

Mapledene Newsletter

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Mapledene joins Hackney Physical Literacy Programme

Mapledene is now part of the Physical Literacy government initiative supporting Healthy Early Years London. Our aim is to promote purposeful play throughout the day and lessen sedentary behaviour. Please look at the front entrance display board for more information on how to keep your children active at home.

Telegram takes over social media

You may have noticed we stopped sending regular text messages and emails. This is due to funding, through our parents forum it was decided to communicate through Telegram. We have many parents now signed up and receiving news and alerts. If you would like to join our Telegram group please see a member of staff. Don't miss out join today!

Parent Admissions Contract Updated

A paragraph has been added, informing parents that staff are **not** permitted to work privately for families or babysit children who attend Mapledene. New families joining us will find this information on page six of your contract which is effective immediately. The immunisation schedule has also been updated this can be found on page 15.

Dates to

remember...

St David's Day
Friday 1st March



Shove Tuesday
5th March



World Book Day
Thursday 7th
March. Dress up
as your favourite
story book
character



British Science
Week Friday 8th
- Friday 15th
March

Sports Relief,
Toddle Waddle
and St Patricks
Day Monday 11th
March - Friday
15th March



Mother's Day
Friday 29th
March



Come and have your say

Mapledene has a Parents Forum which is set up for parents to meet. It gives parents/carers a voice and enables them to contribute to Mapledene's decision making. It also helps develop a partnership between parents and the setting. Our Parents Forum chair is Rafael Hortala. Our next meeting will be held on Friday 14th June at 8.30am. The agenda will be posted on Telegram two weeks in advance.

Parent's Advisory Committee

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday 8th March at 9am. If you are a member please attend.

Fold it - Lock it

Please remember to lock your bikes when dropping off and picking up your children from nursery. There are thieves about who will not think twice about stealing unlocked bikes. When using the buggy shed please fold your prams and pushchairs to make space for others.

Safeguarding

This is taken very seriously here at Mapledene. If your child is absent from nursery please let us know. If we do not hear from you a member of staff will contact you. We do this to ensure all is well at home. If we do not hear from you after three days, we will call your emergency contact for details. As a last resort a member of SMT will visit your home to check on the well-being of your family.

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Welcome

We welcome staff members Nasima Begum who is based in Palms room and Yasmin Hussain who works in Apples & Seedlings. They both bring many years' experience of working with children. We feel they will be a valuable member of the Mapledene family.

Apples & Seedlings

Our youngest children have experienced activities focused on developing their senses. Through staff set up, they have had opportunity to explore a wide variety of messy play materials. The older children have taken part in specific language groups to develop and build confidence as well as learning new key words. Apples and Seedlings are also getting ready to visit Crystal Palace next week and travel as a group on the train. They are all very excited as they have been showing an interest in transport through small world play.



Palms

Palms children are getting ready to visit the Natural History Museum on Thursday 21st March. They have been exploring small world play and looking closely at differences and similarities. Some children are toilet training, saying goodbye to their dummies and making new friends. Staff work together to ensure their children are learning through play as they experience new challenges and take safe risks.

Today's Quote

Family, where life begins and love never ends.

Maples

Our pre-school children have been learning about people who help us and have explored the emergency services. Through books and role play Maples have shown their understanding of the work other people do to keep us safe. To round this off Maples children visited the Fire Station in Shoreditch. They are also getting ready to explore the Discovery Centre in Stratford on the 4th April. For further information please see a member of Maples staff.

Characteristics of Effective Learning

Remember to pick up your child's Characteristics of Effective Learning outside your child's room base. You will find them in a brown envelope. Each room base will have them ready for collection on or around the 15th of every month.

