



# Mapledene News October Issue 2020

## Key dates for November 2020

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November Virtual Extended Services Forum  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November Virtual Parents Forum Day Care  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November Virtual Red Book Day  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November Virtual Advisory Committee Area F  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November Road Safety Week  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December Parent/Teacher Consultations

Visit our web page at [www.mapledenechildrenscentre.co.uk](http://www.mapledenechildrenscentre.co.uk)

### The future of Mapledene during the pandemic

Our current opening and closing times will remain the same for the foreseeable future. We will continue to provide care and education to your children from 8am - 5pm Monday to Friday. It is very unlikely for closures to early years' setting. The staff meeting which was scheduled for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November has been cancelled. We will open at 8am as normal, please bring your children to their usual drop of area at their contracted time. We are expecting Palms room to reopen as normal on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. The room will have been deep cleaned ready for the children and staff to return. We have taken every precaution necessary to ensure Palms room is safe to reopen. This has been our first confirmed case of COVID-19, it is truly indiscriminate and powerful enough to shut down an entire class. We ask all parents and carers, to help us by being extra cautious and remain inside their child's room base bubble while away from nursery. Mapledene will continue to ensure all rooms and equipment are sterilised throughout the day in order for us to continue to remain open. We can do this if we all work together, thank you for supporting us.

### Reminders



Please only use your child's Mapledene blue bag to bring spare clothes to nursery. We are no longer able to accept rucksacks due to the lack of space on your child's peg. This in turn makes it very difficult for children to access their outdoor jackets and hats. On your child's last day at nursery before the weekend staff will hand your child's blue bag to you. Please bring the bag back filled with fresh clothes on your child's first day back after the weekend. Cloth book bags are on sale for £6 please see a member of staff if you would like to buy one.

### Curriculum

During half term, staff take time to evaluate children's progress. Planning is reviewed with new learning intentions set to challenge the children. Events are planned to incorporate other religions for example, Diwali, Eid, Hanukkah and Christmas. Mapledene's children will participate in specific activity to widen their knowledge and understanding of the world.

### Apples & Seedlings



Our youngest children have been exploring cultural diversity through different print and material. They are provided with a wide selection of cultural dolls, tools, food and small world play items. They have experienced different textures as they explore pumpkin seeds mixed in slime, dry cereal, wet sand and corn flour mixed with water. Key words are also used to promote language.

### Palms



Palms room children have focused on the story of Handa's Surprise as their introduction to cultural diversity. Staff also focus on a different sports person and link this to activities related to that sport in celebration of Black History Month. Children learn the importance of respecting differences through activities which in turn supports British Values. Palms staff continue to toilet train children who are ready. Parents can help by not dressing their children in difficult clothing such as dungarees.

### Maples



Children in Maples have spent the term developing their project book focused on the life cycle of a plant. They have also learnt about important people in history through establishing their own history museum in the home corner as they celebrated Black History Month. Maples children have participated in becoming authors. During their daily circle time session, they have managed to write their own story collectively. They have titled their story as 'The Wild Animal Dark.'

## Health & Safety

We work together to ensure the building is safe for our children and staff. A health and safety check list of the building is completed each morning. Items found to be defective are removed, the outdoor space is risk assessed for sharp objects and swept of debris. Care and attention is taken to make sure children have safe access to their outdoor learning space. We ask parents to please dress their children in footwear that is able to navigate the different services. Provide shoes that are secure and holds your child's feet firmly inside them. Children are taught self-help skills and learn to put on their own footwear. You can help your child with this by providing them with shoes they can slip on and off or that have Velcro fastenings.

## Extended Services



Every Monday and Wednesday, Mango room run a Book Library where you can come and borrow several books to read with your child for two weeks. There is also a Toy Library every Tuesday and Friday, where you can select up to three toys for your child to play with at home for two weeks. If you would like to use this service, please book your session. All books and toys are sterilised before they are borrowed out and sterilized on return.

## Social Distancing

When dropping off and picking up your children at their designated areas. Please remember to adhere to the social distancing guidelines. We ask that all parents/carers distance themselves from each other when lining up. Staff will call you over one at a time to receive your child. Thank you to all our parents/carers for maintaining their child's bubble and only meeting up with parents and children in the same class while outside of nursery.

Please contact the office immediately if you have made changes to your contact details.



## Lateness and Non Collection of Children

We expect all children to be at the setting by 10:00am, unless we have received prior notification of the proposed lateness. All children must be collected punctually. A late charge of £5.00 for every 5 minutes after contracted hours may be applied. Persistent late collection of 3 intervals over a four-week period may result in the withdrawal of your child's place. A verbal warning will be given in the first instance, followed by a written warning. A final written notification will be issued notifying you of the withdrawal of the nursery place. Any waiver of withdrawal will be at the centre manager's discretion. If you anticipate that you will be late to collect your child and you have exhausted all avenues to arrange for collection, you should discuss the difficulty with the centre manager immediately.

## Sun Babies

Good News...Mapledene has been awarded over £1000 grant to purchase equipment for the learning garden (forest school).

## Useful links

Speech and Language Support <https://gethackneytalking.co.uk/>

Teaching Road Safety <https://www.rosopa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

Safety Makes Sense <https://www.capt.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=44e36e43-bd5e-4dd0-aca-e040f37fe2ef>

Cycling at night <https://www.cycletraining.co.uk/cycle-training-and-cycle-safety/safety-first-cycling-at-night/>