

Little Beans

Garland



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This month

We are learning about....

ALL ABOUT ME

This month we will have a huge focus on **ALL ABOUT ME**: We want to know what you have been doing over the summer, what your interests are, about the special people in your life and how we as a nursery can provide secure relationships where we can grow our little beans' cultural capital even further and use this as our base line to extend learning and development.

Ensuring that personal, social and emotional development is at the heart here at Little Beans and underpins all we do. Building strong relationships between key persons, their key children and their families is paramount to a successful transitioning period.



Please be mindful that children can take on average up to 6 weeks to settle into a new nursery. To build on this, please send in a family photo and pictures of your home so we can share with our friends at circle time.

What makes us who we are?

Our Little Beans will be exploring what makes them unique individuals and celebrating our differences! Developing self-confidence, self-awareness and mutual respect for one another is essential for your child's personal, social, and emotional development plus their cultural capital.

Please share with us anything special that you have achieved at home so we can celebrate this at Little Beans.

Welcome Back!

Autumn Term

----- SEPTEMBER 2024

A warm welcome back to our returning Little Beans, and a special hello to our new Little Beans! We hope you all had a fantastic summer, enjoying the sunshine and creating wonderful memories with your families.

We'd love to hear about your adventures, so please feel free to share them with us on Tapestry.

We embrace an open-door policy and encourage you to reach out to us by phone or email at any time.

At Little Beans, we offer a variety of sessions to suit the needs of our families. If you're interested in additional sessions or making changes to your current schedule, please speak with our office team.

Kindly note that following the recent changes to funding availability, we require one term's notice for changes to funded hour sessions and one month's notice for session changes for non-funded hours.

Session options:

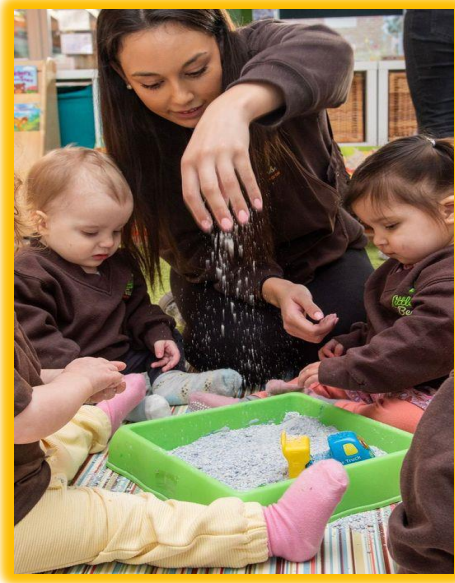
Available for all ages:

- Full Day: 7:30am - 5:30pm
- Morning Session: 8:00am - 1:00pm
- Afternoon Session: 1:00pm - 5:30pm

Available for ages 2 and up:

- Mini Day: 9:00am- 3:00pm
- Midi Day: 8:00am - 4:00pm





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Little Beans Celebrates!

Events in September 2024

2nd – 6th September 2024 – Zero Waste Week. The aim of this international campaign is to help householders, businesses, schools and community groups increase recycling, reduce landfill waste and participate in the circular economy.

8th September 2024 - International Literacy Day! An opportunity to promote the importance of literacy, a day to focus on reading, writing and mark making! We ensure we have a wide range of resources every day to support these aspects of learning. This is such an integral part of lifelong learning and a fabulous way to learn and expand our knowledge.

6th September 2024 - Read a book day! The Little Beans will be devouring books on this day to absorb storytelling, rhyme and learn all about the different kinds of books! Does your Little Bean have a favourite book? Could you share a picture on Tapestry of your Little Bean with their favourite book?

11th September 2024 – Teddy Bear Day! A day for appreciation of favourite teddy bears and the companionship that they offer, every day and night! Please bring in your favourite teddy bear to show your friends at circle time.

13th September 2024 - Roald Dahl Day. The Birthday of Author Roald Day, this day was chosen as a day to promote reading. Please think of your favourite Roald Dahl book and come dressed as a character.

