

# NOTTINGHILL NEWS



## Message from the Teachers



Happy December!! We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. We are having lots of fun with the children in our little cohorts! We do miss the interaction with all of you, it's not the same but we are trying to keep the updates and pictures coming to keep you updated and feel connected in a 2020 sort of way!!

A big shout out to the online children who are doing such a great job staying engaged and completing all the weekly tasks and keeping Miss Amy entertained on a daily basis!!!

November was a fun month! We heard lots of great stories from the children after Halloween and sounds like everyone got very creative this year!!

We spent 2 weeks talking about Under the Sea. We had so much fun learning about the sea creatures, moving like them and most definitely crafting them. As promised, we sparkled it up and will be vacuuming up sparkles for many months to come!

We had fun leaning about how to keep our bodies healthy. I think the highlight was Miss Amy and Miss Dana's sneezing/germ activity. I heard about that for many days after the fact. We covered proper tooth brushing, healthy eating and proper hand washing and keeping as healthy as possible!

The children always love the shapes and colours themes. We did shape sorting, colour mixing, shape monsters,

## ☆ UPCOMING EVENTS ☆

Dec. 1 • Board Meeting

Dec. 18 • Last Day of Classes

Jan. 4, 2021 • First Day of Classes of the New Year

colour match and so much more. It's always great to reinforce these concepts in such a fun way!

December is here...and we can't wait to celebrate this magical time! We have activities, games and beautiful crafts planned!! We will be working on a "special project" which will go home on the last day of classes. We believe you will be thrilled with the results! Since we can not gather for a concert this year we are organizing a little something to share with you before break. Please watch your Messenger from you teachers as we will be asking for a couple of favours along the way.

Please continue to send your child with warm clothing for outdoor play. We will continue to spend a longer period outdoors during the winter as well. We want to ensure the children do not get cold and have a ton of fun on the playground. Please remember to label all clothing so it gets returned to the proper owner!! If you are looking for things to do over the break, please feel free to practice dressing and undressing for outdoors! We appreciate all the help we can get! Plus the children beam when they are able to help themselves with tasks!

Just a reminder to keep your child home if they are ill. There has been a lot of information sent home about regulations and policies regarding this. If you have ANY questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your teacher, Miss Kim or any of our Board members for clarification.

We wish all of our wonderful families a very Happy Holiday. Please be safe and enjoy your family time!!!

Your Nottingham Teachers



## Message from the President

Hello Families!

We hope everyone has been doing well and staying healthy! Thank you to everyone who participated in our Terra Fundraiser this year. We really appreciate your support and hope you enjoy your poinsettias and wreaths!

Nottingham's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held virtually on Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Registration for the 2021/2022 school year opens up immediately following the AGM, and those who attend the AGM will receive the first opportunity to register their children. Classes do fill up quickly, and once a class is full, waiting lists will be started. Our registration opens up to Alumni at the end of January, and to the general public on February 6<sup>th</sup>. We want to make sure our returning families have the first opportunity to register their children, so please make sure to make note of the dates above!

Everyone recently received a link to the Nottingham Annual Survey. We would really appreciate it if you could take a couple of minutes to fill it out. The insight gathered from the survey assists us with planning for the next school year. An analysis of the survey results will be presented at the AGM in January.

At the AGM, we will also be electing our 2021/2022 Board of Directors. If you are interested in running for a position, or want to chat about any of the roles, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [nottinghillpresident@gmail.com](mailto:nottinghillpresident@gmail.com).

Finally, this is just a reminder that as per our inclement weather policy, Nottingham closes when Halton District School Board closes their schools for bad weather. Should this happen, both in-class and virtual classes will be cancelled for the day. We will communicate any closures through email as well as on our Facebook page.

On behalf of the Board of Directors we wish you and your families a very happy holiday season!

Thank you,  
Dima Saghir

### Holiday Celebrations



Ho Ho Ho Parents,

On our Year at a Glance each class had a tentative date for a Holiday Celebration.

