



Susan Lawrence Nursery Newsletter

Spring Newsletter 2022

(January to March)

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter 2022.

Our Spring Newsletter is a bit later going out than planned...soo sorry! It's been such a busy couple of months with new starters after the Christmas Break, more COVID woes and some rather hideous weather (storm Eunice!). On a more positive note, the weather, there are definitely signs Spring is on its way too...the daffodils and tulips are popping up around Newham....YES!

And we are so proud that we've been awarded Level 3 - Gold Status from the

Dental Wellness Trust Live Smart Supervised Tooth-Brushing Programme
(more on this is our Health and Well-being section below).

COVID restriction are finally behind us (please see post in Tapestry for our LIVING with COVID and below) and we had a couple of celebrations/event last week; Pancake Day/Shrove Tuesday and World Book Day! And we are already planning for Graduation and Sports Day in the Summer, when we expect we will see a return to families attending these events at the nursery!



Inset Day - Nursery CLOSED!

Both our nurseries will be closed on 11th March for Staff Training

COVID19 update

Please see link for the latest, and hopefully last, information update on COVID 19 for early years providers. Please see below for details of the process at our nurseries from Monday 28th February 2022.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare>

In response to the latest advice and guidance from government with effect from Monday 28/02 the process at our nurseries will be:

- Shrewsbury and Susan Lawrence Nurseries will manage Covid-19 as we would other communicable disease
- Staff will no longer be required to take part in twice weekly (asymptomatic) testing
- At handover, please tell us if there is anything we need to know (about your child, your family, events, their health - this could include anything from an injury your child has had since they were last in nursery, a new baby, that you have moved house and anything that is relevant to your child and their time in nursery) this is a standard process when taking over charge of a child
- If anyone does have symptoms of Covid-19, we will ask them to take a test or seek medical advice and, if positive, to follow the government advice to isolate for 5 days. We would only expect to resume our provision of any face to face services on the 6th day, after two negative lateral flow results taken on the 5th and 6th day consecutively and provided the person does not have a temperature or is generally unwell.

- Face coverings/masks will no longer be required.

There is no change to:

- Hygiene practices
- Hand washing on entry and at frequent intervals
- Promoting catch-it, bin-it, kill-it
- Maintaining good ventilation throughout the building
- The procedure if anyone becomes ill during a session and the symptoms indicate it could be a communicable disease.

Catch it. Bin it. Kill it.



Stop the spread of flu germs.
Use a tissue and wash your hands thoroughly.

Month	Theme/Topic	Book	Activities	Resources	Role play area	Home Learning	Trips/visits/walks	Festivals/Celebrations/ Events/Outings	Safeguarding Theme
January	Spring Term 1 Light & Dark	The light in the night PS Night Monkey, Day Monkey BR	Shadow drawing. Pc Shadow play (puppet show) Tods Exploring lights BR	Charcoal, white chalk, black paper, white paper. White material, torches and hand puppets Different shapes/sizes torches, string lights.	Dark den, shadow puppets Sensory area	Look at shadows! Find a torch and shine against a wall. What shadow shapes can you see? Sensory area	Going for a walk in the morning (light) and then again after tea (Dark) Talk about the difference	New Year Tu B'Shvat (Jewish) -16 th - 17 th Martin Luther King 18 th Holocaust memorial day 27 th Winnie the pooh day 16 th	People who help us Lollipop men/lady Police officers Nurses/Doctors
February			Mixing light and dark colours P3 and Tods BR Exploring paints	A range of different powder colours, mixed with black or white. Builders tray, zip lock bags (table top), a range of paints mixed with liquid and oil		Talk about the different people who help us, and can we name them. Look at the different people who help us and what they favourite colours		Rosa Parks day 4 th Kite flying day – 8 th Chinese new year- 1 st – 17 th Children's mental health 1 st - 7 th Valentine's day -14 th Lent 17-feb-29mar Purim (Jewish) 28 th	No means no Rainbow pants!
March	Spring Term 2 Plants & Garden	Jack and the beanstalk PS	Seed house P3 and Tods Sensory garden play	House templates, zip lock bags, seeds and cotton balls Soil, leaves, twigs, logs, grass (dry and wet)	Garden Centre	Going on a listening walk, write/draw or take a picture of what we see. Make a spring flower sensory bottle		Pancake Day 1 st St David's day 1 st Dr Seuss day 2nd World Book Day 3 rd Women's day 8 th St Patrick's Day 17 th Holi (Hindu) 18 th Maha Shivaratri (Hindu) 11th Mother's Day 27 th	Let's talk pants
April		Spring babies BR	Nature painting texture collage Leaves and Flowers BR	Leaves, grass, twigs, flowers, bark. Large laminated leaves and large frozen flowers for babies to explore with hands.	Playdough garden Play!	Make Easter bonnets/Hats. Have a Easter egg hunt		Palm Sunday 10 th Easter Sunday 17 th Passover 16-22 Vaisakhi (Sikh) 14 th Earth day 22 nd St. George Day 23 rd Yom Hashoah 27-28 Ramadan 12apr-12 may	Bullying
<p>Focus – Communication and language, fine motor, maths, past and present, Intent: children to have an understanding and knowledge of, spring and the changes that take place, new life, flowers, growth. To find out what is good for our body and how we change and talk about the different changes e.g. season, fruits Implementation: Through a variety of resources and activities, e.g. the light in the night and the enormous turnip, see how things grow and change and to grow their own seeds to see what happens. Looking at changes in the environment and talking about them at circle time – see above activities. Activities will be adult led, child initiated/interest/extended play Impact: Evidence of children's learning will be through observed, interaction and children's own work, language used, home learning, home corner, and discussed during circle time. Children are able to use key words and talk about the change of season and the changes they see in a life cycle (age and stage dependant)</p> <p> = British values/ culture Capital</p>									

