

Hello! from the Yellow

Group Friends

2013
June



Term 3 Highlights

2'nd "Round the World" Obstacle Course



Hello again! The third term has proven to be a fantastic one so far, filled with fun, discovery, new friends and laughter! This term we had some new additions to our class, recently welcoming Jun Seo, Mia and Hannah, and it already feels as though they have always been part of the Yellow Group Friends! We have grown a lot as a group this year, and it has been lovely to see how all the children have welcomed each other and developed special friendships!



Hannah



Mia



Jun Seo

"Frogs" theme



This term's theme focus was "Our Changing World". Throughout the topics covered this term, we have focused on changes - changes in ourselves and our environments. We talked about changes in landscapes and weather, life-cycle changes of frogs, butterflies and other creatures, and even our own changes. We looked at how we have changed physically over the past year, and we discussed the changes that are going to happen in our lives too. We also talked about changes in the Yellow Group - that some children would be moving up to the Big Kids class, and some children would be leaving Smartkids and moving to a new country.



A big change that we focused on was environmental changes - we learned about how to take care of the world and all the animals in the world. We even went on our very own "Litter Hunt" where we picked up lots of "litter" from around the garden and separated it into Plastic, Paper/Wood and Metal bins for recycling. The Yellow Group kids were very interested in this theme, offering lots of opinions about what makes the world "sick" and what makes it "healthy". Some children said that too much smoke in the air could make the birds cough, while others said that there was no space in the water for fish if we put rubbish in the sea. It was lovely to see all the children get so involved in this theme.



Our term in pictures...



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"Spa" Day



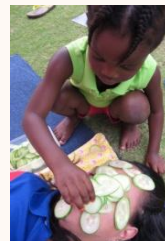
"Litter Hunt"



Show and Tell



Because of Smartkids' Emerging Curriculum approach, we were able to fully delve into the children's interests this term when, quite out of the blue, the Yellow Group children suddenly became very interested in Frogs! We learned all about them, from what they like to eat and how they look, to the changes frogs have in their life cycles and the sounds they make. We even learned some new songs about frogs, which became an instant Yellow Group hit! Overall the frog theme was very exciting, and probably the Yellow Group's favourite theme this year! Another exciting event was when our parents came to join the circle time one morning. We had so much fun teaching our mums and dads the songs we sing in the Yellow Room, and we were very proud to show off all the "Big Kid" things we could do (although some of us were a little shy to have so many mums and dads around!).



This year has been a wonderful time of exploring, learning, making new friends and mostly, having fun!!! Although it is time for some of us to leave, we know that the Yellow Group children will continue to grow and learn in this fantastic environment with their new teacher, who I'm sure they will develop a special bond with too! And for all the children leaving the Yellow Group at the end of this term, you will be missed greatly!

I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the Smartkids team over the past few years, and will miss everyone dearly! A big thank you to all the parents, for your co-operation and assistance in making so many of our activities an experience to remember! Have a wonderful summer break!

