



The Lawns Nursery School Newsletter

May 2019

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the summer term! We hope that you had a relaxing Easter break and Bank Holiday weekend. It is lovely to welcome the children back after the holidays and for many of them this will be their final term with us at The Lawns Nursery School.



The summer term at The Lawns is always such an exciting time of year. The chicks are incubating, caterpillars growing and changing into butterflies and the weather is beginning to improve. As you will know we like to spend as much time as possible outside at The Lawns all year around, but during the summer term the garden really becomes centre stage for us. Last week the children went on a 'bug hunt' outside and discovered a wide range of insects. This prompted us to redesign and rebuild our Lawns Nursery Bug Hotel. The children enjoyed learning

about the types of habitats insects need to survive and are now experts on the subject. Here's Dexter looking closely at the insects in their new home.

Elsy and Georgia found a button recently on the floor and decided that the best way to find the owner would be to write a sign and tape the button to the sign which they then stuck up onto the climbing equipment for everyone to read. It is wonderful to see the children using all of their knowledge to problem solve so independently.



Come and Play

We would like to invite parents and carers to the next 'Come and Play' session. This is a great chance for you to share the lovely things that your child does in nursery and look at their learning stories and learning journals that they are so very proud of. We will be particularly sharing some of the maths activities that we do in nursery in the next session being held on: **Thursday 16th May from 8.45am - 10.00am and 12.30 - 1.30pm.**

If your child does not attend on this day we are happy for you both to attend the stay and play session.

We are happy for younger children to come into Nursery with you but please be aware that parents/ carers must supervise and accept responsibility for them.

Thank you

- Thank you to all parents/ carers for supporting the sponsored sing at the end of last term. Sponsorship money is still coming in so we have not added up the final total yet. Please hand in any outstanding sponsorship money to the office as soon as possible. Well done to all the children for learning the 10 new songs! What a great achievement. We will be purchasing the Children's VTech cameras for each of the key groups which will enable the children to record their own learning alongside the adults. Thank you to Alfie Gibb's dad who generously bought us a VTech camera in place of a sponsorship donation, we really appreciate everyone's kindness. It is the money we raise through fund raising and grants that ensures we are able to continue to provide such high quality learning experiences for the children.
- Thank you also for the donations for Comic Relief. We raised £43.93 for this charity and Miss Jones won the sweepstake.

Coming Soon ...

We would love to hear about your children's successes too. We understand that the children demonstrate a wide range of experiences at home and we value your input as parents when it comes to assessing your child's learning. Over the next few weeks the team in the nursery classroom will be sending out a progress sheet for you to celebrate with us what you feel are your child's main achievements whilst they have been at The Lawns Nursery School. We would really appreciate it if you could find the time to write down what you have noticed about your child's learning since they have attended The Lawns. This will help us to build a complete picture of their progress as the school year draws to a close.

We will also be sending out questionnaires on your child's use of technology and their music development, we hope that you will enjoy completing these as much as we will reading them.

Bake and Playdough Sale

We will be holding our next cake and playdough sale on Wednesday 22nd May. Please bring in any donations of cakes on the day. We would request that you kindly avoid including nuts in your ingredients please due to allergies.

The cakes and play dough will be on sale at the end of the morning and afternoon sessions under the shelter in the nursery garden. The playdough costs £1 a ball and cakes are sold for any donation. Thank you for your continued support.



Suncream and Sunhat Reminder



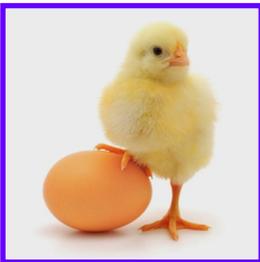
As the warmer weather approaches please can we remind parents/carers to ensure that their child has suncream applied prior to their nursery session. If your child is staying all day then we are happy to reapply suncream. Please provide a named bottle and complete a permission slip from the office. We do provide sunhats but if your child prefers to wear their own please remember to put their name on it. Thank you.

Moving on to School in September

If your child is leaving The Lawns Nursery in July then we do need to know which school he/ she will be attending. Please can you let your child's key person know and we can then organise the necessary transition arrangements for all of the children. Thank you.



Eggs and Chicks



We are currently incubating 12 bantam chicken eggs in nursery. If you would like to look at them with your child they are sitting on the light box in the science area by Blue Group. Please feel free to count down the days and check on their progress with your child. Their due date is hopefully Wednesday 15th May.

Diary dates

Wednesday 15th May - The chick eggs are due to hatch.

Thursday 16th May - Come and Play Maths session today. (8.45 - 10am and 12.30–1.30pm)

Tuesday 21st May - Drama workshop today. Peter Pan theme.

Wednesday 22nd May - Bake and Playdough sale

Friday 24th May - Break up for half term holiday.

Monday 3rd June - Children return to Nursery

Wednesday 12th June - Father's Day shop, more information to follow.

Friday 21st June - Come and Play science session

Monday 8th July - Reports home.

Friday 19th July - Break up for the Summer holidays at 3.30pm. Last lunch club and additional sessions today.



How to Support Your Child's Learning at Home

We are often asked by parents for advice on how to support their child's learning at home. Some more ways in which learning can be supported on an ongoing basis include:

- Sharing stories and non-fiction books at any opportunity.
- With the advent of better weather make the most of the opportunities to explore the outdoors. Whether it be a trip to the park or planting a window box, involve your children from the planning stage. Where shall we go? How will we get there? Do we need to draw a map? What about a list so we don't forget anything? Can they help make a picnic? Remember to take a notebook and pencils with you to encourage mark making.
- Look out for shapes in the environment. Talk about how many corners, sides, faces and edges the shapes have. Begin to introduce your child to the names of 2D and 3D shapes.
- A washing up bowl of water and a few empty bottles and yogurt pots gives excellent opportunities for children to explore maths concepts such as capacity. It gives children the chance to refine hand eye co-ordination and most importantly have fun!
- Continue to develop your child's interest in writing by encouraging them to mark make. Try using unusual materials on a tray such as shaving foam, a corn flour and water mixture with a little food colouring in, lentils, rice, in fact anything that they can leave a mark in. You could both have a go at writing your names and sounds in the mixture.
- Presenting your children's toys in a different way often re-engages children in things they haven't played for a while. By sorting them out and putting them into different boxes, or moving them into different spaces, helps children to 'see' them again. Creating 'surprise bags' for car journeys or trips to relatives is a great way of keeping children busy and entertained and by using what the children already has means there is little or no cost involved.

