



Day care Parents Forum Minutes

Date of meeting: 14/02/2020

Time: 8.45am - 9.15am

AGENDA: Parents Forum

Agenda	Points of discussion
Present:	Graham Scrivener (Chair), Daniel Chin, Ami Fujita, Luciano Lettteriello, Annette Excell, Michele Rinaldi, Ferran Marti Voltas, Hania Elkington, Jake Lushington, Lucy Perrow Total 11 . Staff representative Michele Clarke
Introduction	Brief introduction to open the meeting. We would like to thank the parents who attended. It was nice to see new faces and hope to see you all again at the next meeting. MC is the parent's forum staff representative. MC is a member of the senior management team at Mapledene.
Parents forum, what's the big idea	Parent's forums are designed for parents to meet, it gives parents a voice and enables them to contribute to Mapledene's decision making. It also helps develop a partnership between parents and the setting.
Review actions from the last meeting	Graham Scrivener has volunteered to chair the Parents Forum taking over from Rafael Hottola. Graham is a retired teacher who has a child in Palms room and has been a friend of Mapledene for several years. He also leads the Palms room Whatsapp group. We were able to raise over £2000 through last year's winter fayre in December 2019. All proceeds go towards providing shade in the Baby room garden
Baby room Outside Shading	We have managed to raise enough funds now to provide shading for the Baby room garden ready for the spring and summer months ahead. Play Cubed have been commissioned to install a bespoke shaded area for our youngest children. We will let you know when the work has been carried out.
Parents Committee	Mapledene Parent's Committee is now cluster based; we sit in cluster F alongside Ann Taylor and Morningside Children's Centre. We meet three times a year, the next meeting is due on 27 th March 2020 here at Mapledene. After that it will be held either at Morningside or Ann Taylor. If you would like to become a member of Mapledene's Parent's Committee please let Pamela know.



<p>Learning Garden Forest School update</p>	<p>Mapledene's pre-school class (Maples) have linked up with Queensbridge primary school for their weekly forest school session. We have enrolled MC onto the 'Forest School leader' level 3 course at Clapton Park, starting at the end of March 2020. We are making progress with the transformation of our learning garden which we intend to use for our onsite Forest School. Thank you to HE who has agreed to contact Hackney's Tree Officer who may provide us with some fruit trees. Mapledene's gardener Gavin will run planting classes with the children. If anyone has vegetable seeds they could donate, please let us know.</p>
<p>Mapledene Social Media,</p> <p>Friends of Mapledene Fundraising Group (FMFG)</p> <p>Auction of Promises</p>	<p>We are expanding into Twitter, Instagram and kick-starting Facebook. We will let you know how and when to follow us. In the meantime you can view our webpage.</p> <p>Mapledene has three day care rooms that use a group Whatsapp and are part of the Friends of Mapledene Fundraising Group (FMFG). Apples & Seedlings group is led by Annette; Palms room is led by GS and Maples by Maya Gur. This group is separate from Mapledene's Telegram group which gives updates and reminders. The FMFG can meet as often as necessary to plan fundraising events. We have a parent's room for meetings over a cup of tea or coffee. GS suggested an Auction of Promises and would look into this via the FMFG as an idea to raise money. FMV suggested we look into Good Box which is a contactless solution that can be used by parents to spend money at our summer and winter fayres MC will look into this further.</p>
<p>Hackney Tree Musketeers</p>	<p>To get our learning garden (Forest school) area of the ground we are looking to plant trees and scrubs preferably evergreen. We would like the area to awaken our children's five senses. GS heard about the good work the Hackney Tree Musketeers do and will look into this further</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>Mapledene's Parent Forum is an open invitation to ALL our parents. The forum will be linked to an event such as our welcome breakfast. It usually starts around 8.30am - 8.54am the latest for 30 to 40 minutes.</p> <p>If you would like to come to our next forum please try your best to get here for 8.30am. The date and time will be announced on Telegram giving you all plenty of notice.</p>

