

Weekly Newsletter

Term 1

Friday 9th March 2012

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“Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment.” Dr. Maria Montessori



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Thank you to Helen Di Giuseppe who assisted in our classroom this week.

Helen will be with us for the next few weeks, until the end of this term.

Don't forget that this weekend is a long weekend. There will be no school on Monday 12th March.

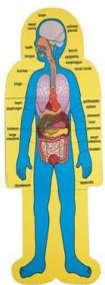
In response to the few queries we have had this week regarding the end of Term 1 date, we advise that the Church Hall is only available to us until the 30th March and therefore we are unable to add on the extra 3 days which were missed at the beginning of the term, due to our later start than expected. We are however, happy to add the 3 days to Term 2 which will infact be a longer term of 11 weeks.

This Week.....

The children have well adapted into the routine and are able to grasp the activities successfully in the Montessori environment. They interact with peers promoting positive behaviour. The challenging and stimulating opportunities help the children reach all the mile stones age appropriate.

We discovered what objects float and what objects sink? The children enjoyed the activity by guessing what objects would float and what objects would sink. Parents can carry out this activity at home as follows;

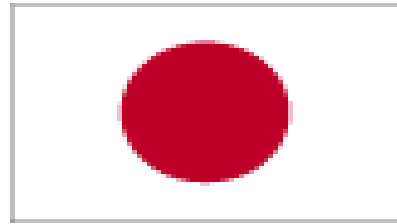
Set the large tub of water. Examine one of the objects closely, asking children to note some of the things they observe about the object. Then ask children to predict whether they think it will sink or float. Place the object in the water and ask the child to describe what happens. Repeat this procedure with several items.



In group time we discussed the Human Body. They learned about bones and muscles, the brain, the heart and the five senses. The children learned that most muscles help the body move, the brain is the boss that tells the body what to do and the heart works very hard to pump the blood around the body. They learned an interesting fact about muscles: that it takes 17 muscles to smile and 42 muscles to frown. We all agreed to have a 'smile on the dial' always using fewer muscles. 😊



We prepared many craft activities relating to our letter of the week letter “J” and our number of the week “7”. The children enjoyed making their own jelly fish, jacket and a flag of Japan.



We continue to promote healthy eating in our Montessori environment. The Friday morning group had the pleasure of making and tasting Zucchini Slice.



Dancing....



We dived under the water and looked at all the sea creatures living on the reef. There were shells, coloured fish, lobsters, starfish, anemones and wobbly jellies. We even encountered a huge shark! We were able to take photographs of the strange animals living in the sea and then we danced in the waves. Music: Toru Takemitsu, Barry Conyngham, Beethoven.

Important Dates...

- ❖ Labour Day Holiday - Monday 12th March
- ❖ End of Term 1 - Thursday 29th / Friday 30th of March
- ❖ Term 2 Start - Monday 16th April