

Yellow Group

Written by Ms. Sara Owen
Yellow Group – Teacher
Ms. Elvie – Assistant

Year 5, Issue 1
November 2012.



EXPLORING OUR WORLD—ME AND MY WORLD



Important dates to remember

Week Commencing
19th November
Parent teacher
meetings.

1st week in
December - Santa
comes to
SmartKids!

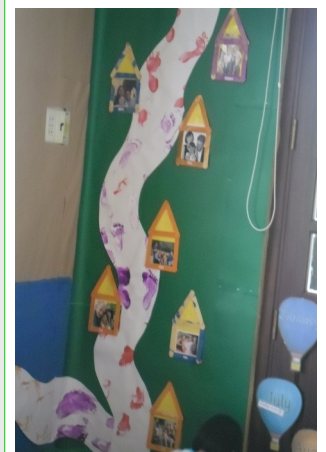
Friday 14th
December - School
closes.

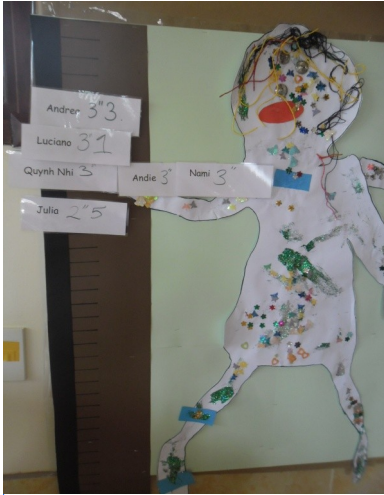
Monday 7th
January - Non
Children day.

Children return to
SmartKids on
Tuesday the 8th of
January.

I am happy to share with you our first newsletter edition of the year, which will show you all the exciting things we have done so far! Our theme this term is "Me and My World." As we started the year the children needed time to get to know their classroom, friends and me! We spent the first few weeks focusing on classroom decoration, giving the children an active role in this so they could gain ownership of the space. The children used their fine motor skills to decorate their own self registration cards for putting on the wall each morning. By making self portraits this activity also encouraged self-awareness. We also created houses from wooden sticks, painted them and inserted pictures of the children's families. The children enjoyed working with wood and using paint to decorate the "house" in their choice of color. This became part of the wall display "our world" which not only includes our family houses but also a road of our footprints! The children love looking at the 'houses' during circle time and telling their friends all about their families.

Ms Sara.





Our height display!

Learning about "Me and My World!"

Already we have done so many activities to develop our awareness of self and the world around us. We started the term with learning about ourselves. We measured our height, used mirrors to identify hair color, and facial features, we completed all about me books which showed our hair color, different facial expressions, and likes and dislikes. We also took a trip to Ms Lynn's office and to visit our helpers in the kitchen, we had so much fun!



Cutting and sticking to put together our all about me books!

Eyes!



The children loved to identify my different facial features using their sense of touch, we had lots of giggles!!



Hair!

Nose!



Ears!

Ms Sara.

In the Yellow Group, we love Music, Dance and Movement!



We really enjoyed making and decorating our own music shakers! We filled plastic bottles with beads, decorated them with foil feathers and sequins and then experimented with loud and soft sounds during our music sessions. This was a wonderful sensory and creative project!



For our Moon festival we made our own lanterns and used LED candles to light up the green room for a moon festival dance performance! We performed for the big kids and all of our SmartKids helpers!



Warm up stretches are an important part of our dance and movement sessions.

Exploring music, dance and movement will be a continuous part of your children's development this year. Music is so much fun and engages children's awareness and creativity, while dance and movement supports our physical development and enables us to become more aware of our physical bodies and the space around us.



Practicing our hop!

We used our dance and movement sessions to learn more about ourselves our different facial features, body parts and facial expressions. Lucie was very good at making a sad face!

