



Mapledene News

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Key dates for January 2020

Friday 20th December **Centre closes at 2pm**

Thursday 2nd - Friday 3rd January 2020 **Closed Inset Day**

Monday 6th January 2020 **Children return**

Wednesday 15th January 2020 **School Application Deadline**

Visit our web page at www.mapledenechildrenscentre.co.uk

Extended Services



The new programme of activities from January - April 2020 is now available to view online, or you can pick up a copy from the front office. There will be a BTEC Retail Knowledge Level 1 running on Tuesdays, term time only from 1pm - 3pm. There will also be a Pearson's BTEC Level 3 Award in Education and Training which will take place on Thursday's from 9.30am - 12.30pm. If you are interested in the above courses please see a member of Mango room staff. Did you know you can get free vitamins if you are pregnant or you are a new mum? Also if you have children up to the age of four you can also claim. To find out more please see a member of staff.

Maples

Next terms theme will focus on Habitats, Maples children will learn the seven areas linked to this. They will have a better knowledge and understanding of the world and find out ways they can help preserve the planet. Maples will be joined by eight children from Palms room as they make the transition and settle into the routine. They will be supported by Maples children who will help them to feel welcome. Our children were able to make strong links in their community as they visited Rose Court Residential home, St Michael & All Angels Church and Hackney Pentecostal Apostolic Church. They intend to keep these links going as more trips will be planned for the upcoming term. Maples will also continue their link with Forest School.

Termly News

We thank you all for your support during our Ofsted inspection on Friday 13th December. The inspection went very well. The report will be out in the New Year for parents to see just how well we did. We thank Mapledene staff for their hard work and hope you all enjoyed the Christmas performances. The staffing structure for January 2020 will change in Maples room and Apples & Seedlings. Maples will be led by Jennifer O'Hara as she takes on her new role as Room Leader. She will be supported by Cihan and Izzy. Currently the post for an Early Years Educator is being advised. Apples & Seedlings will be led by Chloe McDonagh and supported by Emma, Nasima, Stella, Krishna and Olu.

Apples & Seedlings

Our youngest children will explore Habitats in terms of where their families come from. They will visit different places in Hackney to explore how other people and animals live. Staff will set up activities to develop understanding of the world. This will be linked to cooking sessions where they will explore where their food comes from and learn how to take care of the planet by buying local. They will also welcome new children into their room and together form friendships.

Palms

Palms room children will explore Habitats in other ways. They will be focusing on using the learning garden and outdoor environment to perform scavenger hunts. They will also investigate a variety of plants as well as planting seeds ready for spring. Using magnifying glasses Palms children will monitor closely the effects the weather has on its growth. They will also learn about recycling and how they can help at home.



Staffing



Mapledene wishes Florence a fond good luck and farewell. She leaves us at the end of this term to take a position at another children's centre. We wish her good luck.

Reminders



We are currently experiencing a high volume of child sickness in all rooms. Children should be kept at home if they have a high temperature above 38C, diarrhoea & sickness, chicken pox etc. and not return until your child is completely free from infection and no symptoms persist. Your children may return to nursery if they are in reasonable health. We have experienced Paediatric First Aid Officers who are able to administer prescribed medication with your written consent. If children have been 'ill' in the previous 24 hours they should be kept at home for a day to ensure there is no reoccurrence of the symptoms. Parents will be contacted during the working day if we consider your child has become too unwell to remain at the Centre so please make sure all your contact details are up to date

Safeguarding

Please help us by following these safeguarding points.

- Letting us know if your child will be absent
- Letting us know if someone else is collecting your child from nursery who is not on the pickup list
- Using your mobile phone in designated areas only
- Handing your child over to staff and feeding back on how their evening has been

Please contact the office immediately if you have made changes to your contact details.



Students

Mapledene is a teaching centre; we work closely with local schools and colleges. Currently we have two long term students on placement. Poppy is placed in Palms room and Anna is in Maples. During the spring and summer term we also take children on work experience. As a centre we are happy to give back to the community and share good practice.

Useful links

Online safety <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/keeping-your-under-five-safe-online/>

Toilet Training <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/potty-training-tips/>

Phonic Sounds <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading/phonics-made-easy>