In the past we have invited families in to celebrate with songs, holiday treats and social time. Given the current situation, sadly it will look a little different. We will still plan a super fun party with the children to celebrate the magic.

We are working on a little something for the families that will be sent virtually on the last day of classes. We will still spread joy and excitement to the children and even spoil them a little!! 😊

- Your Nottingham Teachers



### Silent Auction Donations

Our **Annual Nottingham Silent Auction** is fast approaching!

Please consider supporting our event by donating gift certificates, merchandise or services.

We appreciate donations of **any** value. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please email [nottinghillfundraising1@gmail.com](mailto:nottinghillfundraising1@gmail.com) for more information. Thank You in advance for considering our request and supporting Nottingham Preschool!





## Committee Spotlight - Fundraising Committee

This month's Committee Spotlight shines a light on our **Fundraising Committee**! Our Fundraising Committee has been hard at work developing innovative ideas to support our school financially. We want to thank them for the wonderful job in organizing the Terra Fundraising and we are looking forward to future fundraising events, including our Annual Auction. A special thank you to **Jen Larson, Committee Chair** and to **Dania Obeid, Yashasvi Selar, Holly Vanderhulst, Amelia Arriaga, Lindsay Eaton, Melissa Whelan, Erica Crowson, Shabanpreet Grewal, Melissa Hull, Priyanka Bhangale, Kimberley Lynn, Katie Forjoe, Suraj Mohanan, and Marija Mandic.**

### Nottingham's Annual Survey

Each year, Nottingham runs a school survey to gather feedback from our current families. All the survey responses are anonymous, and the feedback gathered helps as we plan for next year. This is a great chance to provide the Board of Directors with your thoughts on your child's experience so far this year, and any suggestions you may have for the future.

The survey runs from November 30th to December 11th, so please take a few moments to fill it in today! Survey highlights will be shared at the AGM in January. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Nottingham2020>

Thank you!

### Save the Date!

Nottingham's **Annual General Meeting** will take place virtually on **Wednesday, January 20th at 7:30 PM**. This will be your first opportunity to register your child for the 2021/2022 school year! We will also be electing our 2021/2022 Board of Directors at this meeting. Stay tuned for additional details!

### Oakville Beaver Readers' Choice Awards

This year, Nottingham was presented with two Oakville Beaver Readers' Choice Awards:

**Diamond - Best Nursery School**

**Gold - Best Daycare/ Child Care**


Thank you to the entire Nottingham community for your continued support - we are so honoured to have been selected!



### 2021/2022 Nottingham Board of Directors

Are you returning to Nottingham next year and interested in being on the Board of Directors? The Board for the 2021/2022 school year will be announced at the AGM in January. If you're interested in a position on the Board for next year or want to learn more about the positions available, please reach out to Dima at [nottinghampresident@gmail.com](mailto:nottinghampresident@gmail.com)!

### Terra Fundraiser

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! 

A heartfelt Thank You to all our Nottingham Families who supported our school through our Terra Fundraiser! Nottingham depends on the help from parents, alumni and friends and it is because of you all that our fundraiser was a success! We appreciate your continued support!

## DID YOU KNOW?

Nottingham has a partnership with Fundscrip, a Canadian company that helps not for profits fundraise!

### INTERESTING! TELL ME MORE..HOW DOES IT WORK?

It's simple! Fundscrip offers e-gift and plastic gift cards to hundreds of retailers. For each gift card purchased, Nottingham receives a donation at NO COST to you! Simple, right?



### SO...I COULD BUY A \$50 E-GIFT CARD FOR GROCERIES, AND NOTTINGHILL GETS A DONATION?

YES! It's that simple! Buy gift cards as gifts for friends or family, or to use for your regular shopping and Nottingham automatically receives a donation on your behalf!

### HOW DO I GET STARTED?

**Step 1:** To sign up and support Nottingham visit <https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group/PQ8EZ9>

**Step 2:** Browse and purchase your gift cards! You'll be able to see your donation to Nottingham every step of the way!

**Step 3:** Share with your family and friends! Send them the link above or have them enter the code PQ8EZ9 to support Nottingham!

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