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EARLY YEARS IN FOCUS

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ACTIVITY OPEN MORNING
'FUN FOR FIVES AND UNDER'
EVERYONE WELCOME

SATURDAY 18TH JUNE

09:30 - 12:00

BRING ALONG A FRIEND MEET SOME OF THE ANIMALS
FROM OUR FARM.

HAVE YOUR FACE PAINTED
ENJOY THE REFRESHMENTS

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:
OUTDOOR ADVENTURE, MESSY PLAY, MUSIC & DANCE,
STORIES & PUPPETS, MINI BEAST HUNT. SOFT 'TUMBLE'
EQUIPMENT AND MUCH MORE...

Tumble Tunes

'Tumble Tunes' is a facility that Kent College Early Years staff host in our Pines Nursery building on a Tuesday and Thursday morning. Whilst explaining to you the thought behind the title 'Tumble Tunes' I will also incorporate the educational and social benefits this group has to small children and their parents/carers.

All children are welcome between birth and school age. The door is open at 8.30am enabling children and parents to meet and socialise after dropping other children at their schools. Children are excited to see our soft play equipment already laid out and cannot wait to remove their shoes so they can have a 'Tumble'.





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Benefits of Tumbling

Our variety of differently shaped soft play equipment is ideal for children to get the physical exercise they so love and need in a safe environment. Whilst learning to take turns and socialise, children are able to show control and coordination when moving spontaneously. They can practise their skill to move confidently in a variety of ways and learn an awareness of space, of themselves and others.

This informal time at the beginning of the session also allows for other parents to arrive at a time convenient to them. At approximately 9.20am children are ready for their snack and drink whilst the equipment is put away and the room is made ready for our more structured but fun music session.

Music, Movement and Rhyme Time (Tunes)

Although one of our Early Years staff leads this music session, joint participation is encouraged! The session begins with a 'Hello hello' song, giving everyone the opportunity to greet friends and help with socialisation.

Throughout the session there are further opportunities to sing new songs as well as enjoying the more traditional rhymes. Some songs need actions and children thoroughly enjoy moving and practising their dancing skills. Children are also learning to listen, concentrate, follow instructions and extend their language development. Singing in a group allows children to become less self conscious and helps to develop their voices. It also helps to overcome shyness.

Whilst new songs and rhymes are introduced on a regular basis, it is important for small children that they feel secure within a certain amount of structure. Our aim is one of flexibility within a structure and we make sure time is given for children to voice their choice of songs.





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Further excitement builds when children see the basket of musical instruments appear. They are encouraged to choose an instrument and cannot wait to discover the type of sound it makes. Children accompany different songs with their instruments. They are now learning to become part of a team (or a band), realising that other children are also playing at the same time but with different instruments. They enjoy following instructions to play fast, slow, quiet and loud and to follow certain rhythms. It always amazes me how such small children can stop when asked! Another favourite part of our session is marching with our instruments. It is amazing how quickly they learn to follow the leader!

Our session closes with a goodbye song which once again encourages children to say goodbye to their friends.

The importance of music, singing and having opportunities to play with musical instruments from birth cannot be overstated. Together with the skills I have already mentioned in this article, we must remember that children are developing their early reading skills with rhymes and repetition and early numeracy skills with number rhymes and rhythmic notes.

We look forward to welcoming you together with your little one. Mums, Dads, Grandparents and friends are all equally invited along each Tuesday and / or Thursday morning throughout time. Our free sessions offer an educational, fun, yet informal introduction to all that Kent College may offer your child and family. We hope to see you soon.

Article written by Mrs Beryl Garratt

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We warmly welcome you to join us at our Activity Open Morning. Come along and experience for yourself what Kent College can offer your little one and family. We look forward to welcoming you and exploring together the array of enjoyable learning opportunities both indoors and outdoors. Click on 'Fun For Fives and Under - Activity Morning' to register your interest.

