

Friday 16th July 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a lovely week at Little Learners.

School Streets

We are asking our parents and families of Little Learners to complete a consultation form regarding Verulam Avenue becoming a school street. Waltham Forest Council is asking for parent's opinions and thoughts on this matter and to discuss the benefits it could have for our street. Please see attached to the email body a copy of the information pack to read about the benefits of having a school street and a copy of the consultation forms for parents to complete and send off. The nurseries are also giving out paper copies of these forms during collection.

Family Information

This week we have been auditing our online system and are requesting parents to inform a member of management via email if the following has changed.

- Address
- Parent contact number
- Emergency contact numbers
- Nursery collection password

It is essential that the nursery have this information on file and up to date, this is to ensure the safety of all our children and families. Should any of this information have changed please ensure that you notify a member of the management team.

Parent Questionnaires

This week we have been handing out parent questionnaires to receive your feedback on our strengths and where could be improved. We have found it extremely helpful to read the forms that have been returned to us and would like to remind any parents that have not yet returned these forms to bring them in when dropping children off or collecting. If you haven't received a form or need a new form, please speak to a member of staff who will provide you with a new form.





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>

Graduation

A reminder that nursery graduation will be held on Thursday 22nd July for our pre-school 4 and LLIN children who will be moving to school in September.

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 the 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 have enjoyed exploring our water tray with ducks and fish! The children have been catching the fish toys in the nets to practice their steady hands and hand-eye coordination.

We have also been exploring our shop role play, using the play food and baskets to shop and transport items. The children role played making dinners and tea for their nursery teachers.

Outside the children have been making marks on the garden floor using chalks to draw pictures and write letters and words with the help of their key people. The babies really enjoyed watching the marks form especially into pictures of objects they recognized.

Toddlers

Our Tigers have had lots of fun reading 'Dear Zoo' and our theme of the week has been jungle animals! We made tiger prints in the sand using our hands and mixed the sand with water to make stronger prints. The children enjoyed exploring their outdoor sensory small world areas with small world jungle animals.

The toddlers got messy with making animals collages and using different textures and materials to make their animal face collages.

Toddler+

This week in toddler+ we have been talking about summer and what we like to do in the warm weather. Lots of our children said they enjoy going to the beach and we explored our beach life sensory tray. The children made sand castles and played a matching game of what they might find at the beach.

Continuing with our sea life theme the toddler+ group had fun tracing pictures of sea life creatures with tracing paper and pencils.

Pre-School 4

This week we have continued to learn our graduation songs and talking about what to look forward to when we go to big school. The children have enjoyed making their own graduation hats and decorated those using different craft materials.

The children have been learning about quantities and the correct terms for each. Children used different textures such as water, lentils and sand to fill and empty containers then talking about how full or empty the container is.

Outside the children have really enjoyed making dens with material and large logs whilst also exploring the natural environment for mini beasts!

Little Learners in Nature

In the nature school we have had lots of fun learning our graduation songs and talking about what we want to be when we grow up. The children practiced writing what they'd like to be when they are older on the white boards.

On Thursday we celebrated international snake day! The children learnt lots of snake fun facts and played a few games of snakes and ladders. Our children got very creative designing and making their own snake models and pictures.