



FUNTASTIC GEMS

NEWSLETTER

TERM 3, WEEK 9

Friday 15th September,

Dear Parents,

With term 3 coming to a close and only one week away it is your last chance to book your child into Spring Vacation Care. Places are filling up super fast and currently only limited days are available. So Parents just a friendly reminder that there is only 1 week left. As this is the last newsletter for the term I would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday break. For those that are going away on holidays with their family stay safe and have a great break. Alex and I are so excited to operate the Spring vacation care and looking forward to all the interesting and exciting incursions that is organized. Beginning term 4 Funtastic Gems will be sending emails out to all parents regarding enrolments and re-enrolments or cancelling their child enrolments at Funtastic Gems in 2018. I would recommend that parents who are interested in continuing to enrol their child for 2018 enrol in term 4 to secure your child spot for 2018. I would like to thank you to my team for their fantastic job this term, you guys did a tremendous job operating the service along side me. Funtastic Gems will be holding a muffin fundraising on Monday 9th October for RSPCA visit so please be sure to support us.

Please connect with us on Instagram and Facebook for all latest news and photos of Funtastic Gems events

Thanks,

Diana

Following Week Program

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| Monday 18 th September, 2017 | Sustainability – Sharpie CD Art Craft – Homemade Captain Hook |
| Tuesday 19 th September, 2017 | Got Game Incursion Multi-Sport 4pm to 5pm |
| Wednesday 20 th September 2017 | Sustainability – Foam Art Science – Straw Airplane |
| Thursday 21 st September, 2017 | Cooking – Fruity Jello Cup Cooking – Healthy Lemon Seed Muffin |
| Friday 22 nd September, 2017 | Movie and Popcorn Night |

Star of the week

Isaac

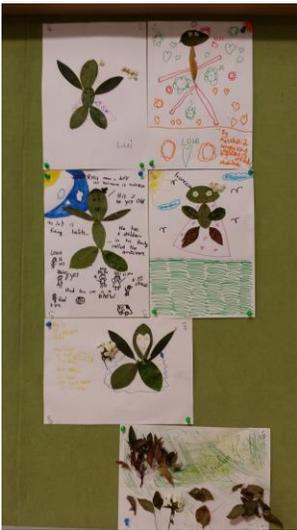
Isaac was very helpful with preparing activities and pack-up throughout the week.

Julie's Recap of the week

On Monday, Julie's group did a craft activity making a Simple Kite out of coloured papers. Majority of the group was the younger children since the activity was easy and simple. The children were given a piece of coloured paper of their choice. They were to decorate the paper to make it look like a bird. Once they finish with the decoration, Julie made a string on their kite. After the activity Julie took the group outside to have them fly their kites. Although the kites didn't fly well because of the weather, everyone was very excited and had so much fun. Charissa's activity was a science experiment creating a boat out of foils, cardboard papers, straws and recycling papers. They were all split into a group of four and team leaders were chosen by Charissa. They all had to make a boat out of the materials and the experiment was testing if the boat will still float on the water and not sink. The older children in the team were helpful and was including the younger ones in the activity. When they were all done, they tested out all the boats and only one of them was still floating. They were all so happy and worked well as a team. On Tuesday, the children were divided into two groups according to their age group and participated in the sport incursion. The children had so much fun doing gymnastics and balancing. On Wednesday, Julie's group did a cooking activity making Raspberry Cheese Tart. Each child was given a piece of puff pastry to make into a tart base. Julie demonstrated how to make it so they could make their own tart. Once it's done, they were to poke the base with a fork and do egg wash and then sprinkle some sugar on it. All of them were patiently waiting for their turn. While the tart base was cooked in the oven, Julie made cream



cheese filling with the children. They were helping her to measure and add ingredients. When the tart base was ready, the children filled the tart with cream cheese and raspberries. Everyone in the group behaved very well and helped one another throughout the activity. Charissa's activity consisted of creating Pressed Flower Art using flower petals, laminator and colourful stars. The older children volunteered themselves to assist the younger ones. Each child got a piece of A4 paper and they were all excited to have a blank canvas that they can be creative with. Majority of them had no problem with this activity whereas some younger ones needed more assistant. After once they were done, Shayla helped with laminating the artwork. On Thursday, Julie's group created Leaf Art for Sustainability activity. Julie collected leaves from outside with some children in advance for the group to use for the activity. The children in her group were provided with a canvas where they would create artwork with the leaves. Julie didn't give them any theme or idea for their artwork. They were just asked to show their creativity by creating different things on their canvas. Some children created people and made up a story about those people. It was a great opportunity for the children to explore various ideas and creativity. Diana's group did a cooking activity making Assorted Rainbow Jello with cordial. The activity didn't go as plan as we were supposed to make rainbow jello with condensed milk but the condensed milk jello didn't turn out and wasn't set so Diana had to think fast and changed the activity around to make rainbow jello cordial drink. The activity was led by Shalya and Jett who generously offered to help with the activity. They lined the children up and had them scoop the jello into plastic cups and once completed the cordial was poured.



Overall everyone loved the activity as they were very excited and looking forward to drinking and eating the jello. The children sat on the floor with the friends whilst drinking and eating and enjoying each other company. On Friday, Julie's group did a science & craft activity making a Parachute out of plastic cups and paper towel.



With an assistant from Anthony and Isaac, Julie punched four holes on the cups and prepared strings to connect the cup and paper towel. Majority of the children were K to Y2 because the activity was easy and quick. The children were to decorate their cups that would act as a body of the parachute. Once it's done, Julie and Shayla helped them with the strings. Everyone was so excited to play with the parachutes. Diana's group participated in creating their own self portrait on an A3 paper. Because it is quite a challenging activity Diana only took the older children to participate as the younger ones will find it difficult to draw an individual portrait of themselves. A lot of the children find it hard to draw themselves but after a lot of encouragement they tried harder and drew to the best of their ability.

Diana was very impressed with how some of the individual turned out, it's very creative as a lot of details was put in. Although there was a big group who participated not many finished as they gave up as they think that their work didn't look good and wasn't confident to display their work on the wall.

