



The Lawns Nursery School Newsletter April/May 2022

The Children's Learning

It is amazing how quickly the children have resettled into the Nursery routine after the Easter break. We hope you enjoyed the school holiday and especially the sunny Bank holiday weekend. This half term is very short, only 5 weeks, so as we have lots of plans it will fly by.



Prior to the Easter break the children were fortunate to have taken part in the 'Earthsong Multicultural Music Workshop.' Storme led us through a multicultural musical journey that was very hands on and interactive for the children, culminating in some very exciting and loud choral drumming! The children learnt about

tempo, speed and rhythm and found out first hand about lots of different instruments from around the World. If you would like to look at Earthsong's work you can find them online at www.earthsong.co.uk.

This term we are looking forward to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We will be sharing collections of resources about the Queen and stories to help support the children's concept of who the Queen is and what a jubilee means. We'll be going on a numbered corgi hunt and creating a card for The Queen which we will make sure she receives. On Wednesday 25th May we'll be celebrating with a Platinum Jubilee 'party' which will be lots of fun!



Sun Safety Here's looking forward to sunny weather ...

Please can we remind parents/ carers to apply sun cream to children prior to their nursery session. If your child is staying all day then we are happy to reapply sun cream. Please provide a **NAMED** bottle of sun cream and complete a permission slip from your child's Key Person. 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. 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.



Dates for your Diary

W/c Monday 2nd May - NURSERY CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 10th May - Community Policeman PC Ben visiting.

Monday 16th May - Chick eggs due to hatch.

W/c 23rd May - Activities to celebrate the Queens' Platinum Jubilee, party on Wednesday 25th May.

Friday 27th May - Break up for half term holiday.

Monday 6th June - Children return to Nursery.

Monday 13th June - Caterpillar eggs arrive.

Wednesday 15th June - Father's Day shop.

Wednesday 22nd June - Travelling farm visiting.

Wednesday 29th June - Sponsored sports event

Wednesday 6th July - Reports issued to children who are leaving The Lawns Nursery.

Tuesday 19th July - Last day of the academic year. Normal session times will run.



Moving on to School in September

If your child is leaving The Lawns Nursery in July please let us know which school he/ she will be attending asap and we can then organise the necessary transition arrangements for all of the children. We will email invitations to all next schools asking them to visit us so that the children have an opportunity to meet their next teacher in an environment in which they feel safe and comfortable. Due to the number of settings that some schools receive children it may not be possible for their next teacher to visit so we strongly suggest that you take up the opportunity to participate in any transition visits that schools offer. We will inform you of the date if your child's next teacher is visiting so that you can ensure they attend Nursery on that date. We have also had quite a few parents approach us on deferring their Reception place. You are able to defer your child's Reception place to the term after they turn 5 years old with permission from their next school. If you wish to consider deferring for a term or more please speak to a member of staff as soon as possible.



Polite Reminders



- ☺ Please check emails or our website for reminders, letters, weekly planning and newsletters (we do not give out paper letters).
- ☺ Please park safely and with consideration of our neighbours.
- ☺ Please remember to call Nursery (**01753 865351**) on the first day of absence if your child is unwell. If your child has had a stomach upset (diarrhoea and/or vomiting) they should not attend Nursery for 48 hours from their last symptom.
- ☺ Please ensure that your child wears clothes that enable them to be as independent as possible with going to the toilet and changing themselves. Elasticated trousers /skirts are ideal.
- ☺ Please avoid bringing in toys and bits and bobs from home with your child to Nursery. They often get lost and cause upset.
- ☺ Please follow the current Government guidance linked to coronavirus/respiratory infections. Children with mild symptoms e.g. a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend Nursery. Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, if possible. They can return to Nursery when they no longer have a high temperature and are feeling well. It is not recommended that children are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional. If your child has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature they can resume their normal activities. We request that any adults with a respiratory infection should wear a mask when entering Nursery.
- ☺ All children with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues. Please reinforce this at home with your child.



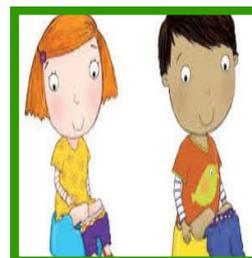
Eid Mubarak for Tuesday 3rd May. We hope you have a lovely time celebrating with your family and friends. Please bring in photos of your celebrations to share with all of the Nursery community.

Toilet Training

We are often asked for advice on toilet training. We would recommend looking at the ERIC website, a children's bladder and bowel charity. The website has lots of fab guidance on toilet training and also ways in which to manage difficulties such as constipation.

<https://www.eric.org.uk>

We have printed off copies of their toilet training guide so please let us know if you would like to borrow a copy. As summer is approaching this is the ideal time to start if you feel your child is ready! Please remember to speak to us about it too so we can continue your good work in Nursery.





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 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?
- Search the internet for information on mini-beasts. 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 book bag to share at Nursery.

Speech Technique of the month

Model language

Repeat, Emphasise and Expand

Enhance your child's use of sentences by:

Repeating back the sentence if your child's grammar is incorrect, e.g. "I goed park Nanny", you say "Yes, you *went* to the park *with* Nanny."

Emphasising key words and new vocabulary, e.g. "I've got mouses at home", you say "you've got *mice* at home."

Expanding on what your child has said by repeating it and adding 1/2 words, e.g. if your child says "kick ball", you say "*kicking a big* ball."

Book recommendation of the month!

One of our core stories this term is "Oi Dog" by Kes and Claire Gray and Jim Field. Each term we focus on 12 core books which we share with the children and revisit over the term so that the children get to know them really well, joining in and practicing telling them to themselves. Oi Dog is a funny rhyming story that really helps the children to explore the concept of rhyme.

