



Cookham Nursery School Newsletter May 2019

The Children's Learning

Welcome back to the summer term! We hope that you had a relaxing Easter break. 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 Cookham Nursery School. We also welcome some new children this term and look forward to getting to know them.

On Wednesday we welcomed Archie's Mum and Dad to the Nursery for the day. They are both Scientists! They had organised a day of experiments, investigation, observation and exploration.

The children wore lab coats, glasses and were given a 'Scientist' sticker to show they were proper scientists. Archie's Dad, Dan had an array of interesting things to observe closely in petri dishes such as a fly, dandelion seeds and a bee; these looked "ginormous" through a magnifying glass. Dan had also bought in a very large microscope which showed tiny things 200 times bigger! The children observed onion skin, a fish scale and a rabbit hair.

Archie's Mum, Holly was outside using all sorts of liquids and solids to produce brilliant experiments. The children investigated gases and the properties of water as well as seeing the awe and wonder of frozen carbon dioxide! The children made solutions and investigated the properties of water. Thank you to Holly and Dan for organizing this amazing day.



Sun Safety

*Please can we remind parents/ carers to apply sun cream to children prior to their nursery session. We ask that parents/carers of children who stay for a full day bring in a clearly **NAMED** bottle of sun cream for your child to be applied if necessary at lunch time. Please give the sun cream to a member of staff as we keep them all in a central place. We can only apply sun cream to your child if this procedure is followed. Thank you.



*Please also ensure that your child has a named sun hat and is wearing appropriate and safe footwear (not flip flops or cros please) for the nursery garden. Thank you.

Quiz Night

Thank you once again to everyone who supported the Nursery for the quiz night last term. It was the first quiz night we have ever tried to organise and I think you will all agree it was a great success.

Thank you once again to Mrs Greenwood, Jenny Knight and also Kate Winrow-Davies for their key role in organizing the event and to Ross Kemp and Matt Lowry who were such stars on the night. We raised an amazing £2,500. We are currently looking at maximizing the funds so that we can look into the cabin for two year olds and also improving the outside area. If anyone works for a company that would be prepared to 'Match Fund' our Quiz total we would be incredibly grateful.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 15th May - Come and Play Maths today.

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

Monday 3rd June - Children return to Nursery today

Tuesday 11th June - Sponsored Sing-A-Long 2:15pm. All welcome.

Friday 14th June - Sponsored Sing-A-Long 11:15am. All welcome.

Wednesday 26th June - Photographer is in today for group photographs

Monday 8th July - Leavers reports go out this week.

Friday 12th July - Beale Park trip. Nursery is closed today as all children are invited to attend our annual visit to Beale Park.

Friday 19th July- End of term for Cookham Nursery School. This is a normal day for us today and sessions will run as normal. We close for the Summer break at 3.30pm.



Sponsored Sing-A-Long

The children are about to start learning their songs for the Summer Sponsored Sing (see dates and times above). Singing is an important part of young children's growth and development; it's a social experience and all vocal communication is made up of musical elements, Musicality is an important part of being human.

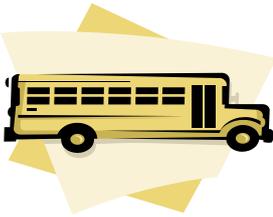
We are hoping to continue to raise money for our cabin for our two year olds as well as build a new natural water play area in our garden and hope that you will be able to support us by gathering sponsorship with your child.

We are challenging the children to learn 9 songs/poems and hope that you will be able to come and watch your child perform them. Sponsorship forms and the song words will be sent out to you shortly.

Green redeem

We have managed to secure a place on to the RBWM Greenredeem Donations Scheme. Please help us to get a share of £3,000 by donating your Greenredeem points to our Nursery school. The more points donated, the more funding we will receive. We are part of the scheme until the end of June. All you need to do is register at: www.greenredeem.co.uk/rbwm to start collecting and donating points. Thank you very much in advance.

Beale Park



We have planned our Annual Beale Park trip for Friday 12th July. This trip is open to all families and their young children. More details will be sent home nearer the date of the trip but please do keep this date in your diary as it is a special day for children and their families. Please note that Cookham Nursery will be closed on this date.

Come and Play—Maths

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: **Wednesday 15th May from 8.45am - 10.00 am and 12.30 - 1.30pm.** Mrs Greenwood will also run a short Powerpoint explanation about the use of Numicon at the end of this session.

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.

Moving on to School in September



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

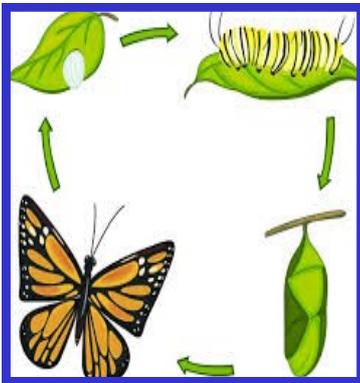


Supporting Your Child's Learning at Home

Below are some ideas for supporting your child's learning at home linked to current Nursery themes:

Planting and Growing

- Plant a tomato plant in your kitchen and use the fruit in a sandwich when it has grown.
- Plant a sunflower seed and watch it grow.
- Pull up some weeds in the park or garden and look at the different parts of the plant.
- Have fun watering the flowers and vegetables in your own or a friend's garden.
- Collect some leaves, petals etc. and make a miniature garden on a plate.
- Use water leaves, petals etc. to make magic potions!



Minibeasts

- Look for minibeasts in your garden or the local park - where do they like to hide? Can you identify them?
- Go to the local library and find a non-fiction book about minibeasts. What can you find out that you didn't know already?
- Talk about the caterpillar and butterfly life cycle with your child. Make a little information book to show the changes and put it into your child's learning journey.

Learning Stories

The teaching team are beginning to think about the end of term reports for the children that are leaving us in July. Part of this process involves using the learning stories as a reference to remind the team of your child's learning journey with us. Please can we ask that any learning stories that have been sent home are returned before half term so that the team can collate them for their report writing process.

Learning stories do form an important part of our assessment of the children and your comments are so valuable in linking the learning at nursery to home.