

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 would like more advice or information, please contact the Family Information Service.

Email: EEYService@cityoflondon.gov.uk



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting programme devoted to inspiring a love of reading in children everywhere. Enrolled children from birth to five can receive a high-quality books, sent via the post and best of all it is free of charge. to register please scan the QR code below:



Lets talk SEND

Let's Talk SEND will be hosted by the City Parent Carer Forum and partners. It's aimed at families with children with SEND who live in the City of London or whose children access services in the City.

The event will be a welcoming marketplace with guest speakers, practical advice, and opportunities for families to ask questions and connect with a wide range of support services. Refreshments will be available.

For more information visit:

https://www.fis.cityoflondon.gov.uk/news/letstalk-send



Let's Talk SEND



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Guest Speakers and Q&A Topics

- BestStartFamilyHub What'snewfor City families?
- Benefits What are you entitled to Meet - the new City educational
- psychologists Transition Information - From primary to secondary
- **Health Referral Pathways**



- Enjoy: Free hotdrinks & pastries Free head & neck massag Free goody bag (that inclu
- Information & Advice
- SEND Leisure in theCity SENDIASS
- Short Breaks and Early Help
- EarlyYearsandtheFamilyInformation Service
- City Parent Carer Forum
- Housing Tean

- Specialist Support

 Health and TherapyServices (including SALT and OT)

 - Adult Skills and Education Service
 - Carers Support Service Independent Travel Training





Summer Reading Challenge Awards

The Summer Reading Challenge Awards event took place at Shoe Lane Library. The event was filled with excitement as children who took part in the challenge received their certificates and medals, celebrating their reading achievements.

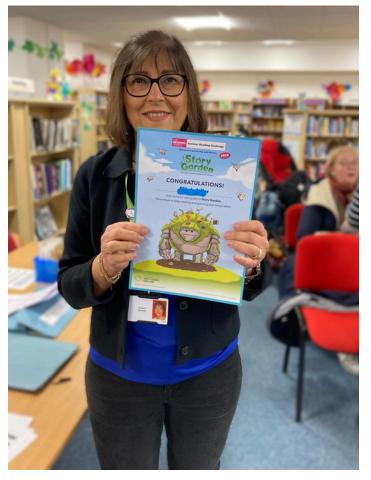


Adding to the fun, the entertaining Crazy Colin the Magician delighted everyone with his lively performance.

Pictured: the library team preparing to present the children's certificates, and Colin the Magician captivating the audience with his magic.









Coltale's NEWSLETTER WINTER 2025





Bookfor the Winter



Read this gentle, engaging story about a child named Lina who notices how special snow is — from the way it glows in the sunlight to the sounds it makes when you walk in it. After reading, go for a slow walk outside and encourage your child to listen carefully — maybe you'll hear the crunch of snow or ice under your feet or the wind whispering through the trees. Talk about what you see, hear, and feel. Observe the winter world around you. Sharing stories and exploring nature helps build warmth and connection on cold days!

In association with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library!





Snow Art



Provide paper and collage materials.

Draw what you imagine snow sounds like or how snow looks and feels. Create a picture of a snowy day. Use words like fluffy, soft, cold and icy.



Ice Experiment







Fill a bowl with water and freeze overnight.
Let your child explore the ice. Use kitchen tools to break the ice. Freeze small plastic animals in the ice. Can your child free the animals from their icy prison?



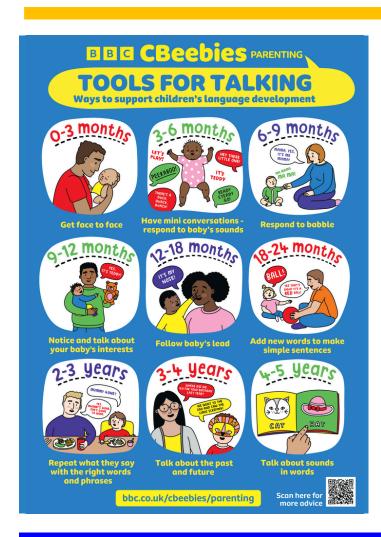


Learning Through Play

And finally we had to share this picture of our Lead Early Years Advisor Isabelle Deninee meeting Dr Aaron Bradbury at a recent London Early Years Advisors Forum (LEAF) conference. They discussed the importance of keeping play central in the Early Years. LEAF was attended by representatives from over 16 London boroughs and beyond.

You can find out more about supporting your child's learning through play by visiting our Coltale Home Learning page:

https://www.fis.cityoflondon.gov.uk/coltale





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