

Visible Learning

Lasswade Nursery



Information for Parents

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What is Visible Learning?

Visible Learning is based upon a large amount of evidence from American researcher John Hattie. He was interested in the factors which impact positively upon learning and in turn, the factors which help to raise attainment. Here are some of the key ideas from the Visible Learning research:

- The whole school community (including the Nursery) should have a shared language of learning.
- Learners should be at the centre of a Visible Learning approach surrounded by inspired & passionate practitioners.
- When learning is made 'visible' (practitioners know what they are teaching and learners know what they are learning), achievement increases.
- A visible learning approach supports children to know what they are learning and what their next steps are.
- The greatest effects on learning come when children are their own teachers and when staff are learners too!

What does Visible Learning look like at Lasswade Nursery?

As part of our Nursery Improvement work, we have been developing our planning to ensure it is visible for our children at all times. We have also been ensuring our planning and evidencing of learning is at eye level for children to reflect upon and discuss. Nursery staff have been working together to evaluate the learning environment and have made many changes to the layout of areas and resources. This allows children more choice of the resources they play with, giving more personalisation of their play and learning.

As well as this, we have been developing a language of learning in Nursery. We have been introducing the following learning words and recognising and discussing these with children when we see this in their play.

- *Concentrating*
- *Practising*
- *Co-operating*
- *Being creative*
- *Being curious*
- *We are learning...*



These learning words link to the language of learning which we use in Primary 1 and beyond. If you see your child displaying any of these learning behaviours, please talk to them about these!

How can I support my child at home?

To support our work in nursery on developing a language of learning, we would encourage you to discuss play and learning at home too. Here are some ideas of questions you might like to use at home:

- *What was the best thing that happened at Nursery today?*
- *Tell me something that made you smile at Nursery.*
- *Tell me about something you learned or something you did.*
- *Was there anything you found really tricky?*
- *What are you looking forward to at Nursery tomorrow?*





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