



## Day Care Parents Forum Meeting - Minutes

**Date of meeting:** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**Parents / carers:** 9

**Minutes taken by:** Erin Boreham

**Chaired by:** Miza Myers - Apologies sent by Gemma Daubney

**Meeting Started:** 9.00am

**Meeting Ended:** 9.50am

### Friends of Mapledene

- Group that spearhead fundraising initiatives and events for the centre
- Chairperson / treasurer / secretary still needed
- Required for X3 times a year meetings + any fundraising / events
- Please speak to Pam / Miza for more information #

### Centre Wide Trip

- Trip to Margate planned for August unfortunately will need to be reconsidered due to the large cost to hire coaches (£4k)
- Suggestion made by parent for parents to pay for train tickets themselves upfront - Miza to feedback to CM

### Staffing

- Centre is fully staffed and at 113% capacity
- As of 10<sup>th</sup> Feb; Scarlett moving back to Mango room, Kayland moving to Maples rooms and a new member of staff Ayse will be joining Palms room

### Air Conditioning

- Project now approved for the whole building
- Works to be split into two; staffing / back of house areas to commence shortly.
- Each room occupied by the children to commence over the summer to reduce any impact on day to day activities for the children



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## PEEP

- Starts 5<sup>th</sup> March - 9<sup>th</sup> April
- Project is around literary for those children who are due to start school
- Michele to lead - for further details speak to Michele

## Forest School

- Lead by Michele and starts 25<sup>th</sup> February during term time - July
- Maples room split into groups and attends Forest School in London Fields

## Website

- New Centre website launching February

## Data & Extended Services

- Miza and Pam currently collating and analyzing data from those families who attend extended services activities such as Stay & Play
- Over 1,636+ families have used the services from April last year - present
- Next step: looking at those families who are out of borough to ensure there are enough places / opportunities for those families with Hackney
- Continuing with outreach program at local schools and relevant locations to raise awareness of Mapledene's services

## Music Teacher

- Joins each room every Tuesday for a session

## Speech & Language Therapist

- New therapist starting end of February will be based in the quiet room
- Not linked to nursery but referrals for children in need in Hackney

## Children's Centre's Consultation

- Still on-going, council not in a position at the moment to give any further insights into those hubs / centres at risk
- No conclusion still on-going as locations still looking for a provider



### Local Community Partnerships

#### Marie Lord Centre

- In discussion with centre management of Marie Lord Nursery Home next door to the nursery regarding joining up for a Summer Event
- Potential to also reach out to Queensbridge Practise for similar co-beneficial events / fundraising.
- Suggestion of doctors / local professionals to come in to give talks / sessions with the children at Mapledene
- Or if any parents are doctor/ dentist etc. if they would like to volunteer their time to come in to run a session

### AOB

- Suggestion of purchasing 'leaning towers' with fundraising money for children to use when in the kitchen for cooking sessions

#### **Clothing protection**

- bibs are only used in the Apples room
- Aprons are used for messy play in each room

#### **Outdoor staff Ratio**

All members of staff are outside with the children during outdoor play, with one member of staff floating inside in case a child wants to go in during this time

#### **Volunteering**

- Parents / carers are welcome to volunteer at the nursery; they are treated as a member of staff so will require; DBS checks, x2 references + an interview with a member of the centres SLG group
- Min of 3months would be required
- Any length of time e.g. 1hour a week to read stories / cook etc.
- Please speak to Miza for more information



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