

Friday 5th February



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an action packed week at nursery and the children have been busy exploring and learning with their friends and nursery teachers.

Bubble Closure

Unfortunately this week we have had one of our toddler bubbles closed due to a covid-19 case. Everyone has been contacted via email to ensure they are aware if they are one of the child isolating or an informative email about what is going on.

We would like to remind parents it is important to be cautious and ensure you do not mix with others outside in places such as parks or other households as this virus is very easily transmitted and more and more people are asymptomatic.

Our team here is being tested twice a week now to try and prevent breaches to our bubbles and would really appreciate children to be tested just in case they may be asymptomatic. See paragraph below for more information on lateral flow testing.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who have offered well wishes and been so incredibly understanding throughout, your support means a lot to everyone here working hard at Little Learners.

What you can do at home

In recent week we have had lots of support from lots of our nursery families and well wishes to our staff team. We have found that lots of our parents have been asking if they can help in any way to help keep our staff and children safe during this lockdown.

We must ask where possible, unless you belong to a childcare bubble, you prevent your child mixing with other households or families whilst out and about at places such as parks. By keeping minimal contact between yourselves and others it help us to prevent viruses contaminating bubbles. You can also get a lateral flow test for your child/household over the weekends so we know your child tests negative and is safe to be at nursery. You can easily go for one of these walk in center test that are for people who do not have symptoms. The walk in center is based at

One Hoe Street, Walthamstow E17 4SD Open every day in January
10am to 7pm

All these steps are simply suggestions and actions you can take to help keep Little Learners as Covid safe as possible but the main thing we can all do is follow to Government Guidance throughout this lockdown. Again, thank you for your continued support and understanding in these troubled times.





Holidays & Quarantine

If you are going on holiday or will be away, please be sure to let a member of staff in your child's room know or email Dawn. This is so we can ensure that we log it onto our system and do not disturb your holiday by phoning to query absence.

Please note the government is updating this list regularly, please do check regularly and inform the nursery if this affects you.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

Half Term

During half term, if your child is away from nursery or will be coming in and picking up early or late please inform a member of staff in your child's room. This is to ensure we have the correct staffing for our ratios.

Also, if an alternate carer will be dropping or collecting your child please ensure to notify a member of staff, supply a photo and share the password with them so we can identify them upon arrival.

Nursery Spare Clothes

Recently the nursery have had a shortage of spare clothes especially trousers/leggings. If your child is sent home in nursery spares please ensure you bring these back as soon as possible so we can wash them and have them ready for the next time they are needed.

Nursery spare clothes are usually marked with 'SS' somewhere on the item of clothing to help identify it as a nursery item.

If you have any good condition old clothes that your little ones have out grown, please consider donating them to nursery as we always have a use for spare clothes for all weathers.

What to do if you have symptoms...

We must remind everyone that if you or any member of your household exhibits Covid-19 symptoms you must **not** bring your child to nursery until the person or household have undergone a covid test and received a negative result.

If you have children in multiple rooms/school they must also be kept at home until a negative test is received for the person/people who has symptoms.

If the covid test result is positive you must all isolate for ten days and not leave your house. In the event of a positive case you must also notify the nursery senior team who will make a note of your positive result.

We thank you all for your cooperation in these difficult times.

Drop off and collection

When dropping off or collecting children from the nursery gate you **MUST** wear a mask unless medically exempt. This is to ensure the safety of other parents, families and our staff team.



What we have been up to this week...

This week at nursery, all of our bubbles have been very busy playing and learning. Here are some of our favourite activities.

Bunnies

This week we have really enjoyed painting snowflakes. The babies have used brushes to make different patterns and been decorating their snowflakes using silver glitter. We spoke about the snow fall we have had recently and what we wore in the snowy weather.

We have also been exploring sensory bags, using our hands and fingers to move the different textures around and explore the feel of each.

Toddlers

This week we have been exploring shapes and their differences. The children used shape blocks to make shape print pictures and learnt the names of the different shape prints they made. We have also been using our knowledge of different shapes to sort them into different categories.

In our small world the children have been exploring vehicles and natural objects/terrains, building our own tracks and courses. We have had so much fun playing hair dressers using the large styling heads to brush and style hair and role play.

Toddler +

In toddler plus we have been reading 'Jack and the Bean Stalk'. The children have been very creative and enjoyed painting their own beans stalks on large paper. The children spoke about the height of the beanstalk and who they would like to live up the top.

We have also been practicing our counting this week and using different types of beans to count out and fill containers with. Putting our measuring skills to the test, we have used rulers to measure how big our giants foot print is.

Pre-school 4

The pre-school children have been very busy this week and reading 'Jack and the Bean Stalk'. We have been drawing what we would think our magic may look like and making beanstalk structures with our stickle bricks.

This week we made our home corner into a space station and been talking about the different planets and moons. The children loved looking at pictures of our solar system and astronauts.

Little Learners in Nature

In the nature school the children have been hunting for seeds, looking out for plants and fruits that grow outside in our forest school that have seeds. We have also been planting different vegetables for our new vegetable patch.

In our classroom bubbles the children have been reading 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We have been using pictures and props to act out the story in sequence and using our memories to replay the story with our teachers.