



Roll up! Roll up!



Red Rooms Circus Gazette !

Wow! How fast has the first term flown by! Being the newbie I would like to thank Ms Chloe A, Ms Kristina and all the wonderful children in Big Kids for making feel so at home, we have had a ball!

GERMS ARE NOT FOR SHARING !

At the beginning of the year we did a little science experiment to look at/for Germs!

After playing outside we came straight in and sat on the mat. Ms Chloe had two slices of apple. One she placed directly in a glass jar and the other we parsed around the circle so everyone could have a good feel before putting it into another glass jar.

Then drew what we thought a 'germ' would look like. Every one is so proud of their drawings, please feel free to come and see them in the bathroom. As a constant reminder ☺

Over the term the children have been checking on the 'germs' using a magnifying glass.

'Germs are not for sharing!' is one of our favourite sayings!



Tight rope training !

Having a Circus themed room means throughout the year we will be practicing our circus skills!

First thing was to work on our balance!

Good balance is really important for a child's physical gross motor skills. It improves co-ordination, agility, flexibility and core/limb strength. It also increases confidence, self-esteem and resilience.

To start with we looked at animals and how they balance in every day situations, from little turtles to BIG giant elephants on just two legs, and copied them!

Next we practised walking on a line and very quickly advanced to a beam! But that was still too easy, so to make it a little bit harder we added bean bags!, either one in each hand or one on the head, and if that was still too easy you could do all three!!!!



Helping our friends!



Johanna regaining her balance!



Go Miu Miu! All three bean bags



One of our favourite circus songs !

Five silly clowns

Five silly clowns, jumping all around,
Jumping so high, then touch the ground.
One silly clown said, "I can't stay,"
So he turned around and hopped away.

Repeat with four, three, two, one.



Happy Birthday

In October we celebrated Smartkids 8th Birthday! All the children worked really hard to make and paint our present for Ms Yoko!

In September we celebrated the Vietnamese Moon festival by dressing up in traditional Vietnamese dress and learning all about the story of how the moon fairy ended up on the moon! We were also very lucky to have Mui Mui's mummy come and talk to us about this Vietnamese festival.



Painting the hot Air Balloons



Bringing it to Ms Yoko!



Performers from all around the world

After learning about the moon festival we looked at the earth and where in the world we all come from. Everyone was so excited to talk about their country to their friends.

We have had so much fun learning about all our countries from practicing carrying fruit baskets and weaving though the traffic in our Vietnamese obstacle course, building giant Wats (like Angor Wat in Cambodia), working as a community to move a Nipa Hut from the Philippines, going on a yoga adventure through India, listening to the story of how the Zebra got his stripes from South Africa, the different seasons in Denmark, using your looking eyes to see how many *Smurfs* you can find in two minutes who come from Belgium and how Germany has the tastiest Haribo bears, and how it can be linked to every country when you want to include all the children's countries!

Being boats on our action yoga adventure through India.



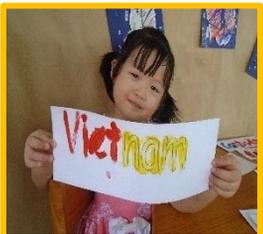
Group effort to build our own Red Room Wat like they did in Cambodia.



Working as a Filipino community to move a Nipa Hut.



Grrrreat fun making African animal masks!



To top it all off all three Smartkids Big Kids classes came to play here at street 10! Everyone looked fantastic in their national dress! We had activities from all over the world, snack and finished of with musical statues!



I would just like to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to our mummy's and daddy's of the red room! You have been **AMAZING!** I would especially like to thank *Miu Miu's* mummy for coming to talk to us about the full moon festival and *Megan's* mummy, *Johanne's* mummy and *Johanna's* mummy and daddy for joining us at circle time to talk to us about their countries!

Those who have not yet had the pleasure, your turn will come!