

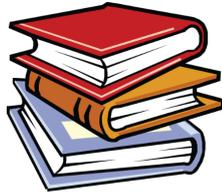


Coming up...Little People Open Day - Saturday 23rd March

What a busy month it's been, celebrating Chinese New Year where we learnt about the Legend of Nian, we shared lots of love and had fun decorating hearts for Valentine's Day. We also had some fantastic staff training on learning about Makaton, a type of sign language.

***Notice* - World Book Day**

For World Book Day on 7th March all children and staff are invited to dress up as their favourite book characters. Each room is focussing on one book. Parents are invited to come in and read stories, please speak with the room practitioners.



February 2019

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Valentine's Day + Artist of the Month

This month we decided to get inspired with the Valentine's Day celebrations for our Artist of the Month activity. We learnt all about Mondrian's passion for graphic shapes, bold outlines and primary colour combinations and used this for decorating paper hearts for our display in the Montessori room.



Chinese New Year - Year of the Pig

We've been learning about Chinese New Year and Chinese culture throughout the nurseries. To celebrate the New Year and the Year of the pig we made red envelopes with gold coins and special messages inside, we learnt about the Legend of Nian and created a giant 3D dragon and also made special red lanterns.

Some of the children also learnt about Chinese cuisine, making their own wontons and then practiced eating with chopsticks.



Employees of the Month



Miss Rita

Miss Rita for always being caring and considerate while having a great flexible approach to everything and amazing organisational skills.



Miss Marilyn

Miss Marilyn is always a huge help and support wherever she goes. She is very loved by all the children and the care she provides them with is immeasurable.



Miss Stacey Ann

For having great commitment and dedication to her job and for giving great advice while always being a kind and supportive team member.



Miss Teresa

For the wonderful care she gives the children while always going above and beyond to help everyone. A great member of the team!



Miss Sarah

Miss Sarah for always volunteering to help with any task all while being very organised, friendly and kind to all the children and staff.

Team of the Month - Montessori Room

We would like to give a special mention also to **Ines, Isabel, Shazia and Mumtaz** who have been working together in the Fulham Montessori room since January. They have been working wonderfully as a team, coming up with great ideas and showing great team spirit in their teaching.

Makaton Training

On Wednesday 20th February all Little People staff and children at both our Fulham and Shepherds Bush sites worked with specialist Makaton teacher Nichola Cove for the day. Nichola originally trained in Makaton while working at Little People nurseries and is now a speech therapy assistant in a special needs school.

Makaton is a kind of sign language which uses visual queues combined with hearing words at the same time. This means the children learn to recognise the word with the visual action.

The day of training focused on using the Makaton sign language to assist with everyday activities and routines. We learnt things such as the good morning song, days of the week, the alphabet and common phrases. We also played some games which focused on attention and memory.

Upcoming Key Dates

- ◆ 5th March: Pancake Day
- ◆ 7th March - World Book Day
- ◆ 15th March - Red Nose Day
- ◆ 17th March St Patrick's Day
- ◆ Sat 23rd March—Open Day (both sites)
- ◆ 31st March - Mother's Day
- ◆ 19th - 26th April: **Nursery Closed for Easter**
- ◆ Re-open from Monday 29th April

What We've Been Up To...



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