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## Early Years news, advice and guidance for Square Mile families and settings

### Hello...

Welcome to our monthly newsletter.

Our aim is to share regular local and national information for families in the city.

If you would like to find out anything further on any items or like more advice or information, please contact the Family Information Service.

[EEYService@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:EEYService@cityoflondon.gov.uk)

### Talk Together, Learn Together with Coltale

This summer you will be able to pick up a pack of "Talk Together, Learn Together" cards from City libraries or your child's Nursery.

Use these cards to spark interesting conversations and create memorable experiences while exploring the City with your child.

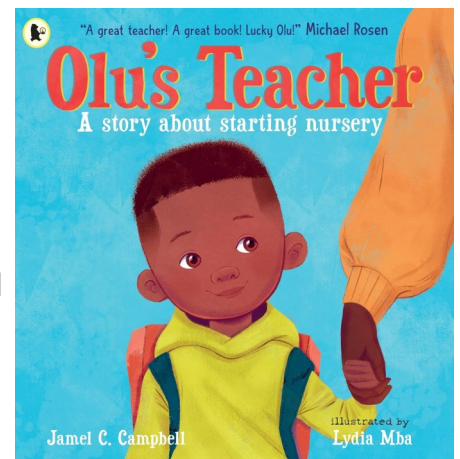


Complete one of the tasks and enter a prize draw to win a prize!

### Top Tips For Preparing For School

Read books about starting school and talk to your child about what to expect.

We recommend "Olu's Teacher" by Jamel C Campbell



Explain to your child that in school they will be able to make new friends, learn new things, and have fun!

Prompt your child to take ownership of their belongings, by encouraging them to put away toys and clothes. This can help them feel more confident and independent.

Encourage your child to play with other children, either at home or in a Stay and Play session. This will help your child develop their social skills in things like sharing, taking turns, and cooperation.

Listen to your child's feelings about starting school and encourage them to express their emotions in a healthy way,



# Celebrating Children's Work Across The City

The children in Hatching Dragons Nursery have been learning about the world around them.



They have been building up their vocabulary and language skills by discussing and talking about different environments and concepts.



They are learning to observe, describe, categorise objects, people and events. These skills are essential for developing their understanding of the world.



Learning about the world around them encourages children to engage in active learning experiences. These include such things as hands-on activities, practical experimentation and discovery.

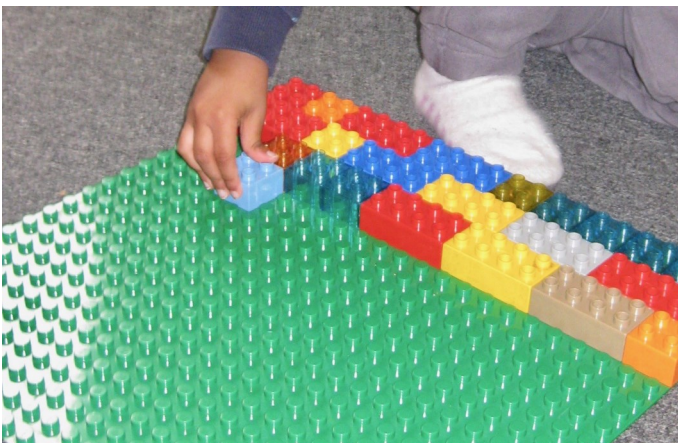


# Celebrating Children's World In The City

Children at Barbican Playgroup have been designing and creating with a variety of construction resources .



Building with construction toys helps children develop their fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and dexterity as they manipulate small pieces, such as blocks, Lego bricks and 2D shapes.



Construction toys provide opportunities for children to practice problem-solving skills, such as planning, designing, and building structures, bridges, or other creations.

Children use construction toys to express their creativity and imagination, as they design and build whatever they like, without limitations.



This also teaches children about different concepts, such as science, technology, engineering and maths, in a fun and engaging way.



This brilliant work literally builds vital children skills.

# Accident Prevention In The Home

The Child Accident Prevention Trust's (CAPT) has an annual campaign to raise awareness of the risks of child accidents and how they can be prevented. This year's theme is Safety. Families should feel confident that, with one small change, they can stop a serious accident. And be clear what they need to do to keep their children safe. Click on the links below!



## Accident Prevention Link:

<https://capt.org.uk/falls-from-open-windows/>

<https://capt.org.uk/resources/nappy-sacks-warning-poster/>

<https://capt.org.uk/drowning/>

<https://chscp.org.uk/dog-safety-4/>

<https://www.chscp.org.uk/blind-cord-safety/>

[https://capt.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2024\\_Fire-safe-fact-sheet.pdf](https://capt.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2024_Fire-safe-fact-sheet.pdf)

<https://capt.org.uk/button-battery-safety/>



**PARENTS - COLTALE WANTS YOUR IDEAS!**

**How do you support your child's mathematical learning?**

The City of London wants your mathematical based activities suitable for 0-7 year old children for our next Coltale book - "Communication Through Mathematics with Coltale"



If your ideas are accepted you will be credited in the book and receive a free copy!  
Email your suggestions and ideas to: [verity.welch@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:verity.welch@cityoflondon.gov.uk)  
Ideas need to be submitted by June 30th, 2024

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