



# The Lawns Nursery School

## December 2021 Newsletter

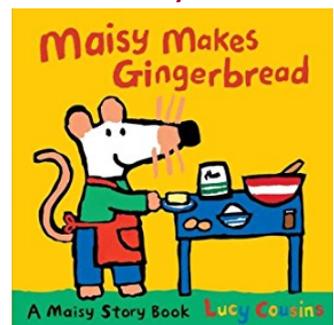
### The Children's Learning

It's hard to believe that we are rapidly approaching the Christmas break - this term has flown by. Thank you so much for all your support during these unprecedented times - please keep an eye on the news and your emails over the Christmas break in case we need to re-introduce further COVID-19 measures in January 2022. Alongside Christmas the children have been busy learning all about Han-

nukah, the Jewish festival of light. They've learnt about the traditions of the festival and have enjoyed making stained glass windows and learning about the menorah and spinning tops.



We have been exploring 'The Gingerbread Man' story in lots of different ways. Today the Nursery was filled with a lovely aroma of gingerbread as the children made and ate their own gingerbread man. The week before we all made a gingerbread man from playdough



after listening to the story 'Maisy Makes Gingerbread'. This story is about Maisy the Mouse in the kitchen as she mixes all of the ingredients together to make gingerbread. Practicing like this helped us

to understand what we needed to do this week to make our own delicious gingerbread men.



**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
from all at The Lawns Nursery School!**





## Christmas Events



The Christmas Hamper raffle tickets went on sale this week, the tickets are £1 each and there is a separate raffle for the adult and child hamper. Thank you to The Lawns Team for donating the contents of these lovely hampers as a way of raising funds for the Nursery. The raffles will be drawn on Wednesday 15th December at 1.00pm and we will contact you to let you know if you are one of the lucky winners! Good luck!

We hope that you'll be able to join us for your child's Christmas Singing performance on Tuesday 7th December or Wednesday 8th December. The children have been practicing their singing and are looking forward to sharing them with you. Please may we ask that you take a Lateral Flow test prior to attending and wear a face covering for this event, thank you.



Our Christmas party will be held during normal Nursery hours on Wednesday 15th December. There is no need for you to supply anything for this event, however if your child has any special dietary needs please speak to their key person and feel free to supply a small treat for them to eat on the day. The children often like to wear their party clothes which is lovely for them, we won't be using paints on this day! We are expecting a special visitor at our party as the children have been so good.



### *Speech Technique of the Month*

#### **Have conversations**

Making comments instead of asking questions will encourage your child to respond - 4 comments to every question.

Pause between sentences to give your child time to process information. Give them 10 seconds at least to respond.

Young children find it easier to talk about something they are looking at or doing.





## Dates for Your Diary



**Tuesday 7th December** - 2.45pm Christmas singing for Red and Purple Groups

**Wednesday 8th December** - 11.15am/2.45pm Christmas singing for Blue and Green and Yellow Groups

**Wednesday 15th December** - Christmas Party and a visit from Santa.

**Friday 17th December** - There is no lunch club or afternoon session today. Nursery closes at 11.45am for the Christmas holidays.

**Tuesday 4th January** - INSET day. Nursery Closed

**Wednesday 5th January** - New Children Nursery Visits

**Thursday 6th January** - Children return

**Friday 18th February** - Break up for half term



## School Applications

Online admissions is now open for children eligible to start school next September 2022

Closing date - Saturday 15th January 2022

National Offer Day - Tuesday 19th April 2022

<https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/home/schools-and-education/school-admissions/starting-school-or-moving-junior-school-september-2022>



Our advice at this time is to look around at the schools websites and make contact with the schools to see if they are doing any face to face or tours or virtual meetings as this will give you a feel for the school that will 'fit' your child best. In order to have more chance of getting the school at the top of your list make sure that you do not miss the application deadline.

It is also important that parents/ carers complete all the choices when completing the form as this has an impact whether you are able to join a waiting list should you not be

## BAD WEATHER CLOSURES



Please be advised that we always endeavour to open The Lawns Nursery School however if the weather is extreme and staff are unable to get to Nursery or the Nursery site is considered slippery and unsafe we may need to close for health and safety reasons. In the event of bad weather parents should check their emails, our website [www.nurseryfederation.co.uk/lawns](http://www.nurseryfederation.co.uk/lawns) RBWM website - [www.rbwm.gov.uk](http://www.rbwm.gov.uk) and/or listen to Heart Thames Valley or BBC Radio Berkshire for school closure announcements.

## Thank you!

Thank you for your kind donations to Children in Need on Friday 19th November. Together we raised £166.28 for this fantastic charity.

Thank you also for purchasing playdough at our recent playdough sale which raised £81 for the Nursery.

## INTERNET SAFETY

We hope those parents who joined the Internet Safety talk for parents on Wednesday 24th November found it useful.

The session was recorded on Zoom so if you missed it please follow this YOU Tube link: <https://youtu.be/Zs8wlaoQjno>

Please also have a look at Paul Hay's website: [www.pclstraining.com/links](http://www.pclstraining.com/links)

You can also email Paul with any questions: [paul.hay@pclstraining.com](mailto:paul.hay@pclstraining.com)

## A reminder!

If your child is unwell please don't bring them into Nursery. Colds and stomach bugs have circulated quickly and have affected the staff team considerably - everyone's immunity is low after reduced mixing over the past 18 months. Please remember to call and let us know why your child is absent on the first day. Any child suffering from a stomach bug should not come into Nursery for 48 hours from their last symptom.