



The Lawns Nursery School

October 2023 Newsletter

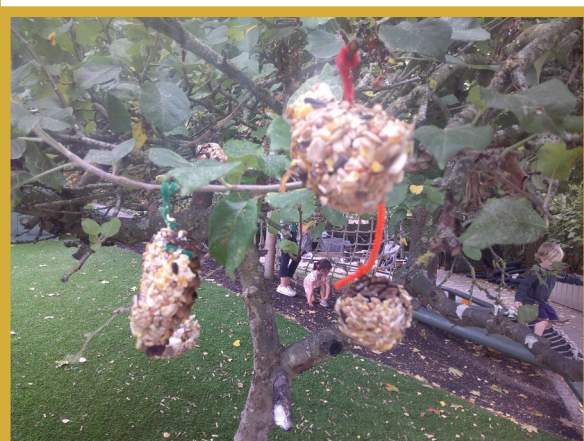
The Children's Learning

It has been a very busy start to the year settling in after the summer holidays. The children have all now adjusted to The Lawns Nursery School and we wish to thank you for working in close partnership with us throughout this time. The children have been introduced to all learning areas indoor and outdoors and their key people have led group times demonstrating how to use the resources purposefully at The Lawns. Alongside this the team have introduced the children to our three rules, "ready, respectful and safe." Please do call and arrange a time to chat to us if you have any concerns, worries or questions. Be reassured that we will speak to you about any matters we feel the need to mention as well. Everyone in the Nursery is here to help and support in any way we can.



We hope you feel well informed about what the children are focussing their learning on in Nursery from the Weekly Updates that we share with you via email and on our website. Please do try out some of the ideas provided to support your child's learning at home and send in any photos and mark making to Nursery so that we can add them to their learning journey folders.

We love to take the lead from the children's play and this term they have been developing their scientific discovery skills through exploring sunflowers and making bird feeders from them.



Please remember ...

- ☺ To name **all** clothing, bags and footwear. This really helps us to return coats, hats etc... to their owners.
- ☺ To make sure that your child has a warm coat, gloves, hat and appropriate footwear etc... as the weather starts to get colder.
- ☺ To bring in spare clothes for your child each day if required.
- ☺ To park with consideration for our neighbours. Please remember to keep pavements and driveways clear from obstructions.
- ☺ **NO NUTS OR SESAME SEED PRODUCTS IN LUNCH BOXES PLEASE**



Important Dates for your Diary

Friday 20th October - Children's last day before half term holiday

Monday 30th October - INSET day. Nursery is closed to children

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October - NURSERY CLOSED FOR HALF TERM BREAK

Tuesday 31st October - Nursery reopens to all children

Saturday 11th November - School admissions portal opens for children moving to school in July 2024—Click [Here](#)

Wednesday 15th November— “Come and Play” with a focus on Communication and Language

Friday 17th November - Children in Need. Details to follow

Wednesday 29th November - Hobgoblin Theatre Company in Nursery, Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Monday 4th December - Christmas Hamper Raffle opens

Friday 15th December - There is no lunch club or afternoon session today. Nursery closes at 11.45am for the Christmas holidays.



What to expect in the Early Years Foundation Stage

We have added a link on our website to a document from the DFE and East London Research School which supports parents in their understanding of child development and curriculum for children from birth to 5 years old. It is a large document but is very informative.

Click [here](#) to view the document.



Harvest Foodshare Collection

Thank you so much for all of your kind donations to Windsor Foodshare. They were delighted with our contribution and asked us to pass on their sincere thanks to our caring community of families at The Lawns Nursery School.

Parent Progress Chats

Just a reminder about our “learning map” parents’ meetings: When it is your child’s turn to receive a learning map you will be notified by their key person. Please inform us at this time of the sorts of activities that your child particularly enjoys. We would also be grateful if you could take some photos of your child out of school as they take part in any activities they enjoy with family and friends, these will be added to their learning journey folders which you will get to keep when they leave The Lawns.

The learning map will contain notes and photos of your child’s learning and development for that week and it will form a starting point for a discussion between yourselves and the key person. Together we will agree on possible next steps for your child and the ways in which we could support them together.

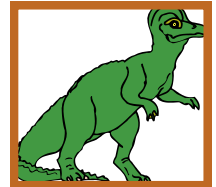
We hope you find these updates informative and enjoy sharing them with us as much as we enjoy creating them. The whole process enables us to get to know your child better and plan for them as an individual.



How to Support Your Child's Learning at Home

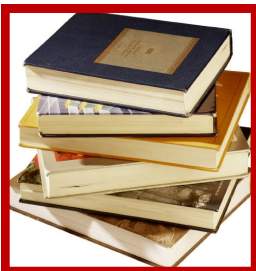
We are often asked by parents for advice on how to support their child's learning at home. Some more ways in which learning can be supported on an on-going basis include:

- Sharing stories and books at any opportunity.
- Encouraging your child to make up stories using their small world play figures or by telling stories together. Write the stories down for your child and read them back to them. You could try taking photographs of the small world play to illustrate the story.
- Continue to develop your child's interest in writing by encouraging them to mark make with different writing equipment. 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.
- Notice with your child quantities of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 objects, such as when peeling a satsuma or looking at picture books. Model the language e.g. "I can see three cats, two here and one there, that's three altogether."



These suggested activities would fit in well with the things we are doing in Nursery:

☺ Encourage your child to recognise their coat and attempt to put it on independently. This will help them to develop their self help skills at Nursery.



☺ Go to the library or borrow a book from Nursery to share at home. Point out the title of the book to your child, the name of the author and illustrator and look carefully at the pictures. Encourage your child to tell you the story from the pictures. Talk about the character's feelings and what might happen next before you turn each page.

☺ Remember to look at the weekly updates that provide other ideas for supporting your child's learning at home. Our book recommendation of the month is Owl Babies by Martin Waddell. It is a comforting read for children worried about their parents leaving them alone. Sarah, Percy and Bill the baby owls wake one night to find their mother gone. Their plight is sensitively told and helps children to talk about and work through their own feelings.

