

La
Maternelle
Pear Tree

What's been happening?

Newsletter

November 2009



October half term @ La Maternelle

It was lovely to see so many of you at October half term at our holiday club at Pear Tree School.

We enjoyed lots of exciting activities including Rock Painting, Brilliant Bubbles and we even made a giant train for our train station.

Our Christmas holiday programme is now available, for further information please contact Clare Donovan on 07950028921.

Our Nursery in Wistaston

Our nursery in Wistaston is currently offering 20% of all new registrations. If you would like to book a visit please contact Vicki Brown on (01270) 664466. See reverse for further details.

EYFS

La Maternelle follows the new statutory 'Early Years Foundation Stage' for every child up to the age of 5 years. This is the same curriculum which your child/children follow up to the age of 5 years in school.

As a setting this is an approach

New Members

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members Alex, Laura, Eve, Jaida, Jacob, Archie, Oliver and Sasha.

We hope you enjoy your time at club with us.

already adopted, putting the child at the centre of everything we do to ensure care and learning is active, interesting and meets individual needs. We treat children as unique individuals, provide an enabling environment, establish positive relationships with children and families in order to ensure children thrive in their learning and development.

The new EYFS aims to ensure all children access the best early years practice in order to improve attainment levels in the 6 areas of learning - Communication, Language & Literacy, Problem Solving Reasoning & Numeracy, Personal, Social & Emotional Development, Knowledge & Understanding of the World, Physical Development and Creative Development. We plan based on children's interests and development needs ensuring that all areas of learning & development are covered.

I am sure you will start to hear more information in the press and through school. If you would like further information please visit www.standards.dcsf.gov.uk/eyfs/.

Keyworker groups

As we are now following the new EYFS framework all children have been allocated a Key Worker in the club. This is a named member of staff who is responsible for the development and well being of his/her group of children during their time with us.

The lists of the key worker groups are displayed in the club—please feel free to have a look at your child's group and speak to your child's Key Worker as you drop off or collect your child.

Home from Home

Can we please remind all parents that we greatly welcome any information from you regarding your child's interests, needs, or any ideas that you would like to share with us that would help to make your child's experience with us an even better one! We hope to make the club environment a homely experience for children so anything you can contribute for example photographs from holidays or trips out. If you have an expertise which you would like to share we would welcome these to help us create this environment and to help to inform our planning for your child/children during their time at the club. Many Thanks.

Our policies and procedures are available to all parents to read. Please see a member of staff for details.

New Routine

After school the children will be able to relax when they come into the club and enjoy a drink and some fruit. We will all play outside from 3.45pm—4.15pm. Tea time will remain at 4.40pm/4.50pm followed by free play inside due to the darker evenings.

OFSTED Inspection

Last term we were delighted with the outcome of our OFSTED inspection of the club—OUTSTANDING in all areas. Congratulations to all—children, families, the staff team and the school for all support given to us.

CHILDRENS COUNCIL UPDATE

WE HAVE NOW SET UP OUR CHILDRENS COUNCIL. OUR MEMBERS ARE CAMERON, GEORGINA, GRACE, BETHANY, RAY, JAMES, GLOE, OLIVER AND TEGAN.

ALL CHILDREN HAVE VOTED AND HAVE CHOSEN RAY AS HEAD BOY AND GRACE AS HEAD GIRL!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SOME NEW AND EXCITING IDEAS FROM OUR CLUB COUNCIL MEMBERS. IF ANYONE HAS ANY IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS (INCLUDING PARENTS' GUARDIANS) THEN PLEASE SPEAK TO A COUNCIL MEMBER OR WRITE A SHORT NOTE TO ONE OF THEM.



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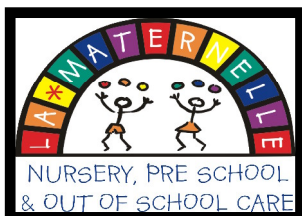
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www.lamaternelle.co.uk

Invoices & Payments

We invoice for permanent sessions in advance. For example your November invoice will be for all your permanent sessions in November. Casual sessions can also be reserved subject to availability. These sessions up to and including the 25th of the month will be invoiced the following month. Therefore, any casual sessions reserved in November up to and including the 25th will be invoiced in December, any after the 25th will be invoiced in January.

Please note that all invoices should be paid during the first week of the month and late charges will apply if invoices are not paid for during the month for which they are issued. We hope you understand our reasons for this.



Role Play Area

Our last few roles play corners have been a big success! We have had a shoe shop, doctors surgery and a Chinese takeaway.

At the moment we have a pizza hut as our role play! We have collected pizza hut boxes and cups and made pizzas out of air hardening clay then decorated them!



Our Nursery & Pre School

Our nursery and pre school is situated at Wistaston Church Lane Primary School. We care for children from the age of two years. Parents have a choice of sessional care (2 1/2 hours each morning/afternoon), full day care (8am—6pm) or school day care (9.00am—3.00pm)

The setting was awarded outstanding in all areas of care and education by OFSTED and also achieved 2nd place in Nursery Setting of the Year.

All parents are welcome to visit the setting and will receive complimentary enrolment for any child enrolled with us at this facility. If you would like to read our inspection report for this setting please log on to www.ofsted.gov.uk.

We are currently offering 20% off all nursery places for new members. For further information please call (01270) 664466 for further information.

Competitions

Last term Thomas in Year 5 won our castle building competition. Well done Thomas!

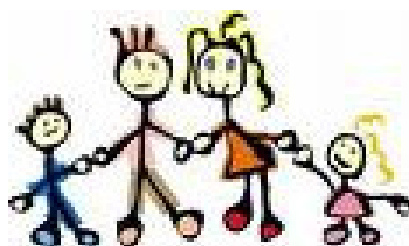
This term we are designing a hot air balloon, as we are seeing lots of them taking off from Stapeley Water Gardens! Good luck to all!

Cancellations

Just a reminder to all parents that if your child is not coming to club please could you ring or text the club mobile phone to let us know. This saves us time at the end of the school day looking for children. Another reminder, if your child has symptoms of sickness and diarrhoea our policy is that they stay at home for 48 hours.

Activity Update

So far this term we have made air hardening clay pizzas for our role play, made a set of skittles out of papier mache, Blackpool Illuminations, hot air balloon pictures and sound pictures!



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