



La Petite Fleur Papier

The Newsletter of La Petite Fleur Montessori House of Children

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Theme of the
Month – June

The Solar System



Aayubowan, Vannakkam, Hello, Namaste!

A thousand apologiesthe “News letter via E-mail” just did not get off the ground. We are informed that it is a problem with the server. So please bear with us till we sort things out. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding. Hence the June edition is a hard copy.

A ‘BIG thank you hug’ to the 2nd year parents for your time and interest in wanting to find out more about your child and also for using this time to bond with your child’s classroom Directress. Time invested in your child’s life is worth more than anything in the world.

Preparations are underway for the event of the term, ‘The Sports Activity day. Details of which will reach you shortly.

A few points to take note are listed below.

- *Teachers are present in school early to prepare their classrooms for the day. Therefore, children should be dropped off at the gate after 8.15am*
- *School ends at 12noon. Due to some unavoidable circumstances you are unable to pick your child before 12.15pm; he/she will be seated near the office for pick up.*

Until next time!

Yours in the service of the child,

Editor

Mark Your Calendar!

30th June – YCC Splash Day
Applications close for 2011

09th July - YCC Parents Conference

19th July - Mid Term Holiday

22nd & 23rd July – Photographs will be taken for the folders

24th July - Sports Activity Day

News from The Peace Gang

A very memorable morning was spent on the 5th of June at the Army Hospital Narahenpita by the Peace Gang of Sri Lanka. The children of this very active group made this visit as one of their 'Community Projects'.

Laden with fruits & stationery items they spent time with the inmates exchanging experiences of every nature. It was indeed very touching to listen to one of the soldiers giving advice to the eager listeners on how to be focused & have goals in life with particular stress on hard work & education.

The highlight was the melodious voices in a rendering of the "Hela Jathika Abimane" followed by Peace songs & Bakthi Gee. It was a morning of facing reality & we could say that no child left the hospital without taking with them some kind of treasured memory.

Ruweni Weerasuriya - Coordinator Peace Gang

News from B2P – Lunugamvehera

Our sister school celebrated vesak as a family. The whole school community involved themselves in creating a wonderful vesak lantern which they took in procession to the village temple. As the sun went down teachers, parents and children gathered in the school premises to hang and light lanterns and lamps. It was a great unifying moment for the entire village.

Caring is sharingA wonderful way to celebrate birthdays and to remember loved ones is by sharing with others. Join us as we share a meal with our sister school they really do appreciate the gifts. They say 'thank you' in their own special way – with a prayer for the donor and a card made by the children of B2P.

Till next time!

Liesl Nugara

THEME

This month we reached for the stars, with very interactive discussions on our Universe and specially our Solar System. We travelled into space to look at each planet individually. The song, the family of our Sun consolidated all that we learnt.

Any child who is self-sufficient, who can tie his shoes, dress or undress himself, reflects in his joy and sense of achievement the image of human dignity, which is derived from a sense of independence.

Dr. Maria Montessori

Theme for the Month of July

Musical instruments

News from the Academy

An enlightening seminar and a short video presentation by eminent Environmentalist Mr. Kamal Edirisinghe was an enlightening moment for the Grades 3,4,5, & 6.

World Music Day or Fete de la musique was celebrated on 21st June 2010 graced by the Director of Alliance Francaise de Kotte Monsieur Bertrand Dufieux. French music and song was the order of the day, while guest artist who were invited to perform were our very own Aunty Nelum Perera and Uncle Tony Hopman.

A 'Music making room' complete with a set of drums was made available for all to experiment with. In true French spirit the snack for the day was sweet French crepes.

Poson was commemorated by the Montessori Community visiting the Gal Viharaya temple.

The multi religious studies were taken to new heights by the children visiting a temple, a Cathedral, a Mosque and a Kovil

Poson celebrations at an Elders Home in Wellawatte were organized by the little Friends.

The 30th day of June 2010 will see the Scouts, Little Friends and Cub Scouts, investiture ceremony being held and the awarding of the 'Golden Bar' and 'bronze star.

Admissions are being processed for Montessori 2011 and September 2010 for primary.

Editor

Parents Corner

New Comers Experience

We are very happy that our eldest daughter, Nefeli, was selected to '**La Petite Fleur**'. The first week of the Montessori was very interesting for her & to us especially since Thai Pongal was celebrated in a grand style. It was a new thing & experience for Nefeli. Then along came the 'Independence Day' event which I think all 1st year children and parents enjoyed, followed by the Brilliant 'Perehara'.

When the 'Vesak' weekend came, Nefeli wanted to buy a 'Pandol' (pointing out to the lanterns) from the shop. We corrected her by showing her the difference between a pandol and a lantern. Then she wanted '2,3,4' lanterns for her, nanga, Taite (Cousin) & Blake (1 month old cousin). When we bought the lanterns she did not want them, since it was not illuminated. She cried for about 15 minutes till we came home and hung it on a light bulb.

She was thrilled and happy jumping up and down, saying that it was working and that colour is pretty too. The same evening when we went to Montessori to see the 'dansala' and 'lantern display' she was extremely happy.!

I am sure, that the above events are valuable 'thoughts and moments' for all the children at LPF.

"Thank you' Andrea & Chathurika for looking after our baby girl as well as other children in class M5. I am sure that the other class teachers are also doing a very good job with the children. Please keep up all your good work as always!

Rebecca and Niroshan (M5)

Extended Day

As a continuation on the story of rice -our staple food, we are studying about the different food we eat. The children are enthusiastically making their own books with all the information they are gathering on nutrition and a balanced diet. The origin of the many different foods on our table is of much interest to us.



THE YCC IN JUNE

On your marks.....get set.....go..... and they are off. It's the sound of the YCC practicing their 'event' for the sports Activity Day in late July. Await! Further details.

Uttara Peiris joined us this month. Welcome to the YCC family!

We notice that most of our members need help putting on their shoes. Please encourage putting on and taking off of shoes or sandals at home. Help them by all means but also encourage independence.

Eating while walking should **NOT** be encouraged. Sitting at the table during meals is a very good habit.

The YCC splash fun day is on Wednesday 30th June starting at 9.30am. Parents, Grandparents can join us too. We are planning to get wet!, wet!, wet!

Take care
That's all for now
Until next time

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