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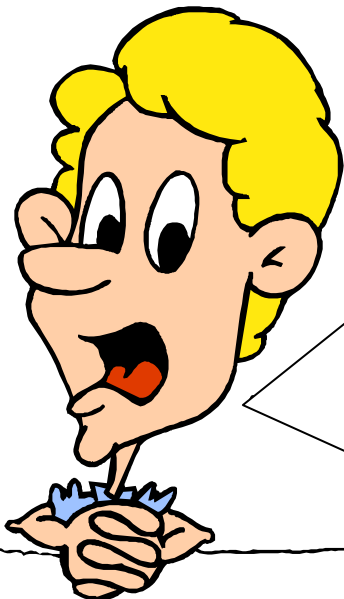
February proved to be both a term of change and of growth, especially in our Tui room. I would like to take the opportunity here to publically thank Vikki Cooper (our talented and very capable Preschool Head Teacher) for guiding our Tui team whilst our appointment process took its course for a passionate toddler head teacher. It is with a sense of excitement and anticipation that I introduce Alaina Stenbridge to you as our new Tui Head Teacher. She is leaving her current head teaching position to join us from Tuesday March 24th. Please read her blurb on the following page for more information. I'm sure she will feel a part of our extended Little Einsteins' family in no time. You're such a friendly and welcoming group...

Did you see us in The Cambridge Edition (25 Feb 2009) all wearing red to celebrate Heart Week? What an impressive bunch! If you missed it we have a copy on our notice board. Alongside our healthy heart menu, children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. Water is the only drink that we offer (excluding those who have regular bottles). Please do not send your child to care with juice or any other alternative to water.

Last month I advised that portfolios are beginning to be formulated in each of our rooms. Due to the rolling start dates that many of our children enjoyed on enrolment, we have decided that from April you are more than welcome to come and read your child's portfolio with them, however they will not be sent home until the following term. This is to ensure our Little Einsteins' high standard of quality.

I have really enjoyed getting to meet a number of new parents, grandparents and other friendly faces over the past few weeks and look forward to continuing to work alongside your child and their teachers.

- Jayne Dahlberg, Little Einsteins Manager



At Little Einsteins Educare I learn through play. Sometimes this means I can get wet and dirty and need several changes of clothes. Please don't limit my learning opportunities by the clothes I come to play in.

- ☞ Old clothes for coming to care in are always best.
- ☞ By clearly labelling all my clothes with my first and last name I am more likely to be able to find them if I take them off.

If I end up with someone else's belongings at my house by mistake, please return them to Little Einsteins as soon as possible ☺

Comments? Questions? Concerns?

Let us be the first to know! See a teacher, a head teacher, an office staff member or our manager Jayne.



Introducing...

Alaina Stemberge (Dip Tchg ECE)

Little Einsteins' Toddler Head Teacher

Alaina has a warm personality and enjoys relating and responding to the individual needs of each child in her care. She has a long history of working with children (aged between four weeks to 13 years) from living and working overseas as a nanny to working here in Cambridge. Alaina has worked for the past 18 months as head teacher at another ECE centre and joins us on Tuesday 24th March. She has strengths in planning and implementing new programmes, supporting children to reach their potential and providing a positive and interactive learning environment for all to be comfortable in. Alaina has relished the opportunity to travel and explore different cultures across the UK and Europe. In her spare time she likes to spend time with her family, friends, playing sport and travelling.



Welcome also to...

Amy Lockie

Tui Toddler Teacher

Amy started Feb 23rd in our Tui room and hasn't looked back! Our tamariki ma (children) love working with her and she begins her teacher training in June.

Trudy Galbraith (BTchg)

Pukeko Preschool Teacher

Trudy is an experienced kindergarten teacher of 10+years. She is passionate about providing quality learning experiences and joins us on the 23rd of March.

Melanie Jones (BTchg)

Kiwi Infant Teacher

Melanie joins us on the 16th of March. She enjoys working with infants and was attracted to Little Einsteins Educare by our stimulating environment.



We realise that a one way entry to Little Einsteins is not ideal (see Transit NZ!) so ask that cars leaving the premises give way to those entering.

Transition to School

We are now beginning to formulate our formal Transition to School Programme.

Jill (current office manager and past primary school teacher) is instigating this and will begin working with children aged between 4½ and 5, for one hour sessions on a yet-to-be-confirmed number of days per week. All activities will be conducted with an element of fun with the aim of introducing a more classroom like atmosphere. Jill will communicate with children's parents involved directly and be working in close contact with our Pukeko Preschool Team.

From Jill in the Office

Reminder: You must sign your child in and out each day. The Ministry of Education are very strict about correct attendance records.



I am excited about launching our Little Einsteins Educare Transition to School Programme. The aim being to help our children leave us for school armed with skills like speaking with confidence, reading and writing letters, counting etc. Although this is a new cap for me to wear at Little Einsteins, I have facilitated the Transition to School Programme at another ECE centre and loved it! I look forward to working with the families of children involved more closely in the near future. ☺ I will continue to manage the office with the support of Jo (Director).