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# Red Group Newsletter

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"We love to hide our feet in the sand"



It's Time for circle time



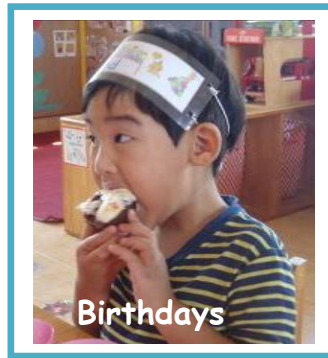
Lacing activity

## What have we been up to?

This is our Group: the children are: **Cooper** (he loves to read books quietly), **Samantha** (She loves to make art projects), **Pepper** (She loves to draw and color), **Nod** (He loves to play with cars), **Sarthak** (He likes to dance), **Enzo** (He loves to sing songs). The teachers: **Ms Olga** (Loves to cook colorful and scented playdough and fingerpaint for the sensory corner) and **Ms Cathy** (Loves reading stories to children).

It has been a good start of the year 2012-2013 with the Red Group. We have been very busy learning about the world through the children eyes and enjoying our theme "Me and My World".

The red group is dynamic; all children are very interested in all our topics and activities. They are eager to learn and enjoy participating in building our themes ideas.



## Our Themes and Topics

### August:

In August it was all about settling in, learning to know each other and exploring our surroundings. The children enjoyed our topics about friends and our school "SmartKids". We learned to follow the classroom routine and the rules.

### September:

During this month we talked about "Me and My World." We had topics such as where we come from, my family, our countries and nationalities, and the topics "My Body." On the 19<sup>th</sup> we went on our first field trip to reinforce our topic "My Body" to Joymax. The children worked on being confident in a different environment, used their large muscles to travel around the maze and be more independent.

It was a very busy month; the children were very involved in all activities. We also learned about culture and tradition in everyone's home country and installed a yearly calendar in the classroom to learn about understanding the notion of time.

The week of the 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> we talked about and celebrated the Moon Festival.

### October:

We have talked about hygiene and how to keep our body healthy. (Brushing teeth, eating good food, exercising, washing hands properly and sleeping well). The children enjoyed reading the book "Germs are Not for Sharing". They all made little germs with color paper/sequins and we put them in our bathroom on top of the sink with a sign: "Germs are Not for Sharing; they can make you sick, please wash hands properly and send those germs down the drain."

We also talked about emotions. Children learned to express their emotions through: role-playing, using their words, crafts and music. Teaching the children about feelings helped them express their own feelings in a more productive way. It also helped them learn to respond to the emotions of others appropriately. This means showing empathy when someone is sad or laughing when a friend is feeling silly.

At the end of the month after our 1 week term break, we started our topic "I discover/explore my world with my senses". It was so interesting to go out and listen to the sound of nature, watching a seed "grow", touching sand and make a volcano, smell good/bad odors, and taste different food: sour, sweet and bitter.



## Reminder:

5<sup>th</sup> Nov:

Jolly Phonics starts

19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> Nov:

Parent/teacher meeting

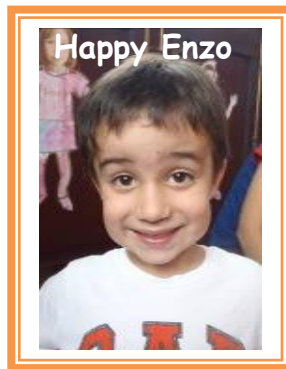
26<sup>th</sup> Nov to 14<sup>th</sup> Dec:

Christmas theme



Brushing teeth is very important for our children. Here is a little rhyme that will help keep them motivated and enjoy doing it:

**Got my toothpaste, got my brush,  
I won't hurry, I won't rush,  
Making sure my teeth are clean,  
Front and back and inbetween.  
When I brush for quite a while,  
I will have a happy smile!**



## Red Group Picture wall



Bye Bye  
Crocodile  
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Dress Up day 31/10/12



Ms Cathy & Ms Olga

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