A copy of our Curriculum, Termly and Weekly Plan can be found outside each room on the Curriculum Board. You will also see some great examples of the work the children have done and photos. There are also some home learning ideas for you and the family to take part in - we would love to see your activities on the subject, please do post in Tapestry

Topic of the Term

The termly topic, which ran until the end of February for all our children, was Light and Dark!. The children have been exploring dark and light using torches, making dens, exploring and mixing paints (light and dark colours), making and exploring how shadows are made.

The Preschooler's and Toddlers themed January and February around the book The Light in the Night and the Babies around Night Monkey Day Monkey. I'm sure your have seen from all the photo observations in Tapestry how they brought the books to life across the nursery day.

There's been lots to celebrate over the last two months, with the children taking part in; Kite Flying Day, Chinese New Year, Valentines Day, World Book Day and National Pizza Day! We look forward to celebrating Holi 18/03/2022. Mother's Day and Easter, in the next couple of months as well.

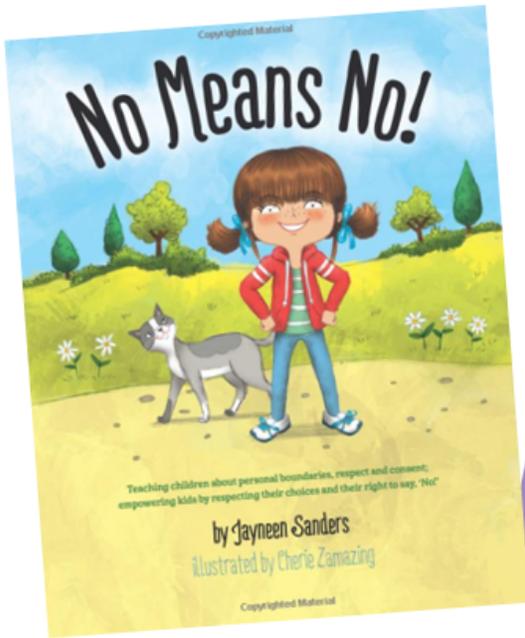
Moving into March and April, the Topic for everyone will change to Plants and Gardens. Lots of digging and planting is sure to be involved! We may also have some new additions to the Early Start Nursery family arriving, in the form of, some caterpillars. We look forward to watching and helping them grow into beautiful butterflies! And of course releasing them back to nature once they are full grown.

The areas of the EYFS we are focusing on are Communication and Language, Physical (Fine and Gross Motor Skills) and Maths (Past and Present).

Our focus books for the term are: The Light in the Night, Night Monkey Day Monkey, Jack and the Beanstalk and Spring Babies

Our safeguarding books for the term are: People Who Help Us and No Means No





Spring Term 2022 Focus Books

Tapestry / Observations and Assessments

For New Parents - please see information below on observations recorded in Tapestry:

We aim to take a couple of photo/video observations each week and post these in the journal, they have titles that try to be descriptive and interesting to you as well as describing the learning - titles like "I saw a WORM! Counting, I know my Alphabet etc... We may use some written text but we tend to do this only when the picture needs more explaining.

