



April 2016

Spring, CI, new ideas, new staff

Special days

Earth Day: We'll celebrate this day on 22nd of April (Friday) as we consider that there are some special days that children should be familiar with as these are part of our culture. You will see how we have celebrated this day and more activities on our website www.littleeinsteinsnurseries.co.uk.

We'll even create a special calendar with all special days we'll celebrate throughout the year. If you would like us to celebrate some important date for you, please let us know in the calendar provided to you to give us your ideas which it's located at the corridor. Otherwise you can discuss verbally with any of the management team. As you know, your opinion is always very important for us.



Development Plan

We want to share with you any special information. In order to do this, we are going to display our development plan on the parent's notice board which is allocated at the nursery entrance. Please feel free to give us any feedback and we'll take it into consideration.

This development plan includes all our actions to be taken place with the aim to improve our quality service along this year. Here you'll see all the areas we have improved and those which need to be worked a little more.



Little Einstein Nurseries

Arbroath

Care Inspectorate

After having experienced some issues within our service when trying to improve our setting since the manager started her role in July 2015, our grades dropped down.

We are proud to say that with our hard work and constant effort we could show our ability for improvement and Care Inspectorate were delighted to see how we are working as a team to be a trustworthy nursery in which children can be cared for in a nurtured environment.

Our grades are:

- Quality of care and Support: 3
- Quality of environment: 4
- Quality of staff: 4
- Quality of leadership: 3

We'll continue working hard in our areas for improvement by finding different ways and methods to improve.

Contact information

Please make the nursery aware of any change in contact details for your children such as address or contact numbers.

Once again, thank you in advance for your help.

Children's learning journeys

We want you to be familiar with your child's learning journey (your child's individual portfolio that we use to record your child's learning). We want to work in partnership with you and one way to do this will be to create **a sheet which gives parents the opportunity to write their comments on the observation made by staff**. We'll give you this sheet on a monthly basis with your child's folio to see not just how your child is learning but also to reflect your comments because it will help us to identify the possible next steps (future action) based on your comments. You can always talk with your key worker about this and we'll include your opinion in our future actions for learning.

Parents' book

Please, don't forget to leave your comment in the parents' book we have created to give us your ideas about our different projects.

The question of the month is: **what kind of trips would you like us to do with your child?** We look forward to seeing your comments!

Parent Participation

As you know we want to work cooperatively with you in all that we do.

If you would like to come in and **take part in some of our activities** such as reading a story, share your job role or create fun experiences such as original arts and crafts please talk with your key worker's child to arrange a convenient date and time.

New staff

Sadly Karys is leaving so she can complete her qualification in Childcare in a place near her home. We wish her all the best!!! Her last day will be 29th April.

Tracey McGregor will be our new cook as she asked to join this role. Tracey has got all the qualifications required to join this post.

We'll recruit two Modern Apprentices, **Cally Dickson** and **Adele Stevens** who was working here previously. Both of them have got a very nice character and they are motivated to start this career as they feel that this is the job that they want to do.

We have 1 Qualified Teacher, 6 Early Years Practitioners and 3 Modern Apprentices.

Once we receive all the needed paperwork which allows us to follow a safe recruitment you'll see our staff board updated which it will take place approximately within 5 weeks.

Sun cream forms

A form has been given to you to be signed so we can apply sun cream to your child a few weeks ago.

We wanted to repeat this information as we didn't receive all the forms yet. We are aware that forgetting to complete some paperwork can be easy but please, remember that **we are not allowed to apply sun cream to your child without your permission**.

Please note an unopened, 30+SPF is required and don't forget the hats too!!



The explorers

The children in the Explorers room have been learning about road safety. Staff have designed a road for them and they also have created stop and go signs for the children to learn about safety.

Children are learning about sea world by making blue play dough and then play with the fishes and shells to make a sea life small world.

Children in Explorers love baking so staff always try to make delicious biscuits with children. This will promote their independence while exploring different textures and smells.

They also are working with our body parts as they are creating a spider with babies' hands prints, we'll show their feet prints on the display wall and also they are making new puzzles of children's faces for them to play and trying to join them together.



The Discoverers

Children from Discoverers are working with animals and they are using the story called "what the ladybird heard" due to the huge interest that children have shown in this story. With this starting point children will use a puppet to explore and restructure their story while they gain new vocabulary and they develop further their social skills. Staff have created a sensory tray for them, children will have the opportunity to make ladybird biscuits, they'll promote children's co-ordination by playing different games in which animals are the main topic and also they will create their own pictures by using different materials. This will allow them to promote individual interests and to explore different patterns of expression.



The Inventors

Children from Inventors have shown a great interest in our garden project so we have just started to plant our seeds and...they are really excited to see how the plants grow!! This will give them the opportunity to understand how the world around them works.

They were very interested in the book that staff read to them about road safety so they can see a new board displayed in the classroom about this topic. They are learning important things such as how a light traffic works or the importance of looking both sides before crossing the road.

Also Inventors has started to develop a topic about... dinosaurs! Children are extremely engaged on this learning area so staff have created a sensory table for them in the corridor, they are listening stories about their characteristics, environment and what they eat. They are creating their own pictures with different materials which promotes their creativity and curiosity so staff is ready to work in this topic for a long, long time...



Our new ideas...

SPRING ARRIVED TO LITTLE EINSTEINS ARBROATH!!!

We have created our spring tree with the art work that children have made. They are so proud of themselves when they look at their jobs... and us too of course!!

We are also planning to make new trips because lovely weather will allow us to do it 😊

Inventors will go to Carnoustie to spend the day in a different environment

Discovers are planning what will be our next adventure!!! (a trip Murton farm, close to Forfar, is on the way. Here children will have the opportunity to admire different animals while they will learn their characteristics.

Explorers will go to Beach Park in Arbroath where our little ones will play in the sand while enjoying a great day close to the sea.

The correspondent letter will be sent to you to inform you about the important information you need to know: dates, schedules, suitable clothes...).

WORKING TOGETHER WITH YOU...

As we mentioned in the second page, we want to involve parents in all that we do here in our nursery. We also want to **invite all parents to join us in our assorted trips** as your collaboration is very important for us. If you would like to attend our visits to different places with us, you just need to talk to our staff and we'll be organized by taking your comment into consideration. We are looking forward to listening your opinions!



We'll celebrate an **Open Day** in a weekend to let see all families from Arbroath our team and we work here in Little Einsteins Arbroath.

HOME BAKING ON FRIDAYS AND MORE...

We are a membership of **Cancer Research Charity** and in order to contribute with this organisation we have created our **Home Baking sale** for Fridays. As you could see our homemade biscuits, cakes, muffins are offered from Thursday at the entrance (thank you Tracey and children for your delicious and cakes). Yes! Our children love to help us in this activity so just to let you know that they are our cook assistants.

We are also planning to organise a **walk along our town** and we'll invite anyone who would like to participate. We'll be waiting for summer or a better weather and, as usual, correspondent letters will be sent.

