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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

By far my most difficult message this week as I am writing to let you know that I will be leaving the Academy at the end of this school year. My wife and I have decided to take early retirement. We have been teaching for over 30 years and the time has come to lead a quieter, simpler life and to do some different things together. We met in Tanzania many years ago and want to support Oasis in their education work in Africa, maybe one day we will open Oasis Academy Africa.

I would have liked to tell you all personally of my decision but that just hasn't been possible so I have written in order that you all hear at the same time and in the same way. There is also a letter from Steve Chalke in this week's newsletter.

It has been an absolute pleasure being the founding Principal of Oasis Academy Enfield and a joy working with the best team of staff, students, parents and supporters I have ever encountered. Part of me wishes I could stay and see the students move through Key Stage 4 and into the sixth form and to see the joy on families faces as they get University or job offers but I know for me and for my family it is time to slow down.

Thank you all for the tremendous support you have given me personally over the years and God bless you all.

FORTHCOMING DATES

Learning Review Day	Tuesday 16 March
End of Term	Wednesday 31 March
Start of Term	Monday 19th April @ 8.45am
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May
Assessments	Thursday 6th & Friday 7th May
Learning Review Day	Tuesday 25th May
End of term	Friday 28th May
Staff Training Day	Monday 7 June
Start of Term	Tuesday 8th June @ 8.45am

MINDBENDER - £5 prize

The winner of last week's mindbender was Sacha Hamad 8E – prize at reception. No mindbender this week as there is a Science week quiz in the newsletter. Mindbender has decided to give the £5 prize to the runner up in the Science quiz.

15th March 2010

Dear Parents and Carers

I'm sure you recognise that John Walton's decision to retire from his role as Principal of Oasis Academy Enfield has been as hard for him to make as it is for us to absorb. I know that he has not come lightly to his view that this is the right moment for him to step aside and to hand the baton of leadership within the Academy on to others.

Though I, like you, am very sad to be losing John from Enfield, I am, however, extremely pleased that both he, and Mary his wife, who is also planning to retire from her present job this summer, are keen to continue to work with the wider family of Oasis, in supporting our global work through developing education in Africa.

Therefore, I want to take this opportunity to thank John for the sheer depth and quality of his leadership over the last four years, not only in setting up Oasis Academy Enfield but in working tirelessly to implement the culture of high attendance and discipline, which has been central to creating an environment where each of our students is encouraged and enabled to achieve their very best.

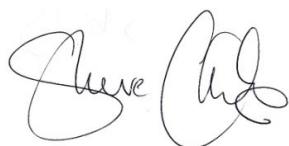
In short, John is an inspirational man for whom we all have huge respect, and whose impact and leadership will be sadly missed, not only within the Academy itself but across the whole community of Enfield and far beyond.

Having said all this, I want to assure you that your child remains our top priority and that plans are already beginning to be put in place to find Mr Walton's successor. In the meantime, our central Education Team are working with the Academy Leadership Team to ensure we achieve the best transition for the Academy, in which I know that you will give them all your full support.

Should you wish to speak further with anyone about this, or any other issues, please send your questions to sue.radford@oasisenfield.org and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

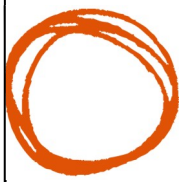
Lastly, thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the life of the Academy and therefore to the young people we have the privilege of serving.

Yours sincerely



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QUIZ NIGHT—FRIDAY 19TH MARCH

On Friday 19th March 7.00-9.30(7.30 start) we will be holding a quiz night to raise money for the 'Friends of Oasis Enfield', our PTA group who are responsible for raising funds to provide additional resources for our students.

Please bring your own drinks, nibbles will be provided. We have a really experienced pair of Quiz masters. Mr Walton will be doing a raffle in the interval and they'll be great prizes for the winning team!

Ticket are £5.00 and will be on sale very soon. Tickets are now available.

Individuals are welcome or people can arrange their own teams of up to 8 people . Adults who are not parents of students at school are welcome but there are no kids allowed!

I hope a lot of you will make a night of it and come along!

