



Mapledene News

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Key dates for April

Wednesday 8th April Easter Parade

Friday 10th April Closed Good Friday

Monday 13th April Closed Easter Monday

Monday 20th April Closed Inset Training Day

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

Useful Links

For more details on 'helicopter stories' see <https://www.makebelievearts.co.uk/helicopterstorieslettinaginationfly> and for how it can and has been done with 2 year olds: <https://www.makebelievearts.co.uk/working-with-two-year-olds>

Use this site for interactive stories. The password for this site is nowpressplay <http://nowpressplay.co.uk/learn-at-home/>

Watch live animals at aquariums and zoos

Lots of aquariums and zoos around the world have opened up their live webcams for you to see - here are just a couple of examples!

Aquarium: <https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams> Dublin Zoo: <https://www.dublinozoo.ie/animals/animal-webcams/>

You can also exercise with Joe Wicks Monday to Friday at 9am on Youtube.

Supporting our community

In light of our current situation regarding COVID-19. Mapledene have linked up once again to support Rose Court residential home. They were given care packages containing food and other items (including toilet paper) to help them through this difficult time. We have also delivered food items to the Hackney Food Bank to support vulnerable families. If you would like to help, please take your food items that are in date and drop them off at your nearest food bank. You can do this as part of your daily exercise.



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Helicopter Stories have landed at Mapledene. To develop our children's language and literacy skills, staff have introduced 'Helicopter Stories'. These are designed to support language as the children are encouraged to participate in writing their own story linked to drama. Staff support this by recording what the children say. A stage is also set up for the children to perform their own stories to their friends. Try this at home with your own children.

Tree Musketeers to the Rescue

Mapledene would like to give thanks to Hackney Tree Musketeers for their kind donation of a Discovery apple tree. With the help of our children we were able to plant our apple tree in the learning garden/forest school teaching area. We would like to thank Hania and Jake for making it happen; because of you Mapledene's children will be picking their own apples at snack time. Our children have also been sowing vegetable seeds ready for spring. If you would like to help us please see a member of staff.

Staff Step it up for Sports Relief

To help raise money for Sports Relief, staff members Tannae, Michele, Miza and Emma walked in total 50,615 steps on Tuesday 10th March. Our children also raised money through sponsors and cake sales. Together we managed to raise over £385 for charity.