



Mapledene News

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Key dates for November

Friday 12th February **Extended Services Parent's Forum**
Friday 14th February **Day Care Parent's Forum**
Friday 14th February **Welcome Breakfast**
Tuesday 25th February **Pancake Day**
Wednesday 26th February **Red Book Day**

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

Extended Services



Good news...Mango room now has an Instagram account. If you would like to know what's going on in the stay and play room, please follow us on @mapledenecc. The new half term programme is now available; please note that during half term we cater to children from 0-8 years. Save a Baby's Life workshop for parents/carers starts on Wednesday 19th February from 1.30pm - 3pm. For further information and to book a crèche place for your under 5's please contact a member of staff in Mango room. Don't forget we run an under 18 month's play session every Thursday in Mango room, please come and see what else is on offer.

Maples



This term Maples children will follow the trails of their class African land snail Jim. They will learn how to take care of living things while learning about what foods it eats in order to grow. Maples will focus on other animals linked to Africa and find out how children from other countries live.

Termly News

As you know we are celebrating our 'OUTSTANDING' award from Ofsted who carried out an inspection on Friday 13th December 2019. A large majority of people view this date as being unlucky. In our case it was one of Mapledene's BEST days. Our children were happy and engaged with the activities on offer. Staff provided excellent learning opportunities for the children that promoted and followed their unique interest. We would like to thank all our friends of Mapledene for your continuing support.

Apples



Apples and seedlings will focus on one animal per week, looking closely at its origins. Using key words to develop language and support learning. They will also focus on oral health and look at foods which are good for the mind, body and soul. If you have not yet provided a tooth brush for your child please hand this in to a member of staff.

Palms



Palms children are focusing on the Very Hungry Caterpillar. This is used as a learning tool to look at the life cycle. Palms will look further at its habitat and link this to their visit to London Zoo. They are also learning the French words for farm animals, spring colours and day of the week.



Staffing



We have successfully recruited two enthusiastic staff members who will join our happy team in delivering 'OUTSTANDING' learning opportunities to Mapledene's children. We are expecting them to start in the next few weeks.

Reminders



We are trying our best to help preserve the planet; you could help us by purchasing a £6 cloth book bag for your child. Our aim is to ban the use of plastic book bags we are currently using. To purchase your cloth book bag please see a member of staff who will happily sell one to you. We also ask that if your child has had vomiting or diarrhoea that you keep them away from nursery for 48 hours after the last episode.

Coronavirus

You may have heard on the news about the coronavirus which is now a global health emergency. As a children's centre we ask as always for parents/carers to be vigilant at monitoring your child's health and well-being. By keeping your child at home if they are unwell helps stop the spread of infection. As you know children are in very close contact with each other throughout the day. We follow the strict guidelines of our medical exclusion policy to protect the health of our children.

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

Spare Clothes

Mapledene's children have access to a wide variety of activities. They are exposed to messy play throughout the day. Please can all parents/carers check their child's blue bag on a regular basis to ensure they have enough spare clothes for nursery. Currently we are sending a high volume of children home in Mapledene's spare clothes.

Finger Nails

We ask all parents/carers to ensure their child's fingernails are kept low with any jagged nails files away. This prevents children when reaching for play equipment from accidentally scratching their friends.

Educational Outings

To further develop **Cultural Capital** within Mapledene. Each room base will have an opportunity to visit a place of interest. Palms room children will visit London Zoo, Maples children will visit the London Aquarium, Mango children will spend time exploring the Museum of London and our youngest children in Apples and Seedlings will also visit the London Aquarium. **Cultural Capital** is a means of offering children experiences that they may never get an opportunity to experience. It also widens their knowledge and understanding of the world.

Useful links

Tips on how to wean your child off their dummy <https://www.bounty.com/baby-0-to-12-months/development/top-tips-for-stopping-your-babys-or-toddlers-dummy>

Hungry Minds <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/#6>

Our journey - birth to 5 years

<https://www.learningtrust.co.uk/sites/default/files/document/Our%20journey%20from%20birth%20to%20five.pdf>