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The Newsletter of La Petite Fleur Montessori House of Children

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Aayubowan, Vannakkam, Hello, Namaste:

The newness of the term is enhanced by the new faces in our community this beautiful month of May.

Welcome to the family of La Petite Fleur!

"Montessori is a help to Life"

The BIG event this month is the vesak lantern display and the "Dhansala"

The weather is the topic on every ones minds these days. Rain coats and umbrellas are an absolute MUST!. Sandals instead of socks and shoes would be a good option on rainy days.

Aunty Bernie has reached America safely and sends big hugs & kisses to everyone!

Until next time!

Yours in the service of the child,

Editor

"We teachers can only help the work going on, as servants wait upon a master."

Dr. Maria Montessori

**Theme of the
Month – May**

Europe



Mark your Calendar!

27th & 28th May – Vesak – Lantern Display and Dhansala

1st - 4th June – 2nd Year Observations

11th June – 2nd Year Conferences

12th June – 2nd Year Conferences

News from The Peace Gang

Contribution by The Peace Gang for the May news letter.

The monthly Peace Gang meeting was held on the 3rd of April. This being the month of the Sinhala & Tamil new year we too celebrated it by sharing a few 'Avurudu kavili' & playing some 'Avurudu games'. The children had lots of fun. We also discussed the different customs & rituals followed in each home. They had lots to share. The younger children made some Avurudu cards.

Continuing with our theme on provinces of Sri Lanka the older children had discussions on the Northern Province which they had done some research on. They also watched a presentation. The topic on whether polythene should be recycled to produce fuel came up. Since there were different views on this, the children decided to have a debate on this topic, when they meet in May.

May peace be with you & your family

Ruweni Weerasuriya - Coordinator Peace Gang

News from B2P – Lunugamvehera

The first day of school was a pleasure in deed for Tharanga and me, as we watched the arrival of the children bearing the sheaf of beetle leaves (bulath) which they used to worship all the adults. Sharing the many things they had done during the holidays was an enjoyable experience to us.

Parent conferences for the third year students were very successful indeed. All parents were happy with their children's progress, most of all their good manners and of course their knowledge of the three languages brought B2P a lot of praise.

Till next time!

Liesl Nugara

THEME

In the month of May, the children of LPF travelled the continent of Europe. They visited many countries and learnt about their culture, costumes and food.

Cooking European dishes in school further enhanced our theme.

This coincided wonderfully with the World European week.

News from the Academy

“Getting to know “ the Academy was an important event on the calendar that brought in many inquiring minds.

Bio-diversity, Cultural diversity and Multi religious education are the focus studies at the Academy this term.

To facilitate these studies we at the Academy are encouraging the students to join the Young Zoologist Association of the Dehiwela Zoo.

We are so excited and honoured that the renowned Actor and Director Mr. Jerome De Silva and the great Conservationist Mr. Kamal Edirisinghe have joined the Academy.

Editor

A simple formula for positive parenting Give time and attention

The most important principle of positive parenting is to spend time with your child.

- Ø *Plan to spend at least 15 fun-filled minutes with your child each day. This does **NOT** include meals or when your child is getting dressed.*
- Ø *Let your child take the lead. He can pick an activity and you can follow along. Try reading or helping your child do something he can't do alone, like painting.*

Extended Day

We at the extended day have been studying the story of rice. The children who thought that rice came in a bag from the supermarket learnt that rice is a grain that comes from a plant. They used a mortar and pestle to pound paddy into red rice which we are planning to cook for our lunch.



THE YCC

IN MAY

How exhilarating to be back in a brand new term. The environment has a new look and best of all are the new faces in our Community.

Ranitha Perera, Yenal Fernando, Amithesh Peeris, Janiru Janadeera and Shanel Yasaratne.....Welcome to the Young Childrens Community of La Petite Fleur Montessori Ratmalana.

Ammis & Thaaththis, I assure you that the method of education you have chosen for your child is a proven discipline which will mould your child's personality for life.

The veterans of the YCC have assimilated well and settled into the daily routine. The holidays have seen them reaching developmental milestones. Language is more pronounced, attention spans have improved and a most interesting time is had in a day.

The **BIG** event this term is our sports meet, for which practices will commence shortly.

Thank you for your contributions for the Vesak programme.

Please note – School T shirt is to be worn on Thursdays. Dress your child in comfortable clothing. Name tag all clothes sent to school. Rain coats are compulsory.

That's all for now

Until next time

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