



Mapledene News

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Key dates for November

Monday 4th November **Extended Services Parents Forum**
Tuesday 5th November **Guy Fawkes Night**
Tuesday 12th November **Red Book Day**
Friday 15th November **Children in Need**
Monday 18th - Friday 22nd November **Road Safety Week**

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

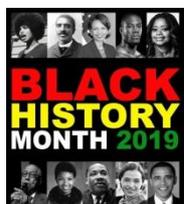
Extended Services



A stay and play session is a great way for you and your child to meet new people and make new friends in a friendly, gentle relaxed atmosphere. Our stay and play sessions have regular activities such as story time and snacks. Some sessions are busy; you may like to get here at the beginning to be guaranteed a space. Monday's stay and play sessions are linked to physical literacy (refer to the link below) and Wednesday's comes with Little Cooks. You can access these activities and much more from 9am - 11.30am. You can also view the programme of activities online. Visit the web page above.

Maples Forest School

Maples children have been enjoying their time spent with Queensbridge Primary School at London Fields. Maples class have been provided with brand new waterproofs, we ask parents to please keep a pair of wellington boots in Maples as the class will continue their learning experience with Queensbridge School every week.



Termly News

We hope you enjoyed your welcome breakfast and had the opportunity to meet with staff and other parents. The Parents Forum was well attended, we are looking for a new 'Parents Forum Chair' if you are interested please let Michele know by Wednesday 30th October. We are gearing up now towards our winter fayre on Friday 6th December. We kindly ask for any items you would like to donate to us for raffle prizes to be handed into the office.

Apples



Our youngest children are settling in nicely. They have visited Dalston market this week to collect cultural fruits and vegetables. They have been learning about 'Anansi Spider' as well as exploring other cultures linked to Black History and Diwali. Staff have lots more fun and educational activities planned to enhance learning.

Palms



Our toddlers are learning social skills as they learn to share and take turns. They have been learning how to be independent; staff give them opportunities to select their own play equipment, teach them how to put on their jacket, dress and undress themselves as well as brush their own teeth.

Staffing



Congratulations to staff member Fatma who gave birth to a healthy baby girl. We said goodbye to our Site Premises Manager Giovanni (John) De Dominicis who looked after the centre for many years. We welcome Luke Kelly our new Site Premises Manager who will join us in November.

Reminders



Getting feedback from staff at the end of the day is very important. The better informed you are may help towards a smooth night time routine for your child at home. Please arrive no later than 5.45pm in order to receive a full break down of your child's day. If you are not picking up you can call the centre for feedback or email your child's key worker. The centre closes at 6pm, it is important for all parents and children to leave the building in order for the shutdown process to begin. **Clocks go back 1 hour Sunday Morning**

Ofsted, how can parents help?

We are due an Ofsted inspection at any time; in order to keep our 'Outstanding' we need your help.

You can help us by following these safeguarding points.

- Keeping to your contracted time
 - Letting us know if someone else is collecting your child from nursery
 - Using your mobile phone in designated areas only
 - By not leaving the front door open
 - Signing your children in and out of the room
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Please contact the office immediately if you have made changes to your contact details.

Extra Curriculum Activities

At Mapledene we make sure our children have access to a curriculum that is varied and inclusive. Mondays focus is based on story and drama. Every Tuesday our French teacher Veronique teaches French to Palms and Maples children. On Wednesday's Michelle our music teacher runs a session in all rooms. Each Thursday is show and tell and Friday is bouncy castle over at Queensbridge Sports Centre. Throughout October children in all rooms have been learning about Black History and Diwali. We now have 'Young Explores', this involves groups of children experiencing specific activities in and outside the centre to enrich and empower their every day learning and understanding of the world. These activities are designed to give our Young Explores opportunity to interact in activities they may never get a chance to experience.

Have you heard about Cultural Capital?

Cultural capital is the essential knowledge that children need to prepare them for their future success. It is about giving children the best possible start in their early education. We aim to narrow the gap between children living in low income families to those who are not. Cultural Capital at Mapledene involves staff planning for children in order for them to have the best possible start in their future education.

Useful links

Online safety <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/keeping-your-under-five-safe-online/>

Physical Literacy [UK physical activity guidelines](#)

French site for children recommended by Veronique https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rrucWXT_JM

Ofsted new framework <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-inspection-handbook-eif>
