



☀️ Sunshine and clear blue skies ☀️

We are back with Otis's weekly update!

Though the last couple of days has been cloudy and rainy... we know the hot, beautiful Okanagan days are just around the corner... so enjoy the rain while it lasts.

We hope you will enjoy this edition of the Otis update!!

Craft of The Week!

Make an Owl using your handprint



What you'll need:

- Twigs
- Papers
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Glue
- Feathers

Easy Steps:

- o Gather twigs from outside and glue onto paper or card to make the tree
- o To make the owls:
 - let your child trace around their hand and assist them to cut the handprint
 - glue two white eyes and draw dots with a black marker
 - add a small beak by cutting out a triangle and folding it over
 - cut two more triangles for the ears
 - glue feathers onto the thumb and pinky finger
- o You are now ready to glue your owls onto the twigs

Updates From Our Team:

Your Early Intervention Team:

In regards to an update from the EI team:
The early intervention team of therapists is busy preparing for a graduated and flexible return to seeing children at the centre. In the meantime, we continue to connect with families via video, email and phone.

Your Early Childhood Education Team:

This week the ECE team is continuing to provide Essential Service child care and some Zoom sessions with children who are staying home.

The ES children are enjoying outdoor play, riding bikes & wheeled toys, caring for seedlings that we started for the garden, using the sand and outdoor play kitchen, a couple of the boys have been working on climbing trees!

We are following provincial guidelines and as services slowly open in BC we will be slowly increasing our child care services as well. We will be reaching out to parents via email to keep them informed.

Your Autism Intervention Team:

The Autism Intervention Program continues to support families and provide therapy via phone, email, and video calls. We continue to work on our clients'

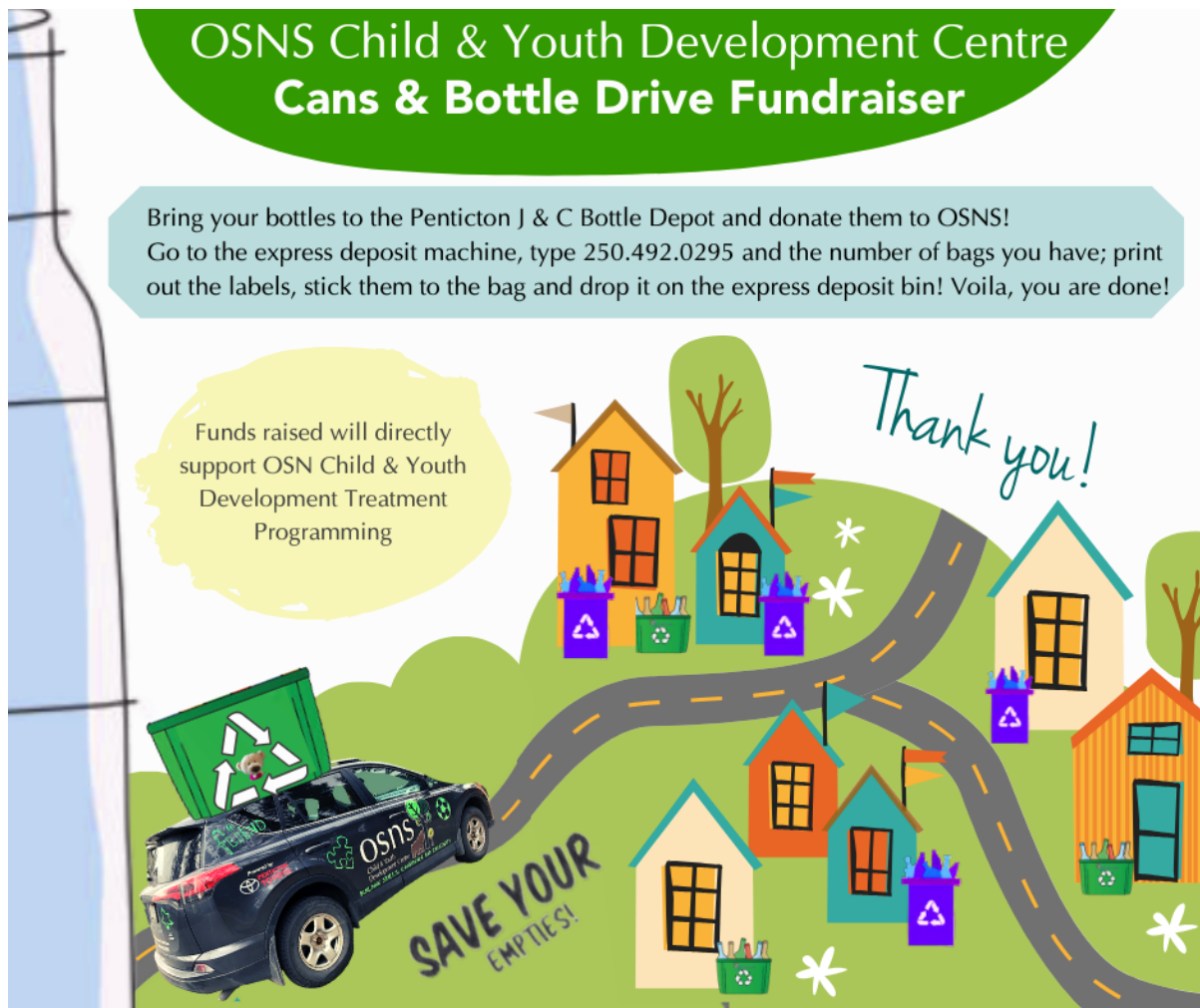
reports, and collaborate with local schools to prepare for our kids' kindergarten transitions. We are excited to be planning for a slow and safe return to in-person services.

Did you know?

Did you know you can donate your empties to OSNS? Here is how it works!!

- Bring your bottles/empties in a clear bag to the **Penticton J & C Bottle Depot**
- Go to "Express Return It" machine
- Enter OSNS phone number **250-492-0295** and print off labels for the number of bags
- Stick those labels to your bags, drop them in the express bin and you are done!!

All the proceeds go to **OSNS Child and Youth Development Centre**.



Tip Of the Week: Why read to your child?

Reading to your child is such a worthwhile activity and there are many benefits:

- it promotes oral language development & develops early literacy skills
- it helps build vocabulary and the ability to hear / distinguish letter sounds & syllables
- it stimulates curiosity & sparks imagination
- it helps develop pre-reading skills like rhyme, sequencing & repetition of words
- it enhances concentration, increases comprehension & memory skills with story recall
- reading together forms bonds & social connections

Weekly Community Shout Out!

This segment is dedicated to businesses, organizations and services groups to thanks them for all they do to make this community such an amazing place to live. As the businesses are opening up, make sure to show some love and spend money locally.

Big love to our friends at the BRODO KITCHEN & the CANNERY BREWING!



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