We will be asking for donations of nibbles and prizes if parents feel they can help and will collect these nearer the time. Any parents willing to help organise/ help out on the evening please email Margaret.Meadows@oasisenfield.org

Thanks and look forward to seeing you!

Beth Honnor
Deputy Principal

ROAD SAFETY OUTSIDE THE ACADEMY

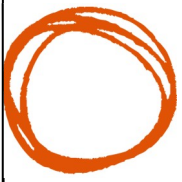
Please can we remind parents to drive carefully on the road outside the Academy and when entering the car park. Please keep to the speed limit of 20 miles per hour and be aware of students, parents, visitors and Children's Centre users at all times.

Thank you

OLD FOOTBALL BOOTS

Do you have any old football boots? If you do can you leave them with Reception for Mrs Meadows.

Many thanks



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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Choir

CHOIR for YEAR 7 & 8's.

ALL welcome!

Wednesday lunchtimes at 1235.

Will be working towards making a CD recording and 'Oasis Got Talent'.

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Extended Learning drop-in sessions - MUSIC

Extended Learning drop-in sessions for Year 8 & 9 pathways.

Tuesday lunchtimes.

Need any extra help with your music theory? Come along!

D19

TABLE TENNIS - THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL

Dear All Table Tennis Players,

Just to let you know that there will be no table tennis after school on Thursday 18th March as Robbie is going to be filming for a TV programme and will not be able to make it in. It will be on the following week so remember your kit on 25th March.

