



FUNTASTIC GEMS NEWSLETTER

TERM 4, WEEK 7

Dear Parents

This week the children continues to work on creating meaningful Christmas brown bags for the 'Mini Vinnies'. We have created over 150 brown bags and I would like to use this opportunity to thank the staff and children for all your dedication in having this completed. Without the many help this would not happen and I am extremely proud of everyone effort. Funtastic Gems wanted to get into the Christmas spirit and was hoping to contribute more to the Mini Vinnies and have proudly donated a small donation of snacks. With the new child care package changing mid next year I would recommend that parents who are needing more information to check the Human Services website and get yourself prepare beforehand. A reminder to all parents that there is only 2 weeks left for both December 2017 and January 2018 vacation care booking so please ensure to check out our exciting program on the website. For parents who are continuing their child next year so please ensure to re-Enrol your child before the term comes to an end.



Thanks,

Diana

Following Week Program

Mon 27 th Nov, 2017	Craft: Emoji Mask Craft: Caterpillar pom pom
Tues 28 th Nov, 2017	Got Game: Multi-sport Incursion 3:30PM – 4:30PM
Wed 29 Nov, 2017	Science: Crystal Rainbow Science: Crystal Ornament
Thur 30 th Nov, 2017	Cooking: Triple Chocolate Cookies Cooking: Chocolate Apple Slice
Fri 1 st Dec, 2017	Craft: Rainy Day Tissue Paper Butterfly Craft: Button Christmas Cards

Julie's Recap of the week

On Monday, Julie's group did a craft activity making Superhero stuffs such as cuffs, masks and shields. The children got to pick any superhero that they would like to make. They made a Flash mask, Batman & Batgirl cuffs and Captain America shields out of paper plates and different coloured papers. Everyone showed creativity and enthusiasm during the activity. They loved the stuffs they had made and played with them after the activity. Charissa's activity consisted of using frozen bananas, frozen strawberries, thickened cream and vanilla extract making a healthy ice-cream. During the activity, the children showed great interest as to how this would taste. The older ones got to help with the mixer. But there was not much things to do for the younger ones. They did not enjoy the activity as much as the older ones did. Some of the children said that it tasted more like a yogurt instead of



an ice-cream. Majority of them were well behaved and paid attention to Charissa when she was mixing ingredients together. On Tuesday, all the children participated in the sport incursion playing soccer outside. On Wednesday, Julie's group did a cooking activity making Honey Cookies. Julie left Thashalia in charge of making cookie dough with the children. Everyone got a small portion of the dough and rolled them into a ball. While the cookies were baked in the oven, they cleaned up the tables and mess together. They loved the activity and couldn't wait to taste the cookies. Charissa's activity was Sustainable Painting using recycled bottles, buttons and paint colours. She had the younger ones on one table so it would be easier for her to assist them. The children were excited the way how it turned out and couldn't wait to take it home. The children showed great cooperation and was very helpful throughout the activity. On Thursday, Julie's group did a craft activity making Paper Plate Baskets. With Charissa's help, Julie cut out the plates for the children to do weaving. Julie had majority of older

children since this activity was challenging. They were to wrap around the paper plates with different colours of wools. At first, they found it difficult to start weaving but once Julie showed how to do one by one, they got used to it straight away. It was a great activity for the children to enhance their concentration.



Charissa's activity consisted of using baking soda, red food colouring, vinegar and play dough for a Science experiment. For the activity, Charissa had majority of the younger children and Tanya was the only older one that was helping Charissa. When Tanya was putting the vinegar into the baking, the children were so surprised as to how it exploded and looking like a volcano. They were curious and happy that this turned out so well. On Friday, Julie's group played Laser Tag. Julie set up the chairs and made 'Laser' with wools. The children were split into two teams and competed against each other. After three rounds they decided to compete individually. Everyone had so much fun and some children from Charissa's group joined the competition. Today Charissa's group made Christmas tree out of paddle pop sticks. The children were given a paper with 3 paddle pop sticks on it acting as a Christmas tree and using sequins to decorate around the tree. Charissa was impressed with how every Christmas tree looked different and was very impressed by their cooperation.

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