

Parents meeting Maskinvägen 18/02/2015-

Here are the minutes from Adriana's part of the meeting.

Staff working at the pre-school right now:

Peacocks: Corrie, Asma, Florentine

Flamingoes: Savita, Hebert, Poh Ling

Cockatoos: Darren, Elena, Adelina, Kelly

Kiwis: Ritu, Olga, Magda

Penguins: Nermeen, Rajni, Therese

Ducklings: Jing, Meriy, Shovita

Kitchen: Nanaco _

The pictures of all staff members are in the entrance of the pre-school.

We will soon have a board with the pictures of our substitutes.

What will be happening with our staff:

Savita- Her husband, who works at the India's embassy, has finished his assignment here in Sweden and they will be moving back to India. Savita's last day with us will be on the 15th march. We wish her all the luck and our doors are always open if she would come back to Sweden. Good luck Savita! We'll miss you!

Asma will take over the Flamingoes as their team leader until the end of this term.

This will be a great opportunity for Flamingoes and Peacocks to work even closer.

Peacocks teachers from 16/03 will be **Florentine, Corrie** and **Márcio**

The idea right now is that Asma will go back to Peacocks for the next school year.

Márcio is already working as a substitute at the pre-school. He is from Brazil but has been living in USA for several years while doing his masters in business administration at the UCSD in San Diego- California. He'll surely contribute a lot to the Peacocks group.

Nermeen- Nermeen will have her baby at any moment so she will be leaving the Penguins soon for mother leave. We wish you a great time with your baby, Nermeen!

Monique di Paola will come back from Australia (Welcome Monique!) and will be joining the Penguins starting on 02 march!

Health and sick Policy- Make sure we all follow our Health and sick policy!

Capoeira

We have started again with Capoeira lessons every monday(Peacocks and Flamingoes) and we are thinking about the possibility of starting Capoeira even with the 3 -year-olds

I will discuss with the teacher to see if 3-year olds would like it or if they are too young to learn.

We will get back to you when we know more about it.

Dance

Hebert is doing dance classes for the Peacocks and Flamingoes every tuesday. He is even giving "body expression" lessons to the Kiwis group, following their IPC-unit "let's pretend". That's a way for children to be able to express their wishes and feelings with their whole body.

Jolly Phonics -

We have started with the Jolly phonics lessons for the 4-6 year-old children at the pre-school. Our teacher Magda, who has been working with Jolly phonics for 6 years, has started the workshops with the children and Peacocks and Flamingoes teachers are continuing the work.

What is Jolly Phonics?

Jolly Phonics is a fun and child centred approach to teaching literacy through synthetic phonics. With actions for each of the 42 letter sounds, the multi-sensory method is very motivating for children and teachers, who can see their students achievements.

Please check this video for more information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XVMxVMzfzWo>

Puppets workshops - We are now having several Puppets workshops around the groups.

Our teacher Magda, who is a puppeteer, has already been with the Flamingoes, Kiwis and now with Peacocks (Who has presented their puppet show today friday 20/02)

The workshops are very popular and will continue with all the groups.

PLEM project (Pedagogical learning environment)

Our **Drama room** is ready and it's been very exciting for the kids! Thank you Therese and Rajni for painting the room and Thank you Magda for preparing it so beautifully!

The **5-senses room** is also ready and has several materials designed to train the children's senses. Thank you Rajni and Shovita for painting the room! Thank you Corrie and Svita for organising it and putting it together!

Our newest room right now is the "**Music room**" which will be where the Ducklings is right now. We have already got a keyboard and a piano. If anybody has any instrument that you're willing to donate, it would be mostly appreciated :-)) We want the music room to become a fun place for dance, sing and play instruments.

IKT- project

Darren, our teacher and IKT-coordinator will be developing our Board games room and will turn it into **BOARD GAMES and IKT ROOM**. This is a way to give children more opportunities to work with IPADS and extra IKT techniques.

We have started our own Blogg www.maskinvagen.blogspot.se

We will be updating it once a week. Besides activities from all the groups, you'll be able to find all the pre-schools documents and policies such as: School wide working plan, Equality plan, Health & sick policy, etc. This blog is open for everybody and we will not be showing any picture of the children's faces.

Children's schedules

We would like parents to follow the children's schedules. To arrive earlier or later than the schedule given to the pre-school will mean that we are understaffed during a period of time. This means we are jeopardizing children's safety.

Thank you for following the schedule given to the pre-school. If you would like to change children's schedules, we need at least 15-days notice.

Code lock in the front door/ Gate

We have now a code lock in the front door of the pre-school. This decision was made together with the PSA parents in order to ensure children's safety at the pre-school.

We would like to remind parents that because of the weather, the door sometimes expands and does not close by itself. Make sure you pull the door until it locks. Otherwise it's no use in having a code lock.

The same goes to the gate in the front yard: Make sure you close and chain it at all times! Never leave the gate open! Thank you for your cooperation!

Traditions until the end of this term:

13th march	π- day/ Math day
30th april	Egg hunt
06th may	Market day & Art exhibition (Parents welcome drop-in 15.00-17.00) We will be selling second-hand toys and clothes as well as bakery in order to raise money for the Summer party/graduation day
27th may	Garden day
05th june	Sweden National Day
11th june	Summer party

SUMMER CLOSED- The pre-school will be closed on week 28-31

Day-care can be provided in case it's needed.

Please inform the principal if you need day-care during the summer until 15 may!

(We still don't know the location but it will be in one of Futuraskolan's pre-schools.)

What is happening beside the pre-school

Besqab will build over 300 apartments beside the pre-school. They will be building these apartments in the land beside the school that is owned by our landlord FastPartner.

We will get a protection fence for the pre-school but we will try to have a fence with windows so the children can see the trucks, tractors and the builders (We have a lot of "Bob the builders" here and it can be really exciting for the children to see the construction)

We are trying to fix some more parking spaces and we hope we'll be able to have them soon.

At the moment, all the public parking spaces are gone and it's very difficult to park in front of the pre-school. We apologise for this and hope we'll have a solution soon!

Plans for the future

Our landlord asked if we were interested in building a third floor or another building by the entrance of the pre-school. They already have the approval from the kommun to do it.

I have discussed with Futuraskolans Ceo and with the members of the board about the possibility to build and maybe open a school from F-class until 3rd grade.

Peter Bergström(Ceo) and Marie Burman(deputy Ceo) welcomed the idea!

We will send the request to open an international school TO TÄBY KOMMUN and it's up to the kommun to approve it or not.

Then we need to discuss with FastPartner in order to know how long it would take to build it.

My plan (Adriana's plan- only in my mind) is to open a school in august 2016.

This is a plan that I'm working really hard to accomplish but it's important that everybody understandss that NOTHING IS APPROVED- THIS IS NOT A DONE DEAL!

As always, I share everything with all of you and I'm working hard to make this happen and I will keep you all updated with all the informations that I get.

In may/2015 I will be ready with my principal's program(Rektorsprogrammet) and if we open the school, I will be the principal there too.

FINGERS CROSSED!