



**WEEKLY PARENT NEWSLETTER – Pre Nursery 20 January 2014**

**Important Information**

- **Monday 20 January** - join us for our first Early Years Cubs **Parent Coffee Morning** in the secondary school dining hall at 8.45-9.30.
- **Chinese New Year**  
A heads up on our Chinese New Year celebrations; **Wednesday 29 January** is our Red Day. This is a non-uniform day when children can wear Chinese style clothing or something red.
- Chinese New Year holiday starts on **Thursday, 30 January**. We will be back in school on Monday 10 February.
- **Saturday 25 January**- We hope to see many of you at our Winter Wonderland School fair.

**Learning Theme of the week**



The Chinese New Year celebrations are fast approaching and over the coming weeks we will find out more about this event. We will talk to the children about the Chinese zodiac and introduce the animals associated with the years. 2014 is the year of the horse and we will focus on that in our art activities.

**Literacy**

We will write our wishes on special cards and we will hang them in the wishing tree outside the classroom. We will use special magic pens to write our wishes. We will try to ascribe meaning to marks.

**Vocabulary: wish, want, hope, happy, healthy**

**Role-play**

We will set up a Chinese restaurant. The children will be making menus and writing down orders.

**Vocabulary: rice, noodles, chicken, vegetables, juice, milk**

**Art**

We will explore Chinese art with calligraphy, cherry blossom paintings and blue and white pottery. We will be making items associated with Chinese New Year like lanterns.

**Vocabulary: paint, cherry blossom, vase, lantern**



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As you become more familiar with tapestry, you will find at the bottom of each observation the development matters statements. We use these on a daily basis and many activities cover several areas of learning. Below are some of the statements we will be focusing on through child initiated learning and our teacher inputs.

#### **EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN**

- Engages in imaginative role-play based on own first hand experiences.
- Realises tools can be used for a purpose

#### **LITERACY**

- Sometimes gives meaning to marks they make as they draw, write and paint.

#### **Dutch**

Het is winter in de klas! Via de praatplaat hebben we woordjes geleerd rondom dit seizoen. Ook hebben we winterkleding benoemd en gepast. De kinderen hebben enthousiast gedanst op het liedjes 'Ik wil sneeuw',

#### **Mandarin**

We will learn the story of the Chinese New Year, the animals of the zodiac and sing some New Year songs.

**Vocabulary:** Happy New Year-xin nian kuai le, zodiac-sheng xiao, dumpling-jiao zi, red bag-hong bao, lantern-deng long.

#### **Reporting on progress**

There will be Teacher/Parent Conferences on **February 19 and 20** for you to discuss your child's development and progress with their class teacher.

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Many thanks again.

**The Pre Nursery Team.**