

Friday 25th June 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a lovely sunny week at Little Learners. Everyone has enjoyed being outside in the warm weather.

Nursery Photos

Thank you to everyone who took the time to give us some feedback regarding nursery photos taken by a professional photographer. Due to lots of parents confirming they would like to have these photos we have arranged for a photographer to come in on **Tuesday 27th July 2021**

Unfortunately due to Covid, we will be unable to have the photos themed and children in costumes as we have done in previous years but we are sure the photographs will be just as lovely.

If you would prefer for your child to not participate in nursery photographs please email Dawn or Yasmin to let us know.

Pre-School 4 Sickness

This week in pre-school 4 we have seen an increased rise in children having high temperatures, coughs and cold like symptoms. Each child who has exhibited these symptoms has gone for a full Covid-19 test which thankfully have all come back negative, however, we must remind parents to be vigilant and air on the side of caution.

If your child does become unwell please ensure to take them for a test and avoid bringing them back to nursery until their temperature is down consistently. If your child does have a high temperature whilst at nursery they will be sent home and asked to go for a Covid test, this is due to Public Health England guidance which states all temperature whilst at nursery must be treated as a suspected Covid case.

We would like to thank all parents for their continued support in helping us to abide by government guidance and keep our children and nursery staff safe.

Pride Week Celebrations

This week everyone has had so much fun celebrating and learning about Pride week. The children have really enjoyed creating their rainbow pictures and talking about their families and difference.





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 your absence.

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

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

BBC News feature – Jenny from our LLIn

We are proud to congratulate Jenny in her successful research regarding the role of dogs in supporting students and was featured in BBC news.

This week the BBC highlighted research relating to the role of dogs in supporting students in education and wellbeing. As part of this report they highlighted English universities that are doing similar projects one of which Middlesex University and their canine teaching assistants which was started by our little learners in nature practitioner Jenny with a team of colleagues and dogs off the back of her Master's degree research. The project has been a great success since its start and continues to grow to this day.

Christmas Holiday Dates

For parents requesting the Christmas closure date this year, for Christmas 2021 the nursery will close on Monday 20th December at 6pm and reopen on Tuesday 4th January 2022 at 8am as usual.

What to do if you have symptoms...

We must remind everyone that if you or any member of your household shows any Covid-19 symptoms you must **not** bring your child to nursery until the person or household have gone for 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 and take appropriate action if necessary.

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 in the Bunny room we have been reading 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' the children have really enjoyed exploring the role play aspect of the story and pretending to wade through the river and swish through the long grass.

We have also enjoyed dancing to different cultures of music. We moved to lots of different rhythms and listen to their sounds. For several of the tracks the babies used instruments to add to the sounds they could hear.

This week we have also been celebrating Pride week but making hand print rainbows using different colours to give us the rainbow effect.

Toddlers

Our Tigers have really enjoyed exploring different rainbow activities for Pride week this week. We enjoyed our sensory play with tipping and pouring using coloured rice and pasta which we had so much fun transferring with. We also made festival lights pictures with paint and used the large coloured pencils to draw rainbow pictures.

This week we also made fruit collages using different textures, the children enjoyed cutting and sticking the different pictures of materials to make their fruit pictures.

Toddler+

This week in toddler+ we have been celebrating Pride week. The children had fun making Pride flags using rainbow hand prints and drawing pictures of their families.

Outside the children have been exploring soap water and hula hoops to make giant bubbles, the children loved running through the bubbles to pop them and make a big splash!

At our writing table the children have been using pencils

Pre-School 4

This week we have been learning about Pride week and talking about our special families and how we may have different families. To celebrate this special week the children have been making bracelets and painting rainbow pictures. The children also had lots of fun helping their teachers with their rainbow skittle experiment, watching the colours blend together.

We also spent time for our phonics session in the forest school sand pit. The children wrote their letters in the large sand pit and had a go at drawing their name in the sand.

Little Learners in Nature

In the nature school we have been learning about Pride week. The children made rainbow crowns and flags to celebrate the week and enjoyed a dance party. We have also been talking about our special families and how we may have different families.

The children have also enjoyed tasting different fruits and talking about healthy eating, the children helped their teachers to cut and slice the rainbow fruit to make tasting trays and enjoyed looking at all the different colours and textures.