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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.

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www.fyi.cityoflondon.gov.uk

Makaton

Talking does not just involve speaking. Watch someone talking, they will also be using gestures, facial expression, eye contact and body language. All this is communication. Makaton uses speech with signs (gestures) and symbols (pictures) to help people communicate. Would you like to learn some useful signs to use with your child?

As part of our Coltales programme (City of London Talks and Listens Enthusiastically) we post Makaton videos every Wednesday on our social media platforms. Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter or search [#ColtalesTopTips](#)

To find out more about Makaton, please visit their website by clicking [here](#).

Cost of Living Support

There is free impartial advice for anyone who lives or works in the city of London. You may be able to receive support with practical help or be signposted to organizations that can support you.



<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/getting-help-with-the-cost-of-living>

Speech and Language Delay in Children

The number of five and six year olds who need speech and language support at school has risen by 10% in England over the past year, BBC analysis shows. If your child is under five and you have concerns about their speech and language development email us at

EEYService@cityoflondon.gov.uk, speak to your child's early years setting or the City Child and Family Centre who will be able to signpost you to support.



Coltale Clue No.3

Here's our third clue for Coltale's Passport. Have you found the statue of King Edgar close to Artizan Library yet? Fill out your passport and there are loads of lovely prizes to be won!



Tweet: [@SqMileFamilies](https://twitter.com/SqMileFamilies) and let us know!

Nursery Rhymes are like rocket fuel for a child's development.



- language and communication
- creative expression
- physical development
- numeracy skills
- confidence & independence
- knowledge & understanding



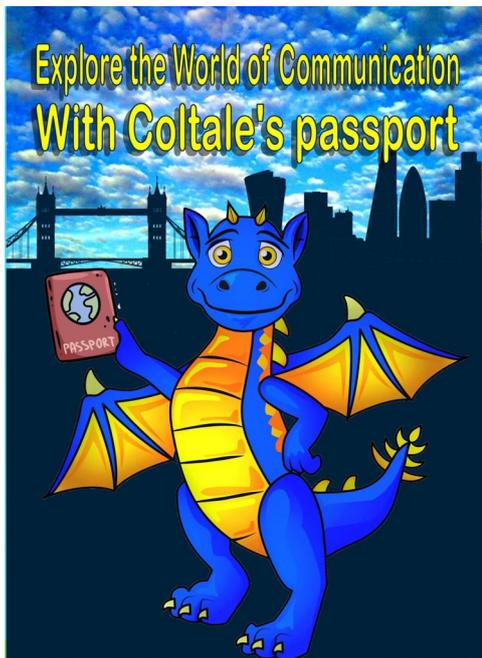
Coltale's Passport is available!

Have you picked up a COLTALE passport from City libraries yet?

Use your Coltale passport to help improve your child's communication skills by discovering and talking about exciting sites in the City of London.

Follow [@SqMileFamilies](https://twitter.com/SqMileFamilies)

for more information. There are prizes to be won!



Primary Admissions

If you have a child born between September 1st, 2018 and August 31st, 2019, they are due to start Primary School in September 2023.

The deadline date for application is January 15th, 2023.

For full information please click on the link below: <https://www.fis.cityoflondon.gov.uk/education-and-schools/school-admissions>

Contact the Family Information Service directly if you need any support.

Early Years Attendance

Regular early years attendance is important for all children as it is only through regular, consistent routines that children build up the secure attachments they need for healthy development. Talk to your child's keyperson if you need any advice.

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