

Newsletter

October 2017



Little Ellies
0- 5 Childcare Provision

(Ofsted Registration Number EY456411)

Contact Details Update...

Attached to this newsletter there is a contact update form for you to complete and return, we normally do this once a year just to ensure that we have the most up to date details for you all. I have also noted that many of you have not supplied email addresses and this is often a preferred way to keep you updated.



Upcoming Events...

Here at Little Ellies we like to celebrate all things similar and different about us. To do that we like to celebrate festivals from all faiths. Our **Diwali** event will be on Friday 20th, 2.30-4.30 pm for both children and parents to enjoy. We will be cooking tasty Diwali treats, dressing up in beautiful sarees and making clay Diya lamp pots. Please dress up in bright colourful / traditional clothing. Come along and enjoy the fun!! There will be a Halloween Themed Party for the children on Friday 2nd November, 2.30-5.00pm, we will be carving pumpkins and a whole array of spooky arts and crafts.

Please also look out for updates on **Parents Evening** appointments for w/c 30th October so that you can speak to your child's key worker about their progress so far this term.

30 Hour Children

Just a reminder for those parents / carers whose children are on this scheme that you will need to re-validate your entitlement every 3 months, you should all receive email reminders from HMRC when this is due. It is very important you do this to ensure that your funding continues.

2Simple

All parents who received a letter regarding 2Simple, the platform we use for observations and assessments, please can you all ensure that you complete the permission slip and return to us as soon as you can. This will enable us to record your child's learning journey whilst with us and this is invaluable for us in order to continue to support your child's learning and development. You will also receive regular emails so that you can read the observations and also share your feedback and home learning.

What we are learning...



We have been exploring the changes that Autumn has brought, exploring our natural environment. The children have enjoyed an autumn walk in the park and collected lots of leaves, conkers, pine cones and sticks to bring back to the setting for our autumn

themed builders tray. The walk supported lots of discussion about what the children experienced in the park. We will be looking at more visits to local amenities / areas to continually extend the children's experiences and enrich their learning.



Every Monday we will be encouraging the children to be confident speakers by hosting a show and tell time. If you have done some WOW work over the weekend or have had a brilliant adventure, bring in something to share and talk about.

30 Hour Childcare

As you know, the Government has rolled out their 30 hour free childcare offer for all working parents, eligible 3 & 4 year olds will be entitled to get 30 hours completely free!! Little Ellies is pleased to be a provider on this scheme.

We are offering 2 different options for you take up this offer:

- 30 hours only (Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm, Term Time Only), £100 p/m payable for lunch.
- 30 hours+ (Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm, 51 weeks per year), £450 p/m inclusive of all meals, Breakfast, Lunch and Tea.

Spaces are limited on both options. If you want to know more on the offer or see if you are eligible please go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

We are still taking children on the Free Nursery Education Scheme for 2 year olds, for children who are eligible they will be entitled to 15 hours free nursery education. To see if you are eligible or for more information please visit: www.newham.gov.uk/twoyearoldchildcare

Contact Names and Numbers...

For day to day queries and questions please speak to one of our Room Leaders, if they are unable to answer any of your questions / concerns they will escalate to the management team. Alternatively you can send us an email.

Little Ellies (Main Room): 0207 511 1276

School Office (Finance Queries): 0207 511 9414

Children's Centre: 0207 474 0654

Email: childcare@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk

Little Ellies Manager: Sheleena (sheleena.laskar@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk)

Little Ellies Deputy & Children's Centre Manager: Leena
(leena.choi@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk)

Finance Officer: Mark (mark.ferguson@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk)

Upcoming dates for your diary...



October	
20th October	Parent Event—Diwali celebration 2.30-4.30pm
23rd October—27th October	NEG Children Half term Holiday
W/C 30th October	Parents Evening

Workshops...

Don't forget about the added benefit of Little Ellies being a part of Beckton & Royal Docks Children's Centre, we have many valuable workshops available:

01/11/17 10am-12pm - Triple P Discussion: Dealing with Fighting & Aggression

01/11/17 1.30pm-2.30pm - Safety & Accident Prevention

13/12/17 10am-12pm - Toilet Training

To book call the CC on 0207 474 0654

If you feel you need any other support or just want to talk things through please speak to one of our friendly Family Support Workers.