

News from the Blue Group

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Welcome back to the last newsletter of this school year! The time has flown this year and the children have grown up so much! All of them are ready to take their next big step in their lives: going to the 'big school' or to another country or staying another year and become a leader in the class! In March and April we celebrated two birthdays: Anh who turned 4 and Nele who turned 6. At the end of March we held an Easter week and the children mixed their own salt dough and created their own eggs. The eggs were different sizes and when they were dry, the children painted them as well as cups to hold them in. We read the story of the 'Grumpy Bunny' who took all eggs for himself and didn't want to share. He had come to our class and left a white trail behind. Luckily the bunny had 'just' hidden the eggs in the class room. The children went in search and followed his trail.. They helped each other finding their eggs in their cups and were very excited!



Anh on
10 March, 4 yrs.



Nele on 8 April, 6 yrs.



April/ May Theme Measuring (Length, weight, capacity, volume).

The children were talking about measuring and counting: who is first in class in the morning? Who is finished first with eating, or getting dressed, or a game etc. They also measured each other: "I'm taller than you", "I can run faster than you". According to the popular 'Emergent Curriculum' vision: this is where we as teachers pick up on their interest and help the children discover more about measuring. They were for example amazed at how many blocks go in a small bowl or in a larger bowl. They also found out that leaves can hold many pompoms, they counted how many and were surprised! They also measured each other and they got their length in ribbon. One reaction was: "I want to show my mummy how big I am", or, "Now I know how tall I am". We found out that a cat is 'only' 25 cm tall, a lion about 75 to a meter tall, a snake can be 5 cm to 3.5 meter! All the sizes were measured in ribbon so that the children could see the actual length. The biggest size they measured was that of a Blue Whale: 30 meters. We measured the width of Smartkids Thao Dien and needed to use our imagination to add the other 9 meters! The children helped measure our classroom too and learned to count up to 276 connective blocks! See photos on the next page.



How many
pompoms
go on your
leaf?



Counting
for Show
& Tell
and
Sensory
play...



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Visits to the "Big Schools"

In the last months before the end of our school year we have a program where we prepare the children who are ready to move on to their new school. This is a big event in their lives. They are going to a new place, where they will meet many new and different people. The children have to make new friends, sometimes they already know someone there. The way of doing things is different to what they are used to now as well as they will meet their new teacher. On our visits the children are shown their new classes and meet friends with whom they will be in the class. There is usually a little activity going on that we can join in and of course some outside play afterwards to let go of the excitements! Last Friday we went to visit the Bis with: Edward and Anh from the Blue Group and Tilly and Ychen from the Red Group. Of course, Anh and Tilly met their brother and sister respectively.. To finish this adventure we went to have a very welcome ice cream! On Monday the 3rd of June, we visited the AIS school with: Natan, Harold, Nele and Isa...



Up: Visit to Bis.
Down: Visit to AIS



It is now time to say goodbye to most of the children of the Blue Group. As you know in the new school year I will be the Big Kids teacher in our location in Thao Dien. We will start with a new class. We will also make visits to the other locations so all big kids can meet and play together.



Edward- BIS



Anh - BIS



Isa - AIS



Natan-AIS



Harold - AIS



Nele - AIS



Kaia - ACG



Natalia goes to Ecuador



Or goes to Israel



Francesca

Thank you dear parents very much for your support this year, without it we couldn't have done so much to help your child. We wish all children good luck in their new schools and countries! For those who are staying: we look forward to seeing you again in August..

We wish everyone a very good summer holiday!!
Ms. Monique and Ms. Thanh