

# Mapledene Newsletter

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## Mapledene Open's its First Mud Kitchen

You may have already noticed some of your children have been coming home covered in mud. This is because; we have designated a specific area in the garden for the children to explore mixing mud and natural resources. We ask that parents bring their children to nursery in clothes that are suitable for messy play outdoors. If your child has wellington boots, please leave them at nursery if possible. We welcome parents/carers to use our mud kitchen and explore together with your children.

## Hackney Children's Centre

Have your say and help shape the future of Mapledene Children's Centre. We ask that all parents take part in this short survey before Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Please click on the link for further details on how to participate.

[www.hackney.commonplace.is](http://www.hackney.commonplace.is)

## Buggy Shed

In order to keep your prams and push chairs safe, please use the buggy shed provided. Recently one of our parents had their push chair taken from outside the buggy shed. To discourage thieves, please remember to use the shed and ensure the door is closed behind you. Also to make space for other parents, fold down your push chairs.

## Dates to remember...

National Book Start Week  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> -  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June



Father's Day  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup>  
June



Day Care  
Parent's Forum  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup>  
June at 8.30am



Graduation  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
from 10am



## Parent's Forum

The next parent forum will be held on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 8.30am**. This will be linked to our Father's Day celebration. The parent's forum agenda will be posted on Telegram. Please add to the agenda and join us on the 14<sup>th</sup> June to discuss your views and opinion.

## Curtesy Call

If you are running late to pick up your children from nursery, please call the centre to inform a member of staff. Remember all children should be dropped off no later than 10am.

## Summer Fayre

This year Mapledene's summer fare will be held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July from 2pm - 4.30pm. This will also be linked to our Open Day for new parents with children starting in September. If you would like to support us by having an advertising board, for the event erected by Blake and Stanley on your property, please let a member of staff know.

## Safeguarding

If your child requires medication please be advised that staff are NOT permitted to administer un-prescribed medication, unless it is nappy cream or teething gel. Please see a member of staff in your child's room for further details. Staff will also check that the medication is actual prescribed to the child and not the child's sibling.

## Weekend News

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June is the last day to participate in Dalston Children's Festival

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## Mango

An introduction to Paediatric First Aid course, for parents/carers starts on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July from 1pm - 3pm. If you would like to book your place please see a member of staff in Mango room. This course gives you key life - saving skills and the confidence to use them in an emergency, it also comes with crèche provided. We run a Job Search Skills drop in session which is term time only from 10am - 11am and an Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) drop-in from 10am - 11.30am. If you are interested in these sessions and more, then speak to a member of staff in Mango room for more details. To use Mango room stay and play sessions we ask for a £1 donation for snacks, cooking and messy play tools.

## Apples & Seedlings

Through music and movement our youngest children have the freedom to explore and experiment with sound. Staff, encourage the children to move in different ways, as they expose them to music and instruments from around the world. Children, who are ready, will begin toilet training. Big congratulations to Estel who transitioned from a nappy to big girl pants as she and her friends get ready to move up to the next room.

## Palms

Palms children will be working on developing their fine motor skills, as they prepare to transition to their next stage of development. They will also be working towards recognising their name in print. Palms children, who are able to make recognisable marks, will be encouraged through play to paint and draw thus developing an interest in early literacy.



## Today's Quote

'Impossible is just an opinion'  
Paulo Coelho

## Maples

Maples children, have shown an interest in transportation as they link their own experiences of travel into their play. Staff have set up activities to develop the children's interest in underground and over ground stations particularly Dalston junction. Maples children have enjoyed using the Mud Kitchen which has been linked to their outdoor learning. Our oldest children will continue to prepare for change to come as they make links with their new schools.

## Characteristics of Effective Learning

Your child's CEL will be ready for collection on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June outside your child's room base**. We no longer use individual envelopes, please look for your key workers picture and select your child's CEL. Please check that you have the correct CEL as your child will be placed in the same brown envelop belonging to their keyworker group.