

Leapfrog Newsletter

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* **The Gruffalo Trip** *
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* On Wednesday January 19th we went on
* a trip to Central to see THE GRUFFALO
* at the Drama Theatre in the Hong Kong
* Academy for Performing Arts. Parents
* and children from both our Kindergarten
* and Hoppers playgroup joined in. We had
* a lovely time enjoying the performance
* by the FAUST INTERNATIONAL
* YOUTH THEATRE. See photos from our trip on our website
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Important Dates:

- **January 28th.** Last day of school before CNY.
CNY FUN DAY!
- **January 31st-February 4th.** CNY Holiday.
- **February 7th.** FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL.



Playgroup

The children in the Playgroup are now working on arts and craft related to the Chinese New Year. Mary Ann has been reading books about rabbits as of course the new lunar year is the year of the rabbit!

As the group meets again after the Chinese New Year holidays, they will be working with numbers, shapes and colours.

Kindergarten Applications for 2011-2012

We have now offered all our current Playgroup Children who are on the waiting list a Kindergarten place for the next school year.

Please let Ailish know as soon as possible whether you will accept the placement or not.

We are now offering places to anyone else interested in our growing Kindergarten. Application forms are available on our website and from our office.

Dress up for CNY

We are going to dress up on the last day of term for Chinese New Year! This will be an opportunity for the children to wear their Chinese costumes. You will receive more details from the teachers.

All classes will be on as usual and the children will bring their healthy daily snack.

Happy New Year everyone and enjoy the holidays!



Kindergarten

The children in the Kindergarten classes have returned happily from their Christmas break and have quickly settled back into their daily routines. Both classes have been revising all the phonics covered so far.

K2 are just moving on to four letter words using the Unit 2 sounds of r,l,d,b,f,h,i, and u, and they will soon be revising the Unit 3 sounds (v,w,y,z,j,n,k and e). We also practise the camera words daily and they have an excellent knowledge of these. K1 have been revising Unit 1 sounds (s,m,c,t,g,p,a) and camera words as well as Unit 2 sounds and camera words.



In numeracy, we have all been counting out teddies of different colours, and then adding two groups of teddies together to find a total. We have also been identifying and drawing a variety of two-dimensional shapes.

Our art and craft sessions have been based on the themes of 'Transport and Machines'. We have been very busy recycling your unwanted cardboard and paper, creating planes, boats, rockets and cars, with stories about each of these types of vehicle to reinforce the activities. The Mandarin sessions held so far this term have also incorporated the same theme.

In preparation for the Chinese New Year, we have had fun making lion masks, lanterns, banners, tangrams, lai see packets and dragon puppets, whilst exploring some of the culture and customs of this

fascinating country.

On our return after the holiday, we have planned a week which focuses on a range of 'Number' activities across the curriculum, with 'Houses and Homes' as our next major topic.

Thank you for all the materials collected so far, and please keep collecting boxes that will help us to create towns and villages, homes for 'The Three Little Pigs', and so on!

Louise



Water Mains Replacement next to footpath

As mentioned before Christmas the Water Department will be replacing the water pipes along our footpath. We were expecting them a while ago but now we have been informed that they will start working on the water pipes on January 24th. It is supposed to take them around 4 weeks to finalize the work.

Please take extra good care of your children on your way up and down the path.

Seasonal Spare Cloths

We want to remind all our parents to make sure that your children always have spare cloths in their trays or backpacks. Please make sure to update the stock you have as some of the spare ones could be more appropriate for summer.

Thanks—Leapfrog Teachers

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