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Parents!

# News from the Blue Group!

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## Welcome back to the last Newsletter of this 'school' year!

Time has flown since the last newsletter came out! We have done many things in the past weeks and months, so let's start with what happened in March:

We asked the children what their favorite animals were that they wanted to talk about. They came up with: Crocodiles, whales, wolves, giraffes, sharks and dolphins. We chose to make a life size wolf as a special project because some children always play out scenes from familiar fairy tales where there is a 'big bad wolf' involved. The children learned that wolves are actually shy creatures living deep in forests, and are not likely to attack a human, unless cornered and very hungry. Because of Easter, we then talked about the babies of the same animals and the children learned what the baby animals were called of their chosen animals. They also saw the birth of a dolphin, a tiger and a chick. That was very exciting for all!!



## Visit to the Saigon zoo!

We ended Term 2 by visiting the Saigon Zoo, where the children could find most of the animals we had talked about. All the mums and a dad were invited to join us. It was a great and busy morning! We found an empty cage, went in and all parents were taking pics of their child!! What strange animals are they??? :-)



It was a hot day... the tiger felt it too!!



## Easter time

Easter came late this year but that didn't stop the excitement of the children. They decorated a boiled egg with masking tape, painted over it and took the masking tape off to reveal a unique pattern. They also made a 'basket' for their egg and then they all decided to hide their eggs themselves! At that time they were all into 'having a secret'. My question was: "What will the Easter bunny have to do then?" Well, they said: "He has to find them!" They love to have a 'secret'.. So, they hid their eggs and Ms. Shendie, who then recently started working with us full time, dressed up as a bunny, and went on an egg hunt. She was happily guided by the children who were too excited to keep their secret and showed her where to look. When all the eggs were found we sat on the mat and counted them all!!





Special happenings:

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## Transitionin to the "Big School":

Every year in the Blue Group we have to say goodbye to our friends who are moving on to their new school. We call it 'The Big School'. We plan the visits a few weeks in advance and talk to the children who are going to leave. This is a time of excitement, expectations but also lots of nerves for your child.

### Here are some ways to help make this transition easier for your child:

#### ❖ **Talk to your child**

Talk about all the things the new school has to offer; the swimming pool, a real library, a music room etc. But also talk with your child about their experience. The first few weeks of going to the new school can be challenging.

#### ❖ **Encourage extra-curricular activities**

This is a great way for your child to meet new friends. It also helps build up playing together as a team.

#### ❖ **Making new friends**

Remind your child often that new friends don't replace their 'old' friends. Especially when they are the only ones going their new school. Make arrangements for your child to visit his/her 'old' friends when possible.

#### ❖ **Remember, it's going to take time**

Give your child time to adjust to the new school. There is often a very different routine, different activities and some activities might go at a faster pace than that your child is used to. Give your child (and yourself), the chance to feel comfortable in their new space. It might take a few months before things will settle.

Adapted from:

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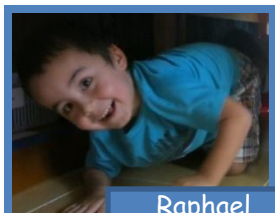
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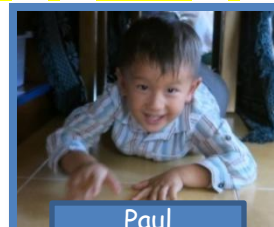
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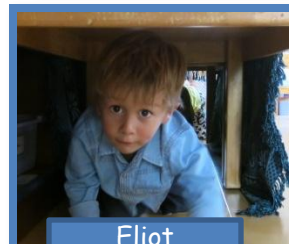
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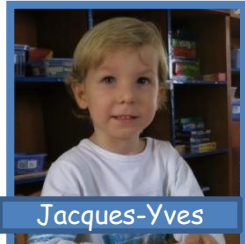
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I want to thank all parents for your support in this past year! It is with your help that your child has grown into the young person he and she is now!

We wish all of you a very happy and restful holiday, where ever you may be! To those of you whom we will see after the holidays: See you again soon!

Ms. Monique, Ms. Shendie and Ms. Huyen and Ms. Jacqueline