



Mapledene & Queensbridge Children's Centre

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Day Care Parents/Carers Forum - Minutes

Date of meeting: 4 November 2022

Time: 9.30 - 10.30 am

Agenda	Points of discussion
Welcome and Introductions	Parents/Carers present: 15 MCC: Michele
Winter Fair - Survey results discussion	Low response rate. Organisation not viable due to time constraints during this busy time of the year. PF agreed on setting up Christmas collection pot and organising Spring fair instead.
Spring Fair	PF agreed on organising all centre Spring fair in April/May time. The fair is to be parents/carers led with support from MCC. To start preparing from January - comms via Whatsapp group.
Christmas Collection pot	Collection pot to be set up by PF Secretary, with funds delivered to MCC to be used for all rooms for Christmas presents and Christmas party related items. PF to seek ideas for each room's presents from parents/carers and then share with MCC.
Learning Garden Fundraising pot	Thanks to the generous donation secured by Helene, still have quite a lot of funds left from the Learning garden collection pot, which must be used by the end of March. Some items are still needed to be purchased for the learning garden but it was agreed that any leftover can be used for trips as long as all rooms get to go. PF to seek ideas for each room's trip from parents/carers via Whatsapp groups and share the outcome with MCC who will then present top choices to children to see where they would like to go.



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<p>Registering MCC as a Charity</p>	<p>PF keen to resurrect the idea of registering MCC as a charity due to its many advantages, including government top up on fundraiser collections, charity back account allowing for more transparency.</p> <p>PF to seek consultation with parents/carers with experience in this field.</p>
<p>Primary School applications</p>	<p>Useful video sent by MCC via Telegram, also includes clarification re. preferences.</p> <p>Tours - available online or in-person or both, depending on school. Must either submit online request or call the school to arrange.</p>
<p>Initiative with old people's home - Together Project</p>	<p>Pen-pal style initiative for sharing letters, art work, etc. between the child and an elderly person they have been matched with.</p> <p>Details of the project distributed to parents/carers in Maples.</p>
<p>Family Hub update</p>	<p>Rep from Hackney Education presented.</p> <p>Hubs in 7 areas = neighbourhoods - one stop shop offering more seamless services.</p> <p>Seeking parents/carers participation from this cluster to get their input and views (for under 5s as well as over 5s) - consultations online or in-person?, evening or day? - PF suggested mix - contact details for Hackney Ed on this to be shared via Telegram.</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>Telegram - please keep checking messages from MCC regularly as notifications sometimes do not pop up.</p> <p>Parents/Carers Whatsapp groups - set up for each room. If you wish to be added to respective group, email Michele or get in touch with Lucia (Apples), James (Palms), Eva (Maples).</p>

