's party!

**Ridwan Islam | SPORTS COACH**

Ridwan has a Level 2 NVQ in Activity Leadership. He is currently training in athletics and is passionate in leading sports with children. He encourages everyone to participate and is great at inspiring confidence in the children to give things a try. When he isn't training, he also works at an after school club, caring for children.

Montana Adeko | SPORTS COACH

Montana comes from a family of sports coaches and personal trainers. She's grown up helping her mum work with children in sport and trained in 'Walking Basketball' with her godfather's company. She has a BTEC Level 3 in sport and is currently studying Criminal Law.

**Sumaiya Rahman | PLAYWORKER**

Sumaiya has an NVQ Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education. She has a lot of experience working with children in a range of settings. She is our Early Years Key Worker, working with our youngest age group. Sumaiya is currently studying Educational studies at university and aims to be a teacher in the future.

Nazia Umme | PLAYWORKER

Nazia joined us at Christmas and couldn't wait to come back this February! She is working in our Kidz group and has an NVQ Level 3 Diploma in Childcare. Nazia is a wonderful baker and loves leading mini chefs with the children. She is currently studying Childhood and Youth Studies at university and would like to be a teacher.



New Roles



Kamaldeep Kaur | Day Camp Coordinator & Administrator

Kam has an NVQ Level 3 in health and social care as well as many other qualifications. She is currently studying teacher training and has a lot of leadership and administrative experience in education and childcare. Kam has managed holiday clubs and worked as an attendance and safeguarding officer for a number of years. She is now assisting with admin (thank goodness!) alongside me and brings a great deal of knowledge to the team, with safeguarding being her specialty.

Pearl Webber | Day Camp Coordinator & Resource Manager

Pearl is our longest serving member of staff, having worked with the company for almost five years. Pearl has worked tirelessly behind the scenes, often giving up weekends to set up the space and manage resources. She supports the play workers and the Early Years children at Camp. Pearl is highly trained and experienced in working with children who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.



Kelly Wood | Early Club Coordinator & Playworker

Kelly came to us as a playworker in October half term. She quickly became an instant hit with her infectious smile and laughter! She is passionate about creativity and works in a theatre making and designing costumes. Kelly loves working creatively with children and adults. She is now leading our Early Club who enjoy an extra session of Kelly-themed fun each day! She spends the morning supporting the children in early years and has really enjoyed supporting Amy's drama sessions this week.

Amy Garner Buchanan | Drama Leader

Amy joined us as a playworker last year with the Kidz group. She is now leading wonderfully creative drama sessions as part of our new programme! Amy has a Masters degree in Classical Acting and pursues a professional acting career alongside her teaching. She works as a drama facilitator with 'Big Foot' who provide drama services to schools. Amy is passionate about her work with children in the Arts and it's a joy to see in action.



Our Core Values

The Camp Canary team endeavour to work and live by our core values.

We put the effort in

We adopt a 'can do attitude' and don't shy away from challenges. We take pride in every part of our roles, however small. We use our own initiative and show our commitment, continuously improving ourselves. We believe in our own ability, inner strength and resilience.

We build trust

We are open and honest, if we need help we will ask. We lean on each other and use the team around us for support. We value each other's contribution and notice the positive things that others do. We follow through and do what we say we are going to do.

We have fun

We smile! We engage with all children and adults, showing an interest. We laugh with each other and not at each other. We are positive and find enjoyment in what we do.

We are kind

We are patient and put ourselves in other's shoes. We pay attention to others and reach out if they need help. We remember our manners and niceties. We give equal opportunities and avoid favouritism.

We stay safe

We follow the timings and structure of the club. We are consistent. We build community and respect the rights of every child and every adult. We respect ourselves. We trust our gut instincts.

Super Hero Martial Arts | Lion Dance Show



Russell from Whitecrane Martial Arts delivered another fantastic day of workshops! This time superhero themed. Using a combination of Kung Fu and choreography, the children created their own superhero fight scenes. Whitecrane Martial Arts always brings in the Chinese New Year for us (even if we're a little late this year!) We're hoping the Lion Dance will bring us all plenty of good luck for 2020!

Arts | Crafts



Chalk & Pastels



Clay Modelling



Create a superhero



Superhero city

Drama



Together with the children, Amy slowly turned the Chapel space into a theatre over the course of the week! Through each session, the children created something from their imagination which was then displayed.

STEM



Fidget Spinner Art



Mini Chefs



Slime

Active



Go Karts



Sumo Wrestling



Hungry Hungry Hippos



Archery



Scooter Boards



Bouncy Castle



Ezy Rollers

Play



Fancy Dress



Soft Play



Face Paint



Construction

Superhero Party!



Fizzy Entertainment returned with an afternoon of electric, superhero charged fun! Bubble and foam machines, magic tricks, disco, party games – the ultimate end to a fabulous week!

Food Trial & Feedback

This week we trialed a catering company called 'Zebedees.' They provided hot lunch for the children and we've had a lot of positive feedback. The food was definitely a hit with the children, but I need to hear from you. We've worked incredibly hard to bring about improvements to the camp overall and have put these in place this week. Your feedback is crucial to our forward planning and we ask that you fill out this online survey:

[Parent Feedback Survey](#)

Coming Up

Easter 30 March – 17 April 2020

Summer Half Term – 26 – 29 May 2020

Summer – 6 July – 21 August 2020

I would like to thank you for supporting Camp Canary this half term. We have really enjoyed meeting new faces and welcoming back old ones.

And finally, if you have any questions don't hesitate to let me know. If you aren't able to catch me at Camp, you can contact me by telephone or email during office hours.

From everyone at Camp Canary, have a lovely weekend!

Best Wishes

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