



Celebration of all faiths at Acorn Montessori



As we live in a multicultural society, we at Acorn Montessori embrace all faiths and cultures by celebrating all festivals so as to share and nurture the spiritual essence within every child. Last term we saw the celebration of Hanukkah, Diwali, Christmas, Eid and Chinese New Year.

We started with Diwali, where the children dressed in party clothes and some of them in Indian clothes, danced to Indian music and ate Indian food.

The following week was the end of the Ramadan month in the Muslim calendar, where Miss Alibhai introduced the children to the Muslim culture and prayers.



The year ended on a high note when the children performed the Nativity play celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

We then celebrated Hanukkah where our music teacher Mrs Reid, told the story of the Maccabees, played musical games and helped the children light the Menorah.

February, we celebrated Chinese New Year the Year of the Pig.



Yoga at Acorn Montessori School

As from March we introduced Yoga in our daily routine. The children thoroughly enjoy the sessions and we have noticed a great improvement in their concentration span.

As we all know yoga is known for its physical benefits, including increased flexibility and muscle tone. However the most noticeable benefits in young children appear to be mental. The biggest effect is improved concentration and focus. Which means the children are more alert, able and increased self-confidence.

We had a workshop conducted by June Rowlands who is a Montessori and a Yoga teacher. She has adapted her yoga training to develop a three hour practical session detailing techniques, postures and resources that participants can practice with early years and foundation stage children.

Children's favourites that June teaches include the warm-up, 'thanking exercise' which encourages children to gently wriggle their major body parts.

Children do poses such as the 'lion pose' which involves a fun, lively song and ferocious roar: and the 'mountain pose' which demands balance and concentration.

June's Yoga increases the meeting of many of the stepping stones in the early learning goals.

Creative development:

Using their imagination to visualise the postures and sing simple songs from memory while communicating ideas on a widening range of concepts.

Physical development:

Maximizing a child's awareness of movement, space and their body.

Personal, social and emotional development:

Building a motivation to learn, ability to concentrate and respect for themselves and one another.

Communication, language and literacy:

Teaching stories, songs, rhymes and poems to increase children's confidence and use of speech.

Mathematical development:

Incorporating language to describe shape and size.



Safety Project

Our project on Safety, particularly Safety on the Roads has proved to be a big hit with the children.

The traffic light song is often heard by a child whilst working with the Montessori equipment.

We took four children at a time on the roads, reinforcing the Green Cross Code.

We continued looking at safety outside, particularly stranger danger for obvious reasons, getting lost, and bullying.

Next term our project will be on continents.

The children often ask questions on different countries, food, cultures etc..

Before that we will spend two weeks on the Solar System, as we had a child asking us questions on why stars do not move.

This will lead on to Earth and the continents.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or would like to participate in any of

the activities on this project we would love to hear from you.



Show And Tell/Notice Board

Show and Tell is popular with all the children and is a way of connecting what children learn at home to their school and peers.

It is a shame when parents do not participate in this with their children, as the children often ask us when it's their turn.

We have also noticed that parents do not read their e-mails. If you do not have e-mail, the week's planning is on the notice board.

For Valentine and Chinese New Year, we asked for the children to bring a card and wear party clothes.

Half the children came in their school uniform. This upset the children as they wanted to be in their party clothes. Some children said they wanted to make cards in school as they did not bring one in.

Show & Tell by Kayan & Anjali



Outside Activities/clothing

We will, during the Summer months, continue to take every opportunity for the children to enjoy fresh air, exercise and fun outside in the grounds. Please remember that the children need to be appropriately dressed for outdoor play. Children should bring hats/caps and sunscreen with to protect them from sunburn. Inevitably, some children will have the same or similar articles of clothing. Staff do their best not to get clothing and sunscreens mixed up, but dealing with young children is never an exact science and occasionally unnamed articles may go astray or muddles occur. Please bear with us when they do and help us by clearly labeling them.

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Thank You

Everybody here at Acorn Montessori would like to say a BIG Thank You to all the parents/ carers who helped out during our Christmas Play and Party. Both days were a great success and were enjoyed by all. Sue from PopArtz was a great success — enjoyed by both the children and parents. Once again thank you and we hope this year's Christmas party is just as good!

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SUMMER CLUB

There will be a summer club during the month of August. It will be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

Forms will be available next term for anyone who is interested.