



Dear Parents & Carers,

Teaching and Learning this month

March's Book of the Month - The Very Hungry Caterpillar

INSET day closure reminder

Friday 27th March - Little Ellies is CLOSED FOR ALL for our last staff training session this financial year.

Parent Workshops

The upcoming dates are:

- Monday 9th March - Early Communication (led by Maariyah & Elisabeta)
- Monday 16th March - Home Learning Environment (led by Fiza)
- Monday 20th April - Becoming a Maths Champion (led by Tamzin)
- Monday 11th May - Potty Training (Sarah & Flutera)
- Monday 18th May - Oral Health & Keeping Healthy (Ferdowse)

These sessions will take place at 2.30pm and should be no longer than 20 minutes. Please come and join us in the training rooms.

Mother's Day Sip & Paint was a roaring success!!!

Thank you to all the adults who attended our Sip & Paint session last Friday to celebrate all the female figures in our lives.

We enjoyed a morning of calm relaxing painting with yummy nibbles and tea/coffee/squash. We had such a brilliant turn out and we appreciate you all. This allows us to instill values of kindness, respect and love for all those around us in our children and show our gratitude. Thank you to our staff team who always put so much effort into the planning and delivery of such wonderful initiatives.



Beckton Globe - Library Visit

This term we began our new project called **Love of Reading!**

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered their time to come with us! We will continue our journey with weekly visits to Beckton Library. Books are to be enjoyed and read together at home and the staff will inform you of when you need to bring it in to change at the library.

World Book Day Competition Winners!

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Baby Room winner



Toddler Room winner



Pre School Room winner



Hudson from the Baby Room, Oliver from the Toddler Room & Franek from the PreSchool room

All winners will receive Smyths vouchers!

Learning this month

Learning through the Very Hungry Caterpillar has been fun and exciting as we delve through learning in many different styles. We are especially proud of how well the children play alongside their peers, elaborating on ideas and thoughts. We have seen children participate in class, asking questions and ensuring they have a good understanding of the activities on offer and not be afraid to challenge themselves when posed with next steps from adults.

We have started our annual learning on planting and the natural world





April's Books of the Month

Babies	Toddlers	Pre School
Fluffy Chicks	Three Little Pigs/ The Easter Story	Three Little Pigs/ The Easter Story

April's Events

Upcoming Events next month

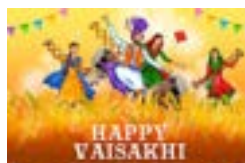


Easter & Eid celebrations - 25th March

Eid marks the end of the fasting month of Ramadan for Muslims around the world. We look at **'kindness'** as our key word of the month.

Easter is a Christian festival which marks the resurrection of Jesus Christ. For many Christians, Easter is a celebration of the triumph of life over death, and a very important time of the year. Many Christians will also be marking the end of Lent fasting. We will be focusing on sharing and life and having fun with an Easter Egg hunt and talking about the importance of being kind and positive.

If you wish to provide some food for the children to celebrate - please see Flutera (Deputy Manager) or Shahnaj (Room Leader)



Vaisakhi celebrations - Wednesday 15th April -

Continuing with our theme of **'kindness'** we will continue our learning and celebrations of the religious festival of Vaisakhi for Sikhism and Hinduism. Vaisakhi is the celebration to mark the start of the spring harvest season for Sikhism. It also marks when Sikhism was born as a collective faith in 1699. Whilst for Hindus, Vaisakhi marks an ancient harvest festival and the solar new year. The special day is celebrated with a variety of events, from singing and dancing to street parades.

We will be baking bread to symbolise the start of harvest season and we will be dancing along to some traditional music from India.

On Wednesday we ask you to help us by **bringing in a vegetarian dish to share with the children** please. Please ensure the food is clearly labelled with ingredients used. Thank you



Spring themed Photographs - 17th April - 9am to 12pm

We have our photographer in on Monday 28th April with a special spring theme. Children will have individual photographs taken on this day. If you wish for your child to wear something different and want the nursery staff to dress your child, please ensure you give these to a staff member, otherwise children can come in wearing their outfits.

Family photographs will also take place on this day between 9am -10am. Please come in and put your name on the list and wait in the corridor. ***Unfortunately we cannot include children from Ellen Wilkinson Primary School or any other school as they will need to be in school at this time.***

Nursery Diary Dates

April 2026	
30th March - 10th April	Easter Holidays (Children on funded or term time only contracts)
3rd	Good Friday Bank Holiday NURSERY CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN
6th	Easter Monday Bank Holiday NURSERY CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN
13th	Start date (term time/FEE only Children)
14th	Start day for all new children
15th	Vaisakhi Celebrations
17th	Spring themed individual and family photographs
20th - 24th	Parents Evening Week

Community, Wellbeing and Support



Join Curious by Nature and [Beckton Environmental Action Team](#) to clean up Beckton District Park South as part of the [Great British Spring Clean](#). Everyone is welcome to join the litter pick, and we will also have an educational treasure hunt for children to learn more about litter and its environmental impact!

Book Now:

<https://www.curiousbynaturelondon.co.uk/book-now/p/apr-26-litter-pick>



Join us for two days of outdoor learning and free play, the Forest School way during the school holidays. Drop off sessions for ages 6-12 years. What's on offer? Tool use, bushcraft skills, nature connection, nature crafts, hammocks, slackline, group games and more!

Book

<https://www.curiousbynaturelondon.co.uk/book-now/p/holiday-club-mar-26>

Now:

Measles outbreak in London: how to protect your child



There is currently a serious outbreak of suspected measles cases across London.

Measles is a very contagious virus that makes people feel sick with a high fever, cough, runny nose, and sore, watery eyes. It also causes a red or brown blotchy rash that spreads over the body. It can lead to serious problems if it spreads to other parts of the body, such as the lungs or brain.

That's why children, especially, need to be protected with a vaccination. If your child has not had both shots of the MMR vaccine, they could get measles.

And it's not just children, if you get measles when you're pregnant, it could harm your baby.

[Learn about childhood vaccines, and why your child should have them >](#)

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 you have. Email us at:

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Thank you
Little Ellies Management