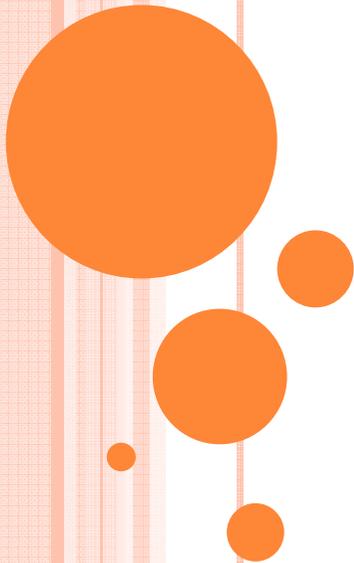


LEARNING JOURNEYS



Learning Journeys

Our aim today is to answer the following questions;

- ❖ What is a learning Journey?
- ❖ Why have they been introduced?
- ❖ How are they recorded?
- ❖ What will they tell me about my child?



What is a Learning Journey?

- Learning Journey is the name that has been given to the record of the stages in your child's progress through individual interests and learning experiences, in line with the Curriculum for Excellence.
- It is about significant points in your child's learning, reflecting both their interests and areas where they are learning a new skill, e.g., learning about dinosaurs, using scissors for the first time, learning to share with friends, recognising their name, identifying numbers or colours.
- The Journey may last anything from a few days to several months.
- Your child may be on several Journeys at once, or may not be on an individual Journey at all for short periods.



- The end of a Learning Journey will often point to the next steps a child would be expected to take in that area.
- Steps in Learning Journeys will be linked where possible to areas and outcomes in C for E.
- Learning Journeys will often, but not exclusively, be linked to planning, as a child may embark on a Journey that is a response to an individual interest.
- A Learning Journey may cross more than one curricular area.
- The Learning Journeys should clearly show progression in learning and are not intended to be an Art folder, although examples of your child's work and photographs may be included if relevant.



Why have they been introduced?

- Learning Journeys are not an invention of Larbert Village Nursery. They are an initiative by Falkirk Council and have been introduced in all Falkirk Council Nurseries.
- They have been introduced by the council to replace the type of profile that many of you will be used to.
- It was felt that while these profiles provided a useful record of the experiences offered to nursery children, they reflected a "snap shot" overview and did not reflect individual interests and progression.
- The focus of the new Learning Journeys is to show the route your child is taking to achieve significant milestones in their personal learning.



I'm a Star /Little Star

- The Learning Journey folders will also include "Star moment" pages.
- These mark significant moments in your child's development and may mark the end of a Learning Journey.
- However they are often one-off achievements such as; gaining a certificate at a club they attend, identifying their name, recognising numbers, or riding their bike for the first time. Staff welcome information from parents so they can add these moments to your child's Learning Journey.

When parents look at a child's Learning Journey folder they should say, "That's just my child."

How are they recorded?

- How do we decide what Journeys to record and how is it done?



What will they tell me about my child's progress?

- They should reflect interests your child has shown at Nursery.
- The stages of Learning your child has taken on particular Journeys.
- The steps your child has made in the relevant areas.
- The Star moments your child has achieved.



They will NOT show;

- All the learning experiences your child has had at nursery.
- Examples of all the various types of work they have produced.
- Progress in areas where they have not shown particular interest or are already competent e.g., if your child is already good at sharing with friends they will not have a learning journey on sharing in their folder.
- All learning experiences in nursery are evidenced in our nursery floorbooks.
- It is very important that you read these as they have all the learning that your child has experienced. A comment would be fantastic, eg, Fantastic to see all your hard work, I can't believe you built a bottle greenhouse.

Over to you - any questions? Comments?

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