



## La Maternelle Out of School Club - Wistaston Newsletter - Autumn 2009



Outstanding in all  
areas of care and  
education

### New Members

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new club members Ella Baron, Mica Proudlove, Daniel Johnson, Jessica Birtwistle, Sophie High, Charlie Simms, Jack Tew, Mille Boffey, Ellie Boffey, Ashley Beach, Amy Welsh, Abigail Welsh, Hannah Joinson, Abigail Joinson, Hannah Campbell, Cameron Campbell, Daniel Preece, Sophie Preece, William Calder, Olivia Perry and Jake Kelly.

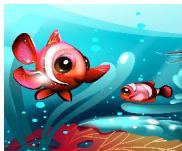
All new members who are in reception have 2 or 3 older buddies who support them upon arrival and during the sessions. Buddies responsibilities include being a good role model but most importantly being a good friend. The system has allowed older and younger children to bond during their time at La Maternelle thus making the transition from nursery to school to after school club a smooth one.



### New Club Pet's

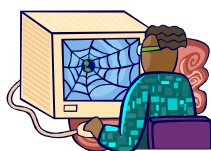
This term has seen the introduction of several new pets at La Maternelle. We were sorry to say goodbye to our last gerbil Marshmallow during the summer months. We now have a Russian Dwarf Hamster. The children voted on several names for our new pet and in the end Whiskers, put forward by Megan Tew was the most popular choice.

Three new fish have also joined La Maternelle's family of pets. They were named Fish, Chips and Peas by the pre-school children. In the Day Nursery our 3 guinea pigs Sage, Onion and Chesnut are keeping the children busy and entertained.



### Website

We're on the web!!! Be sure to check out all the latest La Maternelle news on our website..... [www.lamaternelle.co.uk](http://www.lamaternelle.co.uk).....



### Keyworker Groups & EYFS

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.



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 that your child/children follow up to the age of 5 years in school.

As a setting this is an approach 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.

### Congratulations!!

Last term we were delighted with the outcome of OFSTED inspections at our after school clubs at Pear Tree and Stapeley Broad Lane. Both clubs were awarded outstanding by inspectors. Congratulations to all the children, the staff team, families and both schools for all support given to us.



### Fantasy Football

This year's fantasy football is well and truly underway with The Blue Devils (Katie Tomkinson) setting the early pace. The end of October will see this seasons first Manager of the Month award so look out for the updates on the Fantasy Football Notice Board. This can be found on the wall as you enter the out of school care room.

There will be one transfer window in this season's competition. Managers will get the opportunity to ditch 2 of their underperforming players in January and replace them with players who are showing better form.

Any children or parents who would like to enter a team on behalf of their child are very welcome. Please ask the staff for details.

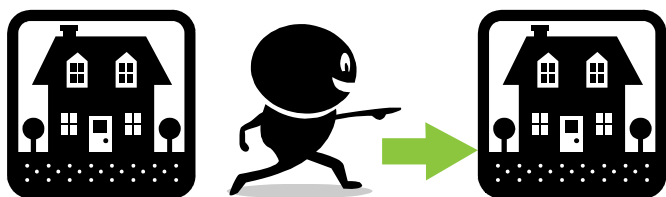


### Day Nursery Offer

We are currently offering a 20% reduction in fees for all new registrations until January 2010 in our Day Nursery. If you would like any more information about our Day Nursery which was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place in a national competition and awarded outstanding by OFSTED inspectors then please contact us on 01270 664466.

### 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 that you can contribute for example photographs from holidays or trips out. If you have any expertise that you would like to share we would welcome these to help to inform our planning for your child / children during their time here at the club. Many Thanks.



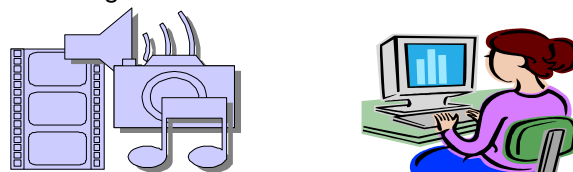
Our policies and procedures are available to all parents to read. Please see member of staff for details.

### New Computer

This term has seen the introduction of 2 new computers in our out of school club. These machines and the games packages installed on them have been a hit with the children. They also allow the children to safely surf the internet whilst at club.

We are also using the machines as our new sound system through the I-Tunes player. Children have been bringing in their favourite cds to copy onto the machines and listen to whilst at club. If anyone would like to bring their cds in from home then they are very welcome to.

Look out for the photograph displays on the computers where you can see what your child has been doing whilst at La Maternelle!!



### Invoices and Correspondence

Please note that invoices and correspondence are filed alphabetically in the pigeon holes in the entrance hall. We do when possible endeavour to pass on all correspondence but ultimately parents must be responsible for collecting their own invoices and correspondence each month.

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



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