

News from the Blue Group!!

March 2012

Christmas & Tet



Excitement: Christmas party, Dragon dance



After a long holiday over Christmas it was great to see everybody back again! All children had grown up more in those 3 weeks and so many stories to tell!! Ms. Olga started work at Smartkids Riverside, in the Blue Group there, and we got the help of Ms. Jaruwan from Thailand. The two weeks before Tet celebrations the children worked on special Tet activities such as making and decorating 'lixì': red envelopes, of course with a little surprise. They also played their own 'dragon dance' and learned that dragons are actually not real.. They had a great time and learned what to expect on the Big Day when we went to Smartkids Riverside to watch the 'real' Dragon & Lion dance!!

This term we want to focus on sharing and caring together and we will do this through the theme: "people who care for us".



The children explored what the doctors & nurses do at a hospital; we made our drama play area into a 'hospital' with bandages, syringes, 'medicine' bottles, a 'bed' and some coats and other tools that are used by doctors. The children looked after each other and their many "ouchies". We then talked about the children's nannies, drivers and guards and they had lots of stories to tell!! The drivers teach the children Vietnamese songs, tell stories and as we learned; the drivers always know the way home!! We are also talking about police officers (20-24 Feb) who are helping us to keep safe and can find our homes if we are lost. We played a game called: "missing person" which involves hide & seek: the kids loved that of course!!





Firedrills, wheels on a bus & more... Language skills building

During our firefighter theme week, we practiced a fire drill and also "Stop, drop & roll". This we played outside and the kids had great fun! The fire drill came unannounced, to see how the children would cope with the sudden "stop!, Line up please!" But as soon as the bell started ringing its third bell (out of 5 rings), Gabriella stood up, spread her arms and shouted: "Stop playing!" Everybody listened and stopped, we lined up and within a minute we were downstairs! We had no time to put on shoes.. Well done Blue Group!!

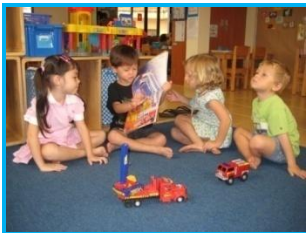
"Stop, Drop & Roll" and "Crawling under smoke"



"driving a bus" game in our theme week "drivers" & "missing person" game with Police officers.



At our Show & Tell time it is time for me to be quiet and for the children to tell their story with help of a toy, a book or another object that is related to the theme. This activity helps your child to speak in front of others, to learn to listen, to learn to ask questions and have a small discussion about a topic. These are important skills to learn so that your child is able to take part in discussions, learns to take turns and become self confident. The children also enjoy telling stories from books to each other before sleeping time. These are great language building as well as beginning reading skills .



Did you know??

- . Natan joined us in January from the Green Group!
- . Marcella celebrated her 4th birthday on 15 February!!



Parent - Teacher meetings are coming up:
12 - 16 March. More information soon!

We hope you enjoyed reading this newsletter. See you soon!
Ms. Monique, Ms. Hanh & Ms. Jaruan