



# Butterflies

## New Year

Christmas is over and the decorations put away for another year. 2012 was a busy and productive year with the addition of our new baby room and kitchen, which has been a great success. Over the next couple of months we will be completing some more construction work with our new staff room plus widening the entrance gate and creating more parking spaces. We will keep you updated on these works.

Cathy



## Gone To The Dogs!

This year our staff went to the dogs! We had a great Christmas party at Shelbourne Park dog track and even placed a few bets! Maggie was ill and couldn't make it but we managed to raise a glass to her.

We are all excited about the coming year. In March our staff will be attending a Pediatric First Aid course. Just another step toward assuring you that your children are happy and safe in our care.

## Reminders

- Montessori starting times are 9.00am & 9.15am respectively. Please do not arrive before your designated class time as they are in place to alleviate morning traffic.
- We try to get outdoors and get some fresh air every day. Hats and gloves make playtime more comfortable for little ones. Gloves on a string are always an excellent idea.
- Please respect that Butterflies premises is also a family home and that the gardens are not a playground. Neither are the grounds, outside crèche use, insured for play. Thank you!



## Baby Room

As we start back to a New Year we are busy learning lots of new skills using our pincer and palmer grasp, reaching, picking up and exploring textures with finger painting. We are also learning lots of new songs and rhymes, clapping hands and peek-a-boo as well as sitting up unaided, walking and running on increasingly steady feet. In the next few weeks we will be busy making lots of Arts & Crafts for Valentine's Day. Big hearts coming your way!



Maggie & Lisa

## Toddler Room

We're just getting back into the swing of things after our Christmas break, focusing on developing social interaction skills through games like 'Simon Says', 'Ring-A-Rosy' & 'Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes'. Our budding artists are working on various projects that will include something special for Valentine's Day. Please forgive dirty clothes! Between messy projects and muddy puddles when we get our fresh air, it can be hard to stay clean.



Louise Stewart

## Montessori

During the coming month we will be exploring Arctic life as well as Native American and Asian cultures. We will be looking at food, clothes and the people themselves as well as indigenous fauna & flora. Look out for some Dwarf Daffodils, which have gotten a lot of TLC at Butterflies.



Rachel & Charmaine

## Pre-Montessori

This month we will be practicing our numbers 1 – 10, singing number songs and counting forwards and backwards. We will also be exploring the Chinese culture as Feb 10<sup>th</sup> marks the beginning of the Chinese New Year. This year is the year of the snake. Valentine's Day is also approaching so we will have some special Arts & Crafts projects to take care of!



Susan & Louise