



# Mapledene & Queensbridge Children's Centre

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## Parents Forum Minutes

**16<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Parents Present: 9**

**Apologies: Chair**

**Meeting started: 9am**

**Meeting ended: 10.36am**

### **Friends of Mapledene**

- Still recruiting for chairperson, secretary & treasurer of Friend of Mapledene
- Friends of Mapledene runs events e.g. Spring Fayre to raise money for the nursery.
- Meeting once a quarter to discuss events and activities that would benefit the nursery.
- Wish list; Learning Garden resources £4,500 / Revamp of outdoor library £1,500 / rest mats, storage cabinet, cushions and sheets for Palms room (£4,000)
- If the roles are not fulfilled then unfortunately some of the events / activities will no longer be able to take place
- Discussed talking about Friends of Mapledene when parents join the nursery so that they have a better understanding of what it does

### **Summer Fayre**

- Date penciled in for 19<sup>th</sup> July
- Communication to go out via Telegram.

### **Staffing Structure**

- New members joined Palms room (as sent out via Telegram)
- X1 still to recruit for Palms due to long -term sickness of 2 staff members currently in the room

### **New Fee Structure**

- New fee structure for September which entails parents showing proof of their income unless you are in band 3.

### **Mini Outings**

- Palms; Mudchute Farm 23<sup>rd</sup> May
- Maples; Crystal Palace 17<sup>th</sup> June
- Apples; Childhood Museum 19<sup>th</sup> June

### **Open Door Policy**



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- Nursery operates and welcomes an 'open door' policy. Please speak to a member of staff in either rooms or come to a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss any matters.

## Nursery Setting

- Planning difficulties for the air conditioning project to take place; this has been rejected by Hackney council.
- Automatic car park gates being installed for H&S for the children and staff.
- Due to issues with our friendly fox, pest control are going to be coming in to spray areas x4 times for the protection of staff and children
- Bar code system now in operation in order to access our stay & play sessions in the Mango room. If you have not been allocated one, please speak to reception. This has been put in place for data protection.
- New signage due to be erected outside the building promoting us London Fields and Shoreditch Park family hub

## Events

- Graduation, Sports Day, Father's Day among others, please see the noticeboards for more information, communication also sent out via Telegram with dates
- Please come along and participate, parents welcome!

## Extended Services

- New speech and language therapist at the centre on Thursdays
- Extended services are undertaking some targeted work from April this year to 2026 including book stat corner, PEEP, baby massage, first aid.

## AOB

- Music / specific playlists suggested as a way of incorporating more music into the rooms such as via Sportify or USB
- Water play sessions, especially during warm weather, more of this suggestion for the children; water trays / sensory trays / sand / paint
- Or wet play scenarios such as car wash / laundry
- Cooking sessions - suggestion to have more foods and stations to cook from e.g. more chopping tables to encourage more cooking skills

If any parents have any projects that they feel the nursery could take part in, please let your room leader know or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.