19th September 2024 – Shiver me timbers, it's Talk like a Pirate Day! A full day at Little Beans full of pirate themed activities. What a fantastic, fun way to promote learning across all aspects of the curriculum but especially language, learning all about pirates and how they sail the seas!

23rd September 2024 – International day of Sign Languages. This day highlights the essential role sign language plays in building an inclusive society where Deaf individuals can fully engage in all areas of life. We will be celebrating the beauty and power of sign language, and enjoy signing songs with your little ones!

22nd September 2024 – Autumn Starts It won't be long before we embrace the blazing colours of Autumn. The autumn equinox marks the start autumn as the night becomes longer than the day, until the spring equinox when the pattern is reversed.

LITTLE BEANS

---- SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

Little Beans believes that respecting the environment and actively reducing, reusing, and recycling resources are essential practices embedded in the culture and daily routine for both children and our staff team.

These are some of the ways that we try to make small changes in our day-to-day life at Little Beans:

- We have installed solar panels to produce our own electricity, and we have started to send some to the national grid too! This helps to reduce use of fossil fuel to make energy and all helps in the effort to reduce global warming.
- We opt for resources, furniture and play equipment made from natural sources which are environmentally friendly and less toxic for little beans.
- We try to reduce plastic pollution through encouraging and supporting potty training rather than waiting (less nappies sent to landfill).
- We encourage use of biodegradable nappies, wet wipes and nappy bags. We can then use these biodegradable nappy bags for sending home wet clothing!
- We reuse cardboard and paper wherever possible – we can be very creative with cardboard!
- We make sure we separate out our waste to recycle whatever we can including soft plastics like bread bags and cereal packaging.

We would love to hear your ideas and suggestions of other things we can do to improve our eco credentials. What do you do in your own home to play your part?



Did you know!



One of the most critical stages of development and learning is from birth to five years old. The first five years of child development are critical to their health, wellbeing, and the overall trajectory of their lives in a variety of ways.

The brain is developing connections through their everyday experiences, and through positive interactions with parents and caregivers, using their senses to interact with the world.



Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

Apple Gruffalo Crumble

INGREDIENTS

- 4 large cooking apples
- 250g caster sugar
- 250g butter
- 250g oats

Top Tip

If you would like to add any other fruit to the apples, then it is possible. Why not try mixed berries, cherries, rhubarb.



METHOD

1. Peel and chop the apples into slices and place them into an oven proof tray.
2. Mix the butter, oats and caster sugar together until it makes a bread crumb texture.
3. Sprinkle the mixture on top of the apples and bake in the oven for 30 mins on gas mark 7, 180 degrees until golden brown.
4. You can serve this hot or cold – try adding custard to the hot dish - delicious!
5. Serve and devour

-----Enjoy!

TERM DATES FOR TERM TIME ONLY (TTO) CHILDREN:

Autumn Term

Term 1 – Monday 2nd September 2024 – Friday 25th October 2024

Half term – Monday 28th October 2024 – Friday 1st November 2024

Term 2 – Monday 4th November 2024 – Friday 13th December 2024

Spring term

Term 1 - Monday 6th January 2025 – Friday 14th February 2025

Half term – Monday 17th February 2025 – Friday 21st February 2025

Term 2 – Monday 24th February 2025 – Friday 4th April 2025

Summer term

Easter Holidays – Monday 7th April 2025 – Friday 18th April 2025

Term 1 – Monday 21st April 2025 – Friday 23rd May 2025

Half term – Monday 26th May 2025 – Friday 30th May 2025

Term 2 – Monday 2nd June 2025 – Friday 18th July 2025

Summer Holidays – Monday 21st July 2025 – Friday 29th August 2025

TERM DATES FOR ALL YEAR ROUND (AYR) CHILDREN:

Academic year

Monday 2nd September 2024 – Friday 29th August 2025

Autumn term

2nd September 2024 – 24th December 2024

Spring Term

1st January 2025 – 28th March 2025 (13 weeks)