Miss Curtis

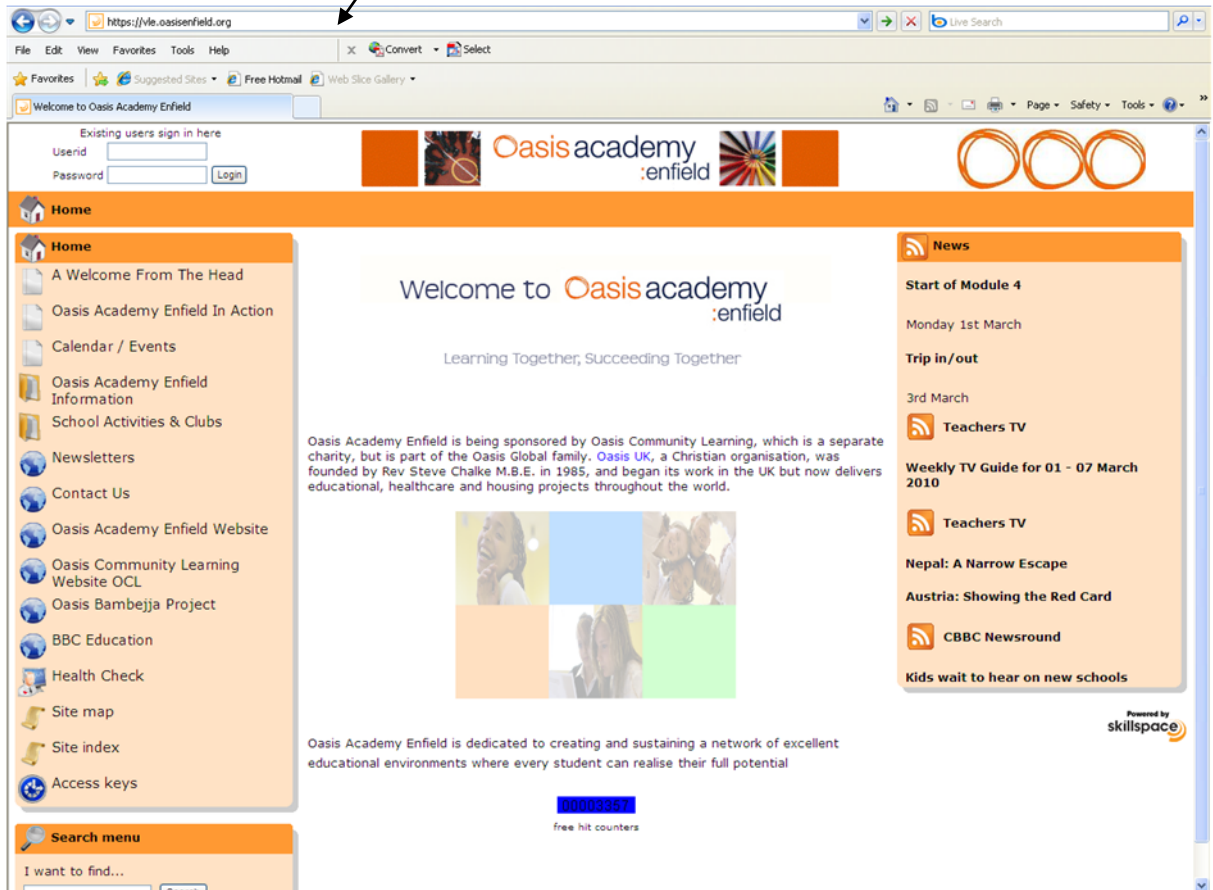


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Learning Platform Crib Sheet

To access the Learning Platform (VLE) use the following address: <https://vle.oasisenfield.org>.



After entering the address, you will be taken to the Learning Platform homepage as shown above.

Login details will be given out to parents/guardian at the next Learning Review Day. The Learning Platform is basically an interactive website, where some areas are public, and some only accessible via a password.

The learning platform is going to be a key communication between school and home. Please use it to keep up to date with all the information about Oasis Academy Enfield. The Learning Platform will not replace the website and it will continue to be updated. We anticipate the Learning Platform becoming an exciting tool through which the students will share their Academy life with you and increase their ICT skills further.

