
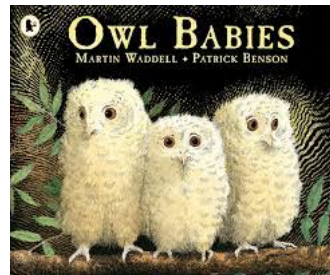
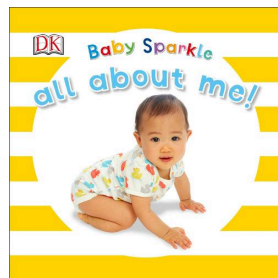




Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to a new academic year and welcome to all our new parents who have joined us at Little Ellies this year. We hope your child's stay with us will be memorable and fun. In our monthly newsletters we like to give you an update of all that has taken place in Nursery and any upcoming events that you need to know and any home learning we would really like to promote. Our new academic diary dates are out and a copy of it can be found on the noticeboard next to our main room door. Please feel free to take one. A digital copy will be emailed to parents too.  **LITTLE ELLIES 2023-24 Diary dates FINAL**

Teaching and Learning for this month



Our books of the month for September were the following:

Baby Room - **'all about me'** by baby sparkle. This book is about children learning their body parts which fitted in nicely with the teaching and learning that has taken place in the toddler and preschool room.



Class 2 (toddlers) and Class 3 (preschool) - **'Owl Babies'** by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson. We felt that this book was perfect for this time of year as we have many children settling in to Little Ellies and as Autumn is almost upon us. Reading this book to our children, helps them to support their learning around families. Through these books we explored the theme all about me — where children have learnt similarities and differences between themselves. Children's vocabulary was further extended by learning and using descriptive language to express their thoughts and feelings.

Our book of the month has allowed us to produce some beautiful work, which we always display around the nursery, captured in our observations and in the children's busy books (which are available on request). To help bring our book of the month to an end and to further stretch and challenge our children, we encourage parents to buy this book and take your child to your local park to talk about the habit that owls live in which will continue their learning.

Owl babies

By Martin Waddell

The story can be watched on YouTube if you do not have access to a physical book : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPQRiSTYFH0>

Or why not enjoy it with the Book Trust bookfinder tool

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/owl-babies/>

Read more stories centred around families here...

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/bookfinder-results/#!?cat=2555.2565&sortOption=Relevance&pageNo=1&pageSize=8>

Stay and Play

Our Stay & Play session is coming up!

Friday 6th October 2pm to 3pm

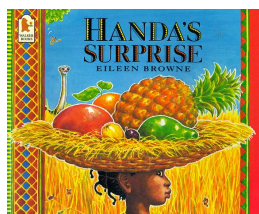


This will give you an opportunity to see how the routine of the nursery is, to have a closer look around your child's room and to observe your child with their peers and get busy with the fun. If this is not your child's normal session please indicate to a staff member if you will be attending the stay and play session on this day. Thank you

October

Book of the Month

For the month of October our book of the month for all rooms (including babies) is Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne. This book helps children to understand different cultures, how they live, what they do, which also helps with promoting British Values.



Events this month

As part of being a multicultural setting please see some of the festivals and cultures in October that we will be celebrating; Black History Month, Harvest Festival and Halloween.

We will be having a Witches and Monsters Party on Wednesday 25th October where we will be doing lots of learning around spooky stories. We are looking to host a whole day centred around language and storytelling. This will hopefully get our children excited to learn more about stories and characters, and inspire them to begin to tell their own stories. As part of our day we ask that you help the children to dress up in a spooky or a relatable costume for the day.

Parent involvement - Home Learning Project

Get Involved

All About Me - Design a poster that tells us something about you.

Dead line: Friday 27th October 2023

This term we want our parents to get involved in making an all about me poster with your child.

You can do drawings of their special toy, favourite book, and a picture of the whole family or people that are special to them. Decorate it and make it memorable.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to share their poster with their peers and staff within the nursery. It allows children to build relationships with others, gives them the opportunity to look at similarities and differences, as well as appreciate and celebrate what makes them unique.

Applying for School Reception

Applying for Reception 2024 - We will be holding a zoom meeting (**Class 3 only**) for those parents that need support in applying for their child's reception place for September 2024.

If your child will turn 4 before 31st August 2024 then you will need to apply for a school place for them by 11.59pm on 15th January 2024. You can submit your child's application at www.eadmissions.org.uk

For more information please refer to Newham Council's website

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/schools-education/primary-school-admissions/1>

Please be aware if you are looking to defer your child's space you will still need to submit an application. When you are informed of your allocated school in April 2024 you will then have to formally request to do so in writing to that school.

Meeting for parents is on Friday 13th October 2024 at 9am and 4pm. (You only need to attend one) online via Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87629238508?pwd=ZTlrbVA0cmdHYUN6cmJ3cGlzTW4xZz09>

Please remember...

- To support us in keeping your child safe by signing your child in and out of Little Ellies daily (when dropping off and collecting your child).
- To call Little Ellies on **0207 511 1276** if your child will be absent.
- To put enough nappies, wipes and clothes (at least 3 sets of change) in your child's bag as we get very messy at nursery.
- Outdoors in all weathers: Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the cold weather including; wellie boots, coats, hats, scarves and umbrellas to ensure they can still access learning outdoors.
- If you collect your child late (after 6pm) there is a late fee. If a funded child is not collected by their allocated time we can go over our registered numbers, therefore, the fee is payable in all instances.
- To always check your emails as this is the main way we communicate with our parents.

Staff Allocations & Rooms

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of our staff allocation for the new academic year.

Baby Room: Sarah Wynter and Tamzin Fish (Childcare Officers)

Toddler Room (Class 2): Flutera Hasani (Room Leader)
Saidat Olaofe, Maariyah Patel (Childcare Officers)

Preschool Room (Class 3): Shahnaj Sultana (Room Leader)
Elisabeta Likmeta, Sharon Greaves Mann (Childcare Officers)

Melek Delipiata, Lensa Hika, Rina Begum & Fiza Din (Childcare Officers (Bank Staff))

All children have been allocated to a key person. This information should be available outside each classroom. If you would like any information, please speak to one of the Little Ellies Room leaders or email us at childcare@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk

If you have any questions, please note that you can call the setting on **0207 511 1276** and an appointment will be arranged for you to discuss any questions or concerns with the Room leaders or a member of the Management team. Thank you for taking the time to read over our newsletter. Please note Little Ellies is not in operation during bank Holidays. Thank you for choosing us as your daycare provider!

Kind Regards,
Sheleena Laskar (Manager)