

The Little Learners Story

Chapter 4

This chapter of the 'Little Learners 1.2.3' story is the beginning of a new era.

We were sad not to run play schemes throughout the long summer break as planned. We did however manage one picnic in Aylesbury, it rained heavily so we ate and sung inside. Unfortunately the Buckingham picnic was called off. We will try again next year and maybe enjoy the picnic in the park as we did last year. All we will need is a dry sunny day. First we have Christmas and the new year to plan for; we will celebrate our 3rd Anniversary in January and plan to hold it once more in the Alfred Rose Community Centre.

We are currently arranging a pre-Christmas sale, to be held in the School room. Those invited are Usborne books, Formative Fun now known as Fun Junction and Phoenix Cards. We also have others in mind, ie. card sales and other toy outlets. We will be circulating information nearer the time and hope that people will be able to come along and browse. Those suppliers invited are those used by 'Little Learners 1.2.3' and we have always been delighted with the goods, service and delivery. I understand that each company has many new items to tempt us this year - 'Little Learners 1.2.3' will be first in the queue.

Hope you are all ready for this new era.

The Computer's Swallowed Grandma

The computer's swallowed Grandma
Yes, honestly, it's true
She pressed 'Control' and 'Enter'
And disappeared from view.



It's devoured her completely
The thought just makes me squirm
Maybe she's caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.

In desperation I asked Jeeves
My searches to refine
The reply from him was negative
Not a thing was found 'Online'.

I've searched through the Recycle Bin
And files of every kind
I've even used the internet
But nothing did I find.

So, if inside your 'In Box'
My Grandma you should see
Please 'Scan', 'Copy' and 'Paste' her
In an e-mail back to me.

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'the best thing you can give
your child is time'

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On Friday 3rd September 'Little Learners 1.2.3' opened in Elmhurst Infant School, Aylesbury. Many new families attended the day, some that already attend and a family that had travelled all the way from Whittlebury. It was a fun day with entertainment by Mr. Marvel, he has agreed to return for our 3rd

Anniversary in January 2005. All planned groups are now up and running with just a few places still available. Ken and Joan are delighted to have secured such a splendid place to run 'Little Learners 1.2.3' - it's magic!

The unit is clean, light and airy and provides ample space for storage and activities. Plans are in place to develop the unit and a variety of new and different activities will be introduced during our first few months on site.

We thank the school staff for welcoming us and trust we will be an asset to their working environment. Already we have interest from parents currently using the school for their older children, some now attend 'Little Learners 1.2.3' with younger siblings.

'Remember happiness is a way of travel not a destination -
Little Learners 1.2.3 have arrived.'

• Giving parents & children the opportunities to learn •

Buckingham Groups

Buckingham groups continue to run each Friday at the Well Street Centre. Our 1-2 year old group is full but we do still have some places in the 2 year old group and the babies group. Buckingham is where 'Little Learners 1.2.3' first began a special place and we would like to be more settled there in terms of storage. Transporting equipment each week is hard work, so we trust that management on that site will help with some space to accommodate some of our stuff.



Fun at Summer Shows

During the long summer break we took gazebo, toys and information along to Waddesdon Young Farmers show in June, the Winslow show on Bank Holiday Monday and the Bucks County show at the beginning of September. Thank you to those of you that came along to say hello, and those new families that joined 'Little Learners 1.2.3'. Each day was a wonderful experience and we plan to do it all again next year.



Our final day out was to Park Life in Vale Park in Aylesbury, again we met many new and interesting people, some joined up for groups. We plan to develop this day to offer more activities for under fives. Our day ended with the wonderful Proms in the Park. It was a great success, families with young children enjoying the music, waving their flags, a perfect end to a most enjoyable day.

Birth Congratulations!



To Jayne a baby boy Austin a brother for Max
To Heather a baby girl Kathryn a sister for Nicholas
To Julie a baby girl Caitlin a sister for Livia and Keely
To Angela a baby girl a sister for Keely

Baby groups at 'Little Learners 1.2.3' have become very popular so we now have a choice of days and times. The extra sessions now ensure spaces, as each is seldom fully booked. Parents currently attending value the time spent in the group and each group has taken on its own identity. Babies quickly become interested in all around and are noticed to be listening and generally enjoying the atmosphere.

'Out of the mouths of Babes'

A friend's four year old daughter was in the supermarket when she asked 'mummy, why is that lady's tummy so big?'
'She has a baby in there' said her mother.
The daughter replied, 'hasn't she got a pram'.

Country of Origins

- South Africa • Lebanon • Brazil • North America • Pakistan
- Italy • Barbados • Jamaica • India • Scotland • Ireland
- Finland • Switzerland • Sweden • Czechoslovakia • Japan
- Slovakia • Germany • West Africa • St. Lucia
- England • New Zealand

QUOTATION

"Nothing is the worst thing that can happen to us".
Richard Bach