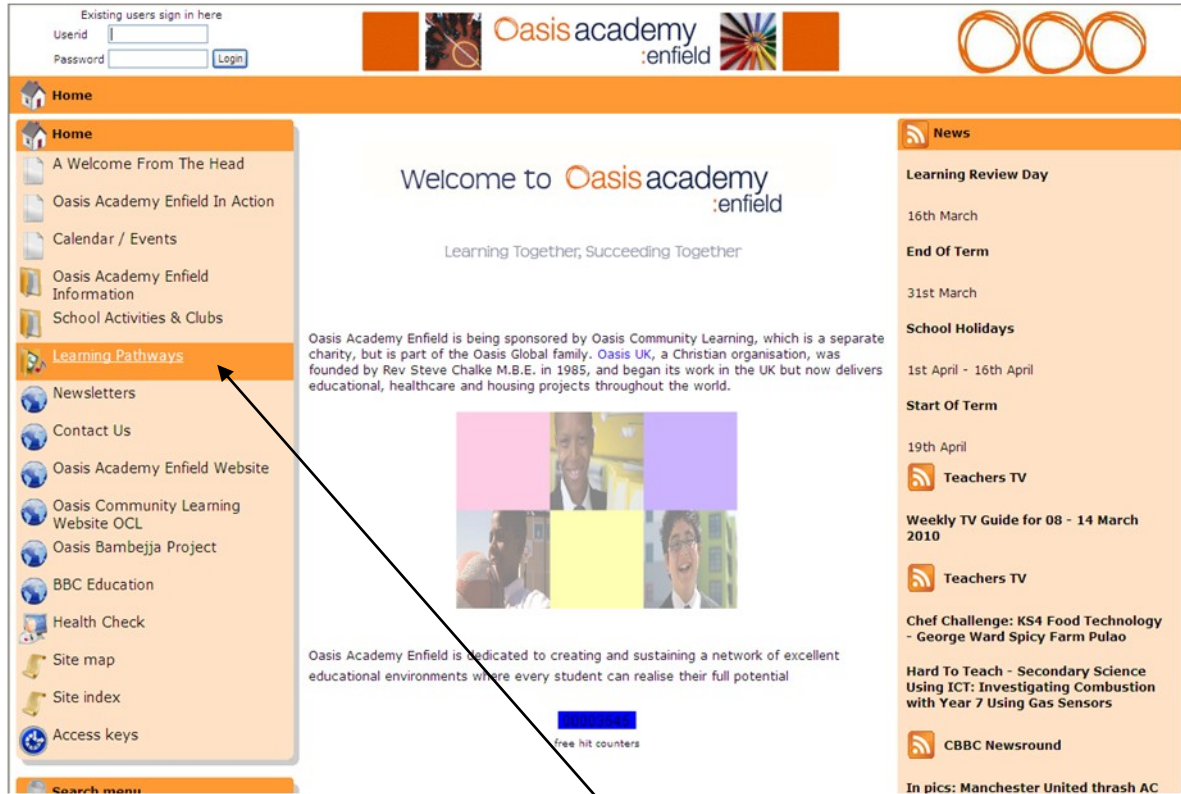


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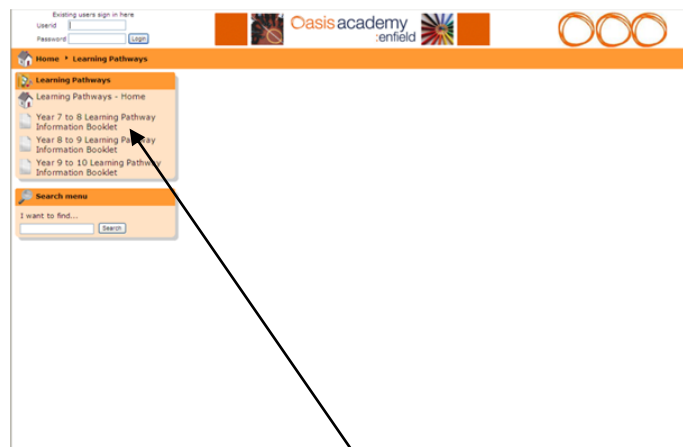
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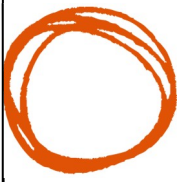
How to access Learning Pathway Booklets



Access the Learning Pathways folder via the menu.



Click on the relevant file to access the appropriate information you require.



HELP CHANGE LIVES



Pay £1 to wear Sports Relief/ Wacky/ Sport socks with trainers to school and walk a mile during the day on Friday March 19th.

Can you rise to the Challenge?

- Year 8 to complete mile walk during Period 1.
- Year 9 to complete mile walk during Period 3.
- Year 7 complete mile walk during Period 6.

Please bring an outdoor coat and umbrella in case weather is bad.



W E E K L Y N E W S - I N T E R N E T

This week is National Science and Engineering week. To help us to celebrate enter our competition. Answer the questions below and hand your quiz to Mrs Bailey for a chance to win a prize.

Round 1: Chemistry

- 1) When a gas is cooled it turns into a liquid what is this called?
- 2) S is the chemical symbol for which element?
- 3) What pH value indicates a neutral solution?
- 4) What is an example of an irreversible change?
- 5) Which type of rock would be used to tile a roof with?

Round 2: Space

- 1) What is the closest planet to the Earth?
- 2) How many days does it take the Earth to orbit the sun?
- 3) What is the name of the first person to land on the moon?
- 4) What is larger the Earth, the Sun or the Moon?
- 5) What was the first type of animal to go into space?

Round 3: Physics

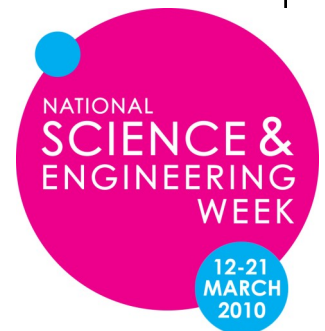
- 1) Which of these is a primary colour? Blue, Purple, Gold or Silver
- 2) Which of these is a magnetic material? Wood, Plastic, Glass or Steel
- 3) Which of the following is a renewable energy source? Coal, Wind, Natural Gas or Oil
- 4) If you rub your head with a balloon your hair sticks to the balloon because of static electricity, why does this work?
- 5) What colour would a red flag appear in red light?

Round 4: Biology

- 1) What is the male part of the flower called?
- 2) What happens when a muscle contracts?
- 3) Which of these microorganisms is harmful? Fruit Mould, Yeast, Bacteria in dead leaves or Bacteria in yogurt
- 4) Which part of the body do the ribs protect?
- 5) What are the tubes called that carry blood away from your heart?

