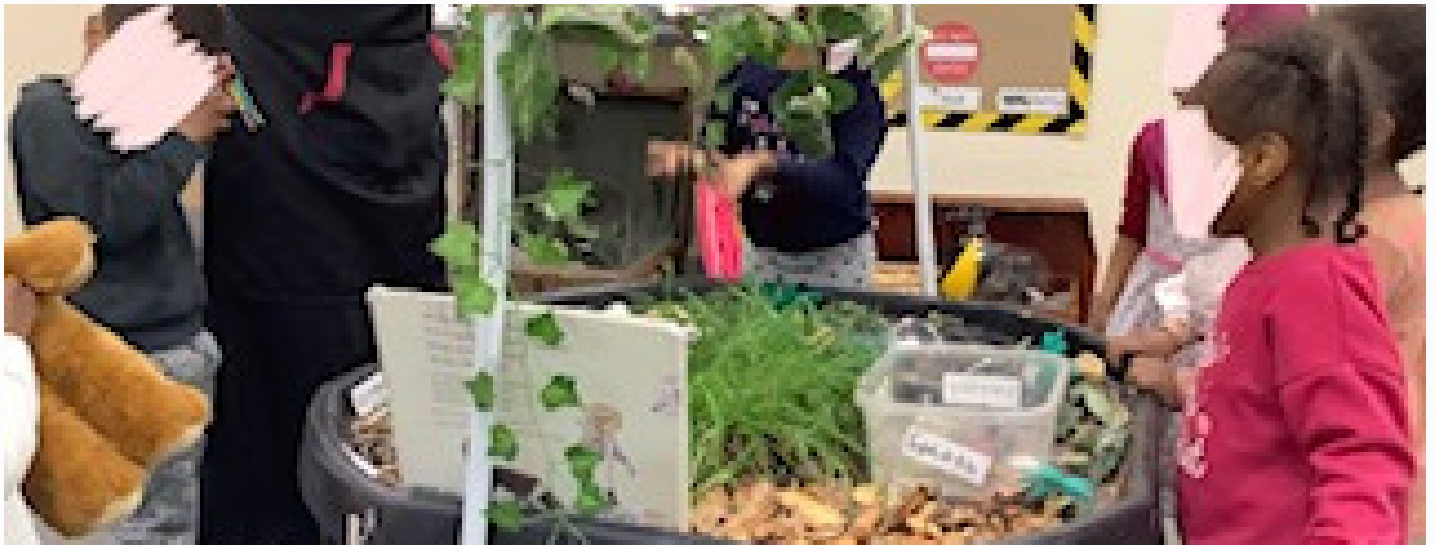


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A Class Nursery

A CLASS NURSERY'S TERMLY NEWSLETTER



YOUNGMINDS
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ASSALAAMU ALEYKUM,

DEAR PARENTS/GUARDIAN

We have had a very busy but joyful term at Nursery this Autumn. This term marks the end of a most extraordinary and challenging year for us as a community. We now step into a two-week rest, following months of well-being phone calls, one-way systems, stripy tape, sanitiser, PPE, hand washing songs, and virtual meetings. Life as a school has taken such a dramatic new direction and demanded a level of flexibility from us that has certainly kept us on our toes. I wish to applaud the whole nursery - staff, parents, and children alike, for coping, adapting, and rolling with the constant unfolding changes. We are clearly not 'out of the woods' yet, but we have grown used to the 'new normal' ahead of us for a while longer. We are committed to ensuring that we do all we can to finish off what has been a very challenging and surreal year in a fun way!

Young Minds, a UK Mental Health & Wellbeing Charity have produced a resource for parents and carers on supporting children during the pandemic. The resource includes tips on speaking to your child and providing reassurance during the current climate. To access this resource or further support please visit the Young Minds website: <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>



IMPORTANT INFO

Face Masks

We are asking all parents who drop off and pick up children to wear a mask when on site. This is a sensible precaution to protect you, your child, our staff, and the wider community. You may see some of our parents not wearing a face mask as they may be exempt. If we see you without a face mask, we may discretely ask you about this – or you may let us know in advance.

Keep warm!

The scientific advice for schools is to keep fresh air circulating throughout the school. To do this we keep many of our windows open. As the weather is now turning colder, please make sure your child has several layers of clothing on to keep them nice and warm. As well as a thick fleece, jumper, or cardigan that keeps them warm, can we also advise you to purchase mittens, rather than gloves, for your child as these are often warmer and far easier for children to put on by themselves.

Inset Days

School will be closed to parents on Friday 18th December 2020, for Inset Day. Last day of school is Thursday 17th December 2020

Name, name and name again!

Please make sure that ALL your child's belongings are named. Now that Winter is upon us, this is particularly important for hats and scarves. We are sure there will be quite a few of them that are the same so please ensure you name them clearly to avoid any disappointment, should they get lost. We currently have a lost property basket - please ask staff if you have lost anything. Please note: Basket will be emptied at the end of each term insha Allah.

Have you applied for your child's Reception place yet?

If your child was born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, you need to apply for them to start reception class in September 2021. The deadline for applications is 15 January 2021 (late applications could also result in you not being allocated one of your preferences). You can apply online by going on your borough's website.

Tapestry

Our online learning journal is up and running now alhamdulillah and we have had many successful communications on this platform. If you have not yet completed your permission slip and provided us with your email address, please do so as soon as possible insha Allah.

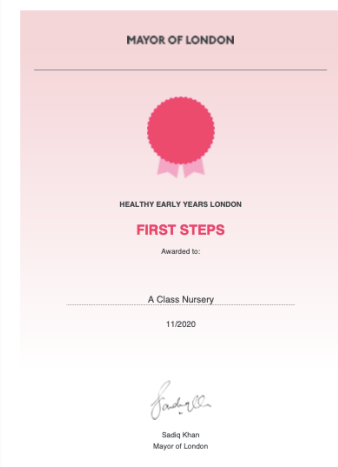
Parent's Evening

We will be holding our first parent's meetings for this year for all of the children across all age-groups on Friday 11th December 2020 insha Allah. Please speak to your child's keyworker to book your 10-minute slot.

Learning Focus

During this term we observed that the children were interested in the natural autumnal objects in the playground. Children took great pleasure in collecting leaves and rocks as 'treasure'. With this in mind we explored books such as 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' which have helped us to build on their interest.

At A Class Nursery we promote the Characteristics of Effective Learning outlined in the EYFS and kindly ask you to follow this with your child at home. Please encourage your child to have a go at things they are unsure of by modelling how to do it yourself. Lots of praise and positive encouragement pays dividends and when things get tough, which they often do at this age, encourage them to say, 'I am trying but I need some help' instead of 'I can't do it!'. It would help us if you could encourage your child to dress themselves whenever possible and have a go at putting on their own shoes and coat



"A Class Nursery has achieved membership of Healthy Early Years London (HEYL); an awards scheme funded by the Mayor of London which supports and recognises achievements in child health, wellbeing and development in early years settings. As part of the scheme children will learn about healthy eating, oral and physical health and supported with early cognitive development through a range of activities. Please continue to support us by ensuring your child has a healthy Lunch and snack with a bottle of water. Please do not send them to nursery with juice, biscuits crisp etc.