

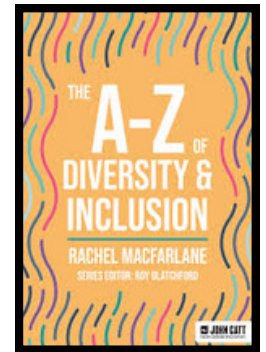
## School News

This week we have been immersing ourselves in our core text “We’re Going On A Lion Hunt” by David Axtell. We have been learning about the setting of the story, Africa and researching facts and information about some of the animals that live there. The children used our outdoor equipment to build their very own safari truck and went on an imaginary safari. Our music this week has been “The Lion Sleeps Tonight” which has been lots of fun for both children and adults!



## Message from Federation Leaders

We are really excited that Roots Federation has been mentioned in a published book as a good example of inclusive practice! The book, ‘The A-Z of Diversity and Inclusion’ was written by Rachel Macfarlane; an esteemed leader of work on making schools fairer places for all by removing financial barriers. We are so thrilled that she has been impressed by our work!



## Curriculum – Why we do what we do – Risky Play

### What we do in school:

We could wrap all of the children in our care up in bubble wrap and ask them to sit down all day in the safety of a room with minimal equipment. Whilst this would minimise accidents it would also minimise learning. Risky play is an important part child development. Taking appropriate risks can prepare a child for future situations in life.



At school we provide a range of gross motor opportunities because what one child sees as risky play another might see no risk in at all. By facing some risk children become attuned to assessing situations and making quick decisions. They also develop resilience; experiencing minor falls or failures during risky play helps children develop resilience and learn to cope with challenges and successfully navigating risks boosts self-confidence and a sense of achievement.



### How to help at home:

- Take your child to a park and watch what they can do confidently-identify where they are risk assessing themselves by avoiding certain equipment – and be proud that they are managing their own risk!
- Try to avoid saying ‘Be careful!’ and replace with ‘Do you feel safe?’ and then ‘How could we make that safer?’



# Reminders / Information

## STAFFING IN THE AUTUMN TERM

### *Head of School*

We are delighted to announce that Clare Herbert will be taking on the role of 'Head of School' at Heath Lane from September 2024. We are really excited to introduce this new role to all of our schools in the Federation. It will give consistent leadership to the school and allows us to expand our central team as the Federation goes from strength to strength!



CLARE HERBERT

Clare has worked at Muriel Green Nursery school since January this year and has had a significant impact across the Federation with her work around inclusion. She is really looking forward to meeting all of you who are staying on!

### *Senior Teacher*

In further exciting news Jessica Cairini will be taking on the role of senior teacher at Heath Lane from September 2024. Jessica has worked at Heath Lane since September 2023 and is looking forward to joining the leadership team.



JESSICA CARINI

## SAFETY IN THE SUN

Thank you for your support with ensuring that we are all safe in the sun. This week has seen some high temperatures! A big thanks to all the staff who have managed this so well.



## SUMMER CELEBRATION- FRIDAY 19TH OF JULY

Please make sure that you read the email sent out on **Wednesday** regarding the details for the end of term celebration. Children not usually in on a Friday are more than welcome to come back with you at 3:00pm to join in!



## DATES;

- Electric Umbrella are visiting us: 28th June, 5th July, 12th July and 18th July.
- Thursday 11th July - Transition morning in some primary schools (check with your child's school)
- End of term celebration - Friday 19th July 3pm
- Last day of term; Friday 19th July.