Summer Term

31st March 2025 – 29th August 2025 (22 weeks)

Closed for Christmas

Wednesday 25th December 2024 – Wednesday 1st January 2025 (Inclusive)

Bank Holidays (nursery closed)

Monday 26th August 2024

Wednesday 25th December 2024

Thursday 26th December 2024

Wednesday 1st January 2025

Friday 18th April 2025

Monday 21st April 2025

Monday 5th May 2025

Monday 26th May 2025

Monday 25th August 2025

Thursday 25th December 2025

Friday 26th December 2025



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Notices and housekeeping

Farewells and Welcome!

We bid farewell to Ebony, wishing her the very best in all her future endeavours – she will be greatly missed by everyone here at Little Beans.

We're sending our warmest wishes to our wonderful cook, Laura, as she begins her maternity leave – we can't wait to meet her little one soon!



A warm welcome to our new apprentice, Stacey, as she joins the Little Beans Garland team. We're excited to work with her as she embarks on her journey in Early Years childcare!

Reminders

Please be aware that parking is for drop off and collection only. Please do not leave cars here whilst going on the school run.

Please also park slowly and considerately within the marked bays.

YOU MUST NOT PARK ON THE PAVEMENT!!!

Please can we also ask that you take extra care when getting out of your car, we are noticing quite a few marks in car doors, please hold the doors open for your little beans. Please also be respectful to our neighbours 😊

If you have any questions or concerns, then please speak to a member of the Little Beans Garland Team who will be happy to help you.

Facebook and Instagram

Stay connected with us by visiting our Facebook and Instagram pages!

Be sure to give us a 'like' and 'follow' to stay updated on important dates, reminders, and to see regular photos of what your Little Beans have been up to. Don't forget, you can also leave us a review!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/littlebeansgarland/>

Instagram: Search for 'Little Beans Day Care'

Little Beans Website

For more information, visit our website where we regularly update newsletters, menus, and important dates. Check it out at: www.littlebeansdaycare.com



A message from our Directors, Sebrina and Tamsin:

“At Little Beans we strive for continuous improvement. On an ongoing basis we focus on improving the environment, resources and general running of Little Beans. Each term, we work with the managers and the whole team, to identify areas of improvement and where we can try and achieve better. We gather information from individual children, planning information and feedback, staff self-evaluation forms and our nursery cohort tracking of development, to ensure they we are continuously trying to narrow any gaps in learning and development across the curriculum. We wanted to share some of the things we have been doing.

Last term we undertook a huge project to repaint the nursery to deliver a calm nurturing space reflected in the environment and which is also aesthetically pleasing. We are continuing to replace old worn and very well-loved resources with natural, eco-friendly resources.

We have now (90%) changed the majority of our nursery furniture and resources to beautiful soft wooden or natural made items that create a nurturing space for all your little beans.

We have also refurbished the gardens, both preschool and baby room garden with new beautiful garden equipment, with water trays, teepees, climbing resources, slides, Wendy houses and much more. We have put little solar lights up with flower garlands and windchimes to capture the little eyes of our little beans plus lots more.

We changed all our boards in the room to hessian boards to ensure this created more enabling environments for any children with hearing impairments by helping to reduce the effect of sounds bouncing from surfaces in the room.

We have put solar panels up on our roof space and continue to monitor the energy we are obtaining from the sun and how this benefits the nursery and makes us more eco-friendly through more sustainable energy usage.

We have implemented a new IT system for our office Team to ensure that going forward we can be more effective in our communications and so that we can work smarter and create time efficiencies – which all means more time to focus on our Little Beans. **We do apologise for any interruptions or any missed emails during the roll out period.**

Next term we will be focusing on child led planning and really tuning in to our planning and training, also popping some tweaks in! We will also be focusing on staff training in our continued effort to ensure the advancement of our teams’ professional development.

Our doors are always open, and we always want to hear from you all. Please do not hesitate to get in touch at any time.”

Sebrina and Tamsin

