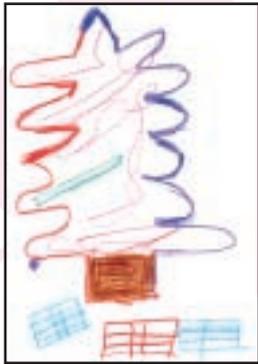


As we enjoy the Autumn and with summer behind us, we can remember days spent in the parks, at the annual picnics and fun sessions at "Little Learners 1.2.3" play schemes.



Picnics and play schemes were successful so we plan to develop both next year. The completed garden project will ensure some fun sessions outside, something for us to look forward to in 2006.



A lovely Christmas Card

"To All At
 "Little Learners 1.2.3"
 from Becks

The more people have studied different methods of bringing up children, the more they have come to the conclusion that what mothers and fathers instinctively feel like doing for their babies is best after all.

Dr Benjamin Spock

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

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Garden Project

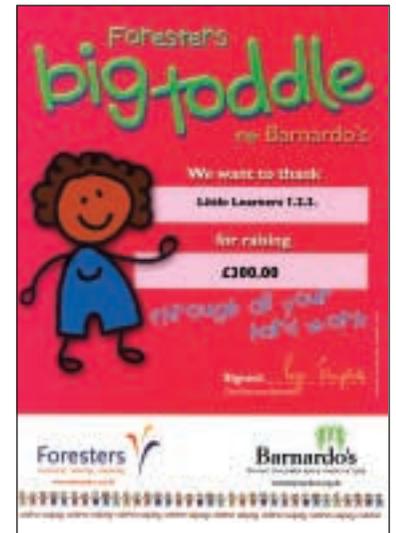
To date we have been given £2,275 from the local County Councillor and £1,000 from The Aylesbury Town Council.



The toddle in the park raised £400 for Barnardo's and we were able to put £100 of that towards the garden project. Thank you to those that raised monies, please convey our thanks to all your sponsors.

To date we have enough to purchase some fencing, we continue to put in bids for more money to complete the project.

We have also received a further £100 from families - many thanks. We hope to have our project complete by the summer so you may all enjoy the new facility as soon as possible.



Who ran to help me when I fell, and would some pretty story tell, or kiss the place and make it well? MY MOTHER! Ann and Jane Taylor.

• Giving parents & children the opportunities to learn •

“Little Learners 1.2.3” reports that Kim is now busy studying at Aylesbury college and is enjoying the challenge. Kim is now helping out as our assistant each Wednesday and Thursday morning.

In Buckingham we are most fortunate to have Rebecca assist on a Friday. Becky has completed the 1st half term successfully and is a big hit with all the children. We hope Becky will continue to help us for as long as possible. We do know however, that she is planning to move to Italy and if that happens, we will miss her very much.

Each Wednesday we now have help in the office which is a great relief to have an organiser on board. Susan will now be attending to all office work and can be contacted each Wednesday between 10.00am - 2.00pm on the “Little Learners 1.2.3” telephone number. Susan is our daughter and the person to have suggested the idea of “Little Learners 1.2.3”. Susan also offers ideas, attends events and provides much support and encouragement.

Ken and Joan continue to facilitate groups, we are told that we appear to enjoy every minute. Retirement still seems a long way off, but we would welcome interested people to chat with us if they think they may be able to join the team in the future.

We have also many individuals that support us throughout each year with printing, advertising and providing the excellent sites that we use to run our groups.

The most important of all, the families who come along and enjoy our sessions.

Thank you to everyone.

Whatever we possess, even the little things, become a double value when we share it with others



Birth Congratulations
A baby girl Jessica, a sister for Abigail, congratulations to Elena.



A baby boy Louie a brother for Abigail congratulations to Louisa

Families attending “Little Learners 1.2.3” come from many different places including: Australia, South Africa, Jamaica, Scotland, Brazil, France, Lebanon, Pakistan, Slovakia, Wales, Ireland, Russia, Uganda, Spain, N. Ireland, Philippines, India and of course England.

Parent/Carer jobs include: Builder, Shop Worker, Solicitor, Cleaner, Midwife, Hairdresser, Accountant, Bookkeeper, Nurse, Child Minder, IT Consultant, Nanny, Care Assistant, Human Resources Officer, Psychiatric Nurse, Driver, Teacher, Au-Pair, Grandparent, Music Teacher, Musician, Mechanic, Corporate Manager, Events Organiser, Actress, Administration Officer, Gardener.

BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT JOB OF ALL IS BEING A PARENT.

Comments from Parents

- ‘Nice to have activities e.g. painting without having to clean up at home’.
- ‘A very friendly and happy environment, this is good for the mothers and the children’.
- ‘Enjoying new activities - drawing and colouring. Interacting with other children - the songs are good fun too!’
- ‘Friendly, small group, contained area’.
- ‘Being able to relax and play in a calm environment - singing is ace’.

The quickest way for a mother to get her child’s attention is to sit down and look comfortable!