Round 5: Engineering

- 1) Where do plastics come from?
- 2) Where is the Eifel Tower?
- 3) What is the force produced by two moving surfaces in contact called?
- 4) What type of triangle has 3 equal length sides?
- 5) What do you call an angle that is less than 90°?





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New Scholastic Catalogue

The new Scholastic catalogues can be picked up from the Library. The catalogues have some great books and discounts in them, including:

903 War Horse
Paperback, 192 pages.
The moving story of a horse's courage in World War One. Will Joey survive the horror of the frontline and the trenches?
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He's half-god, half-mortal - and in a whole load of trouble! Follow Percy as he takes on gods and monsters in the gripping movie adventure!
£6.99 **£4.99**



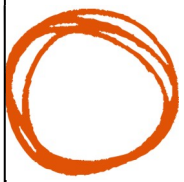
If pupils/parent wish to buy anything from the catalogues, just complete the order form on the back and hand it in to C10 with payment (cash only please). The books will then be ordered and available to collect from the Library within approximately one week.

Silent Reading at Break-Time

As a trial, the Library has been open for silent reading at break times this week, and it has been a success with an average of 15 pupils coming in during each session. Pupils have been able to come to the Library to read, knowing that there will be no distractions or noise, giving them some valuable reading time and space.

Due to the positive feedback from pupils, I will now continue this for the rest of the year.

Mr Iona (Librarian)



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Extended Schools – Module 4

Club/Activity	Day	Time	Location
Fitness room and Dance Mats	Monday	8 – 8.30am	Dance Studio
Singing Techniques	Monday	Lunch	Drama Studio
Origami	Monday	Year 7/8 Lunch	Agora
Drop in	Monday	7 – 9pm	Kettering Estate, Kettering Hall, Ordinance Rd
Badminton	Monday	Year 9 Lunch	Sports Hall
Trampolining	Monday	4 – 5 pm	Sports Hall
ICT Club	Mon, Tues, Thurs	12.40pm – 1.05pm	D5
ICT Club	Tuesday, Friday	1.25pm – 1.50pm	D5
Fitness Room and Dance Mats	Tuesday	Year 7/8/9 lunch	Dance Studio
Trampolining	Tuesday	Year 7/	Sports Hall
Badminton	Tuesday	4pm – 5pm	Hall and Astro
Girls fitness room	Tuesday	4 – 5pm	Fitness room
Boys Football	Tuesday	4 – 5pm	Astro
Drop in and music studio	Tuesday	7 – 9pm	Youth Club Enfield Island Village
Manga Club (Japanese style books and films)	Tuesday	4pm	Library
Social Skills	Wednesday	Year 9 Lunch	C21
Drop in	Wednesday	7 – 9pm	Bounces Road, Christian Action Community Hall, Foxglove Close
Boys Football	Wednesday	4 -5 pm year 7	Astro
Basketball with Enfield Phoenix	Wednesday	4pm – 5pm	Sports Hall
Trampolining	Thursday	Year 7/8 lunch	Sports Hall
Street Dance	Thursday	4 – 5.30pm	Island Fitness
Drop in and music studio	Friday	7 – 9pm	Youth Club Enfield Island Village
Extended Learning Club	Monday - Friday	8 – 8.45am	Library
Table Tennis	Friday	8 – 8.30 am	Sports hall
Athletics	Friday	Year 7/8 lunch	Sports Hall

Dear parent/guardian/carer

I'm delighted to tell you about a special event taking place on Tuesday 27th April. Top family speaker Rob Parsons will be coming to Oasis Academy Enfield, and presenting **Teenagers! What Every Parent Has to Know** - an evening of down-to-earth ideas, humour, and, most of all, hope - from national charity Care for the Family, which will give you useful insights into life with a teenager. Attached is a flier and a brochure with more information about the event.

At Teenagers! What Every Parent *Has* to Know you'll hear Rob explore some of the most confusing and challenging aspects of parenting teenagers, including:

- Understanding what's going on in your teenager's brain
- Why reading your child's school report can fool you
- Keys for dealing with the really testing teenager

The big issues: sex, drugs, self-esteem...

Rob has presented this evening to thousands of parents all around the UK, already. Here are some of the things they've said:

"I wish every parent could hear this information before their kids are teens!"