Please note, every observation is reviewed by Management before being released into the journal. Observations are not in real time, but we do try to review and release as soon as possible - however nursery life can sometimes delay the release of observations.

If at any point you would like to have a discussion regarding your child's progress, please do contact Management and we will arrange a discussion either with Management and / or your child's Key Worker. We are not able to facilitate regular discussions at hand-over.

Care Diary

We also record all; meals, nappy changes, sleeping and accidents etc, in the Care Diary section of Tapestry.

Whilst there are quality checks in place, there are occasionally the odd errors or omissions, if you spot one please let us know, or if there is something you aren't sure about, drop us a message in Tapestry/or via slnursery@earlystartgroup.com.

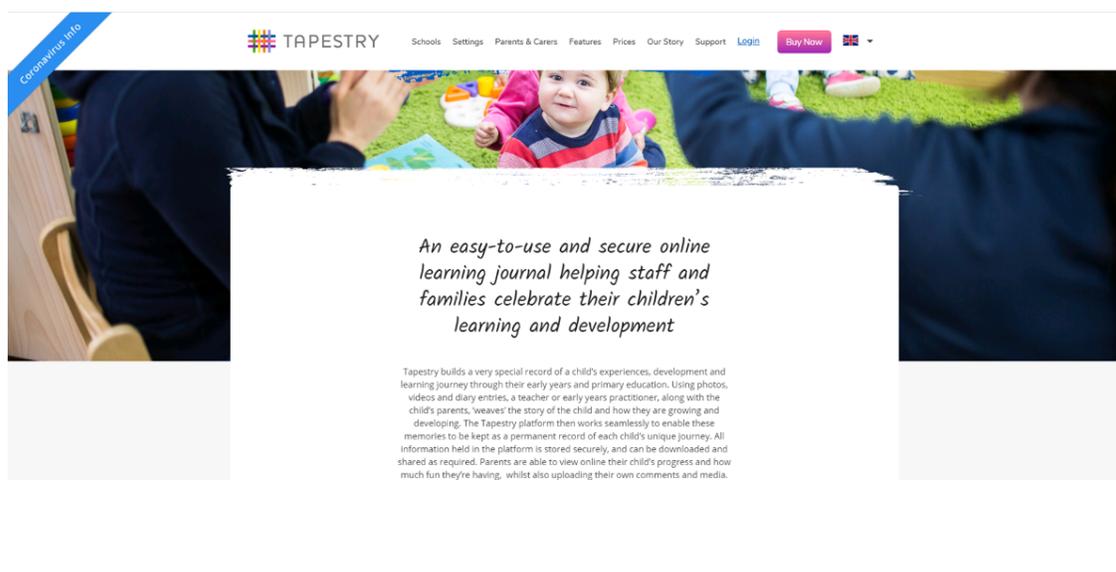
If you haven't set up your account, please do so asap - as this is the main way of you receiving information on your child and the nursery. Please click on the memo section for newsletters, general updates and information. This newsletter is available through the memo section in **Tapestry, as are a number of termly updates/newsletters/information memos etc.**

For further information about Tapestry please feel free to browse their website <https://tapestry.info/>

To enable us to set up your account so that you can access your child's learning journal and details of their day in nursery, please click on the link below and complete the form.

<https://www.earlystartgroup.com/nurseries/tapestry-confirmation-form/>

Tapestry do have an App, but this doesn't currently show the Care Diary (you need to log in via a web link to access the full functions).



Safeguarding

- In September 2022 we added a new page on Safeguarding and Child Protection to our website. If you haven't had a chance to have a look yet, please click: <https://www.earlystartgroup.com/child-protection-and-safeguarding-statement/>
- Just a quick reminder to let us know if there is anyone else is coming in behind you, as you enter the nursery. We do need to identify whose entering the nursery for safety reasons.
- Also, when leaving, please don't hold the door open for anyone to enter (even if you know them) for the same reason.
- We have recently created a Change of Information form. This is for you to use if you move, change telephone number, need to add or remove an emergency contact etc. The form can be found on the following link: <https://www.earlystartgroup.com/nurseries/change-of-details-for-nursery/>
- Its really important that you tell us who is collecting your child each day. If you drop off and your partner arrives to collect, but you told us it was you who was collecting, we will not release your child as our contract for the day is with the dropping off parent. It's better to tell us "I will pick up or my partner", as this means we can hand your child over without double checking with the dropping off parent, as you already made us aware it was going to be either, you or your partner etc...

