

Dear Parents and Carers,

Great news, our community membership with Transport for London has been approved... Yay!

So from next week we will start taking groups of children, so be warned and get ready for lots of transport related questions over the next few weeks.

Safeguarding during drop of and collection

Reminder of the process for drop off and collection once your child has settled in the nursery.

Drop off: Please press the buzzer at the entrance to the nursery and a member of the team will meet and greet you and your child and take your child through to their room. If you have a message for your child's key person, then please pass this to the member of the team and they will pass it on. If you need to particularly speak to someone from your child's room, then if ratios allow we will ask them to come to the reception to speak to you directly. If it's not possible then we will ask them to give you a call as soon as they can. If you are going to arrive later than 10am please either call, email nursery@coinstreet.org or use the Family app to let us know your estimated arrival time. Please also follow this process to notify the nursery if your child is going to be absent for the day.

Collection: Upon arrival at the nursery entrance, please press the buzzer to alert the office that you have arrived to collect your child. A member of the team will alert the room staff so they can get your child ready for handover. This can take a few minutes as they get them ready. Where possible handovers will be with one of the educators from your child's room. This may not always be possible due to staff shift patterns.

If you have any further questions relating to this approach, then please speak to one of the team.

We follow this approach primarily to ensure that children are safeguarded, and their education isn't continually disrupted.

We currently have 74 children registered with the nursery with as many as 50+ attending on any one day. As you can imagine if we were to allow parents to enter the nursery to drop off and collect their children it would cause a massive disruption throughout the beginning and end of day.

On occasion we do ask parents to come in during drop off and collection times. This is usually because they are settling their child, collecting an unwell child or because a member of the team has asked them to come in.

We absolutely want parents to visit the nursery which is why we invite you to visit in person for your child's focus week review. This is the perfect time for you to chat with the team and spend time having a look around the nursery. In addition, throughout the year we hold open days and events where all parents, carers and siblings are more than welcome to join us and roam freely throughout the nursery; we always look forward to sharing these events with you. Thank you for your support and cooperation with this.

Feedback from the Coin Street Inset Day

We often get asked what training staff undertake during our inset days. Each year there are six days, 3 of which are just for the nursery team and 3 for the whole Coin Street team. The last inset day was for the whole Coin Street Team.

On Tuesday each member of the leadership presented their teams successes for 2022.

Coin Street is a fascinating place and has many teams including, PFM (Premises) who are responsible for the whole Coin Street estate including the neighbourhood centre, the 4 housing co-ops, Bernie Spain Gardens and Coin Street's part of the Thames pathway. We have I.T , People and Team building, Finance, Commercial (responsible for all the lettings, OXO Tower artists and makers, Gabriel's wharf, exhibition halls, and lettings within the neighbourhood) and Communications team (responsible for all communication with press, campaigns, internal and external communications). We are part of the community team, along with the family support, children's centre and community programmes team. Listening to the team successes provided a collective overview of all that has been achieved in this last 12 months. It got my brain whirring with potential ideas of how we could link up with other teams, such as organising our own 'young creatives exhibition' in the barge house, visiting some of the designer makers in the oxo tower or joining up with the community team to hold family events for Easter and Black History month. I'll be chatting to the other team staff over the next few months to see if we can make these ideas a reality.

The second part of the day each team took time to review their strategic development priorities. The nursery has many priorities but we wanted to review how well we strengthen children's language and vocabulary development, how confident and knowledgeable the team are in supporting children that may have Special

Educational Needs or face disadvantage to access the curriculum as well as review how the training and support the staff receive assists them to develop as a professional early years educator.

The team were very reflective, actively discussing what we are doing well, what we could do to improve further, and what new ideas we might want to trial. I was proud of the professional, inciteful discussions, that were had by the team and look forward to implementing some of their ideas.

Room updates

Everything is turning blue in Explorers as the children learn everything about the colour blue as well as starting to make their model taxi. The Investigators have also been colour mixing and building their bus whilst the Discoverers are still actively recycling, and watching you tube videos about London Transport, researching in particular the London tube in preparation for making their model tube train.

Explorers' environment

We've been reviewing the layout of the Explorers room, which has resulted in us purchasing some additional barriers and furniture to support the development of our babies. This includes a new baby play safe area, a cosy hideout den and a low level bookshelf. Hopefully all will arrive in a few weeks.

Fundraising update

Thank you to everyone that donated towards the purchase of a new 4-seater buggy. Last week I put the order in, and hopefully we should have it in our possession within the month.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Jane and the nursery team