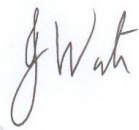
"Rob Parson's ability to tackle very serious issues with humour has made me feel more relaxed about the fact that I don't have answers to all the problems."

"It's so powerful hearing someone speak about something they've lived themselves..."

"Very encouraging and supportive and fun."

'Teenagers! What Every Parent *Has* to Know' will be held at **Oasis Academy Enfield from 7.30 until 10.00pm (doors open at 7.00pm)**. Tickets normally cost £6.00 each but we have agreed to make them available to parents of students at the Academy for just **£3.00** each. The event is open to the wider public and so we have reserved 50 tickets for our families. To book through us you must fill out the reply slip below and return it with the £3 fee to school as soon as possible and no later than 19th March. Alternatively you can book direct by calling (029) 2081 0800 or visiting www.careforthefamily.org.uk/teenagers Please quote the special code "**schools**" to obtain the discount.

With best wishes



Mr John Walton
Principal

Teenager's event: please return to reception in an envelope marked 'Teenagers event' or hand to Mrs Meadows

Name:

Name of student:

Number of tickets required:

Total amount of money included:



: Children's Centre

Contact Roulla Xyrizos or Kerry Freshwater. Tel: 01992 655458/400

Roulla.Xyrizos@oasisenfield.org Kerry.Freshwater@oasisenfield.org

Oasis Children's Centre, Kinetic Crescent, Innova Park, Mollison Avenue, Enfield, EN3 7XU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>ETAPP PLAY PROJECT 09.30 – 12.00</p> <p>For families living in temporary accommodation</p>	<p>INTRODUCTION TO CHILD-CARE TRAINING With Crèche service (Until 23 March 2010) For those interested in a career in childcare</p>	<p>OASIS STAY AND PLAY 09.30 – 11.30am</p> <p>Wide range of toys and activities to keep your children busy</p>	<p>ENFIELD CHILDMINDING GROUP 09.30 – 11.30</p> <p>Featuring Under 5's story and rhyme time with Michelle! Featuring Oasis Academy Library time. Visit the library and borrow books and resources.</p>	<p>CAMHS Understanding And Managing Children's Behaviour with Crèche 10.00 – 12 23 April - 28 May 2010</p>
<p>OASIS STAY AND PLAY 10.00 – 12.00</p> <p>Featuring Under 5's story and rhyme time with David! Interactive toys and musical instruments</p>	<p>HEALTH VISITOR SERVICE First Time Parents Group and Baby Massage 10.30 – 12.00 From 6 April 2010</p>	<p>HOMESTART PLAYGROUP 1.30 – 3.00</p> <p>Providing practical and emotional support to families in Enfield.</p> <p>Featuring Enjoy and Achieve Parenting Workshop. A course that helps parents and carers understand their role as their child's first teacher, and how you can extend their learning!</p>	<p>Job Centre Plus Group and work focused interviews 9.30 – 2.30</p> <p>HEALTH VISITOR DROP IN for parents and carers 2.00 – 4.00pm</p>	<p>HEALTH VISITOR SERVICE First Time Parents Group and Baby Massage 10.30 – 12.00 See staff for details</p>
<p>OASIS ACADEMY LIBRARY SERVICE 10.00 – 10.30</p> <p>Visit our very own Oasis Academy library and borrow books and resources</p>	<p>OASIS STAY AND PLAY 2.00 – 4.00pm</p> <p>Featuring Under 5's story and rhyme time with Pat!</p> <p>Please turn over the page for details of other services and special events!</p>	<p>ENFIELD COUNSELLING SERVICE Free and confidential service. See staff for details</p> <p>FATHER, GRANDFATHER AND CHILDREN CLUB 3.15 – 4.30pm Light Refreshments, Arts and crafts, Nursery rhymes, Story time, Physical activities etc.</p>	<p>OASIS STAY AND PLAY 2.00 – 4.00pm</p> <p>Wide range of toys and activities to keep your children busy</p>	<p>BUMS LEGS AND TUMS 12.30 – 1.30</p> <p>Rhythm and Rhyme exercise workshops for you and your child! See staff for details</p>