

# News from the Blue Group



October 2014 We've had a busy start to the year! ✨ ✨ ✨ ✨

We began the year learning about our new teachers and friends including Ms. Katy, Ms. Vy, Mia, Johnny, Henry, and Juan Pablo. We decorated our class like outer space and learned about planets, the sun, and the moon in time for the Mid-Autumn Festival.

We learned about astronauts and made our own flags to plant on our moon. We learned to identify each of our friends' and teachers' flags...fourteen in all! We liked looking at our globe and world map and finding all the different colors and shapes of our countries.



We had fun stamping craters on the moon!



We celebrated International Day by dressing up in our national costumes or colors and joining other Big Kids classes at Smartkids

Making new friends! We tried everything! Yum!

Street 10. It was so much fun to see what our friends were wearing! Then we ate our very own feast of food from around the world! We were all very proud of what we shared! We continued learning about our countries individually through different activities.



Threading a bracelet.

Kayleigh brought her Scottish flag for Show and Tell.

We explored music from our countries, especially Colombian salsa, Australia's didgeridoo, and Scottish bagpipes.



"That's where I'm from!"



We loved dancing to salsa with our rice shakers!

We also explored baking by making salt dough bowls for ancient Greece. While making pretzels for Germany, we learned why bread has holes in it: yeast is a tiny animal that eats sugar/honey and makes bubbles!

Malleable substances like dough or clay help us develop strong and careful fingers! (Our fine motor skills!)



Our pretzels were really yummy! We've also been eating a lot of birthday cake recently! Smartkids celebrated its eighth birthday and Thien Bao, Vilde, Leo, and Juan Pablo have all turned four! We have five more birthdays to look forward to before the end of term!



Thien Bao      Vilde      Leo      Juan Pablo

"It smells like bread!" "Where are the eyes and the mouth?"

We'll also be having a Halloween party soon, on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>! We are all very excited to dress up and have our



friends from other Big Kids classes join us! The week after, we will begin Jolly Phonics, starting with the "sss" sound. This will be new to some children and familiar to others, but it's always good to refresh our memories and be proud of what we already know!



Playing with doctor toys helps us learn about our bodies and how to show sympathy, too.



"I'm taking care of my baby."



Blue Group Jam Session



Reports and parent-teacher meetings are coming up! They will be held the 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> of November. There will be a sign-up sheet outside the Blue Room. I would like to thank all of the Blue

Getting creative with the obstacle course!



"We can swing by ourselves!"

Group families for being so very welcoming to me! I'm really enjoying my time here! Take care!  
~ Ms. Katy, Ms. Vy, and Ms. Jacqueline