- Staff will also ask 'is there anything we need to know'. This question covers a range of information that you may need to give us, as an example it should cover the following; has your child had an injury outside of nursery since they last attended, have you moved house, is there a new baby and anything that is important to the health and well-being of your child.
- If there are any changes to your personal circumstance, please let a member of the management team know as soon as possible.
- All our Managers and Senior Leadership are trained Designated Safeguarding Officers, with training delivered through the NSPCC or NDNA (National Day Nurseries Association).
- The NSPCC have a lots of free resources and information, this term we have included a link on our Safeguarding Theme Lets Talk Pants - (Secrets) and the Pantosaurus Rules
 - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>
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Reminders / Information

LABELS LABELS LABELS not quite everywhere yet :(

Thank you soooo much to all of you who have labelled your children coats, bags etc...but we still have lots of lost clothes and clothes without labels. Lots of hats, scarves and gloves in particular are without labels. We also have a number of children with the same coats, gloves etc.

Please please please could you make sure they are labelled!

If you intend to leave the nursery (1 months notice is required), wish to change your hours etc...you will need to confirm your request via our website using the link below.

Please do have a verbal conversation first with one of the management team, but it must be confirmed via the request to change nursery hours link.

<https://www.earlystartgroup.com/nurseries/request-to-change-nursery-hours/>

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation

Health and Wellbeing

Supervised Toothbrushing Award: We are very proud to be able to tell you we achieved Gold Status for our Supervised Toothbrushing Programme.....

Early Start Nurseries Susan Lawrence has achieved the GOLD AWARD for their dedication to the LiveSmart Supervised Toothbrushing Programme and Oral Health Promotion

The Early Start Nurseries has been taking part in the LiveSmart Supervised Toothbrushing Programme sine 2018. We want to thank you for all your commitment and enthusiasm in our programme and improving oral health in children

A massive amount of hard work has gone into ensuring we are meeting all the requirements outlined in the awards, thanks to everyone involved!

Please see links for further information:

<https://www.earlystartgroup.com/nutrition/nutrition-award/>

<https://www.dentalwellnesstrust.org/about>

<https://www.earlystartgroup.com/nutrition-services/early-years-settings/supervised-tooth-brushing-programme/>

Healthy Start is Going Digital!

The Healthy Start scheme is in the process of going fully digital. Here's a note on some of the main changes:

Paper applications have been replaced by an online application:

- Letters are being sent to existing families to let them know they can now apply for the new digital scheme.

- Existing users need to apply for the digital scheme to carry on receiving support (unfortunately there's no automatic transition).
- Families don't need to have received this letter to apply online
- All eligible families can [apply online here](#).

Paper vouchers are being replaced by a pre-paid Mastercard:

- The traditional paper vouchers will no longer be issued after March 2022.
- If users of the paper vouchers don't re-apply for the digital scheme they will stop receiving their vouchers after March 2022.
- Once received, users will need to activate their card by calling 03003302090, pressing 1 and going through the automated service (this should take no more than a few minutes).
- Families can talk to an advisor or interpreter on 03003307010 (please note there is a charge for those not on a call plan).

For information on the updates to the scheme:

- Complete [Vitamin D a healthy start training](#) using code

Please Note: There are no changes to the Universal FREE vitamin scheme in Newham you can find more information [here](#)!

The NHS team have created a package of [resources](#) which you might like to use in your setting to help promote the scheme to your families. These include social media graphics, a social media toolkit and a guide on how to use these materials.

More promotional materials will also be published in early 2022 to help promote the scheme.

Do you currently receive Healthy Start paper vouchers?



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Linda Greenwell

Dr. Linda Greenwell
Founder of DWT

December 2021

Date





Staffing Update:

National Apprenticeship Week

7th to 13th February 2022

National Apprenticeship Week aims to highlight the exceptional work being done by employers and apprentices across the country.

We're super proud of our apprentice and all the hard work and support they provide to our children whilst working towards their childcare qualification.

Term Dates 2021 to 2022 Academic Year:

(Spring term time children)

Term Ends 25th March 2022 (38 weeks)

Inset Day 2022 = Friday 11th March 2022 - NURSERY CLOSED

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