Mapledene Newsletter

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Mapledene loses Quorn from their menu

We value the thoughts and opinions of our parents. Through consultation with parents regarding our vegetarian menu, it was agreed to totally remove Quorn. Our new and improved menu will be available to view very soon. As a member of 'Eat Better start Better' we pride ourselves with the range of specially prepared food cooked on our premises with love to nourish our children's mind, body and souls.

Physical Literacy

Do you have children who are able to walk the distance from your home to nursery? Is your child old enough to leave their push chair behind? If so; why not help your child to be active and take part in scooting, riding or walking to and from nursery. Try and do this at least three times a week to promote the physical development of your children.

Cutting Corners

Each room backs on to our main garden, when dropping off or picking up your children please do so through your child's main door. We ask that you do not walk through the garden to enter your child's room. This is done to ensure staff see each parent come and go. If you have children in more than one room this also applies.

Dates to remember…

Playing Out Friday 12th April from 1-3pm

Easter Parade Wednesday 17th April from 2-4pm

Clocks go forward 1 hour at 1am on Sunday morning

Sick Children

We have 95 children on our register at present. We ask that you please keep your children away from nursery if they are sick. We have had a bout of sickness in all rooms which spreads fast. If your child has a temperature above 38C, vomiting and/or diarrhoea we ask that you keep them away for 48 hours. This is done to protect the other children and staff so we are able to remain open for you. If you would like further information please view our sickness policy.

Old Boiler

We have installed a new boiler to service the centre with constant hot water and economical heating.

Nursery Fees

You would have been given a letter from the learning trust stating our new fee structure. We understand this may have financial ramifications for some of you. If you have concerns about this, we ask that you please email your concerns to Pamela who will forward them onto the learning trust.

Safeguarding

Please let us know if your child will be absent from nursery. We ask that all parents sign their children in and out of the centre. You can find your signing in sheets in your child's room base. If you are arranging for someone other than yourself to pick your child up please inform a member of staff. It is a good idea to leave a password with your child's keyworker in order to aid a smooth pick up.

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Mango's Easter Programme of activities

Easter is fast approaching, to keep your children busy join Mango room on a trip to Brooks Farm on Thursday 11th April. You will need to bring a packed lunch and an oyster card. Fancy relaxing with a bowl of popcorn? then come to the Hackney Picture House on Friday 12th April to book your place for 'Ralph Breaks the Internet' please see a member of Mango room staff. Do you need help understanding and responding to your child's challenging behaviour? if so please come to our workshop on Monday 15th April from 1-3pm. The session will be delivered by Dr Aleksandra Urbanska, please see a member of Mango room staff for further details. There will be a crèche available for children under five.

Apples & Seedlings

Our youngest children have been participating in music and movement which is part of the physical literacy programme. Staff provide opportunities for our children to explore sound, materials and musical instruments from around the world. At present Apples and Seedlings children continue to take part in language groups to develop confidence and learn new words.

Palms

Palms children enjoyed their visit to the Natural History Museum. You may have noticed through Palms room set up that staff have followed their interest and provided small world play including a fantastic array of dinosaurs. Palms children are getting ready to focus on spring as they will be taking part in planting seeds and learning more about nature.

Todays' Quote

The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness.

Honore de Balzac

Maples

Our oldest children have been interested in space and aliens. They have been provided with play tools and equipment to develop their own stories and characters. This has been linked to their upcoming trip to the discovery centre. Maples children will also be exploring spring and looking at mini beasts, they will look in depth at life cycles. If you would like to donate bulbs and seeds for our children to plant please hand them to a member of staff.

Characteristics of Effective Learning

You will now be receiving your child's CEL every six weeks. Your child's key worker will hand deliver them to you. You can expect your next copy on Friday 26th April 2019.