

Friday 9th July 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a lovely week at Little Learners.

Welcome Maijybin – Baby Room

We would like to say a big welcome to Maijybin who has joined our team and will work within the baby room. Maijybin has worked in the early years for many years and is passionate about her role working with young children. We hope you will join us in welcoming Maijybin into our Little Learners family.



Illness at Nursery

This week we have noticed an increase of illness within our rooms, especially the younger rooms. We urge parents to air on the side of caution should your child be unwell as there has been a considerable increase in sickness bug cases and cold/flu symptoms.

Thankful those who have experienced covid-19 symptoms have received negative tests but we are very conscious of the rise in cases in Walthamstow recently and ask all parents to help us to continue to keep our families, children and team here at Little Learners safe.

If your child is under the weather we would ask you to keep them home to prevent the spread of illness within the nursery. Staff continue with a strict cleaning regimen throughout the day and continue to clean all the toys every evening to prevent the spread of germs.

Graduation Ceremony

This year we will be holding a graduation ceremony for our pre-school 4 leavers and little learners in nature leavers. Unfortunately due to the pandemic, it is unlikely we will be able to have parents attend the ceremony but it will all be recorded and sent to everyone via tapestry.

The children will be learning their leaver's song to sing at the ceremony and thinking about what they want to be when they grow up.

We will also be hosting a party for the children to celebrate their time with us and enjoy their final days at Little Learners before venturing on to their next adventure.

These event will be held on Thursday 22nd July.





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>

Care Diaries

We have decided from now on staff will give verbal hand over during the evenings rather than completing the online care diary via tapestry. We feel this is a more personal and detailed way to keep parents informed of how children have been whilst at nursery and gives key persons a wonderful opportunity to build on parent partnership with families.

Nursery Photos

A reminder the nursery photos will take place on Tuesday 27th July. If your child does not attend on Tuesdays please arrange with their room and you are welcome to bring your child in for the photos at a set time. We will arrange time slots near the time.

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 had lots of fun drawing with chalk in the garden and exploring our mark making. The children made huge drawings on the floor and had fun running through tracks that they staff helped them to draw.

Indoors we made shapes in wet sand, using spades to scoop the sand into the molds and quickly tip them over into the sand. Our favourite part was definitely tapping the top of the mold to make sure we got the perfect sand castle.

Babies have loved listening to cultural music and enjoying dancing to different types of music around the world.

Toddlers

Our Tigers have been exploring animals and jungle themed activities. The children used forks to paint lions manes and made some very spiky lion hair. The children also decorated paper plate animal masks and each chose their favourite animal to be.

In our water tray we had some zoo animals that needed a bath and the children enjoyed giving the small world animals a nice warm bubble bath. Outside the toddlers have been jumping, rolling and climbing in the large soft play, using the giant blocks to build taller towers and knock them down.

Toddler+

This week in toddler+ we have been looking at sea life and under the sea environments. The children explored an under the sea sensory tray with lots of different textures and sea world animals. We have also had so much funny role playing in our under the sea home corner with our sea animal pictures floating around us.

In toddler+ we have also enjoyed sorting and counting with coloured pasta and pompoms. The children grouped and

Pre-School 4

This week we have been reading the story 'Mr. Seahorse' and learning about the life cycle of seahorses. The children have enjoyed the ocean themed activities such as naming sea creatures and talking about their habitats. We also had fun cutting out pictures of seahorses to stick onto our ocean pictures.

This we have also been talking about what we would like to be when we grow up. The children spoke about what they want to do when they are grown up and practiced writing key words for about our jobs.

Little Learners in Nature

In the nature school we have been learning planting our giant turnips! The children have been learning about how to grow the turnips and help them to reach their biggest size. We have also been preparing our planting area and getting the soil ready to plant our pineapple plants.

In the class room we have been learning about rainbows, how their made and their beautiful colours. Children practiced writing the names of the colours to match our rainbow paintings.