



The Lawns Nursery School

December 2023 Newsletter

The Children's Learning

It's hard to believe that we are rapidly approaching the Christmas break - this term has flown by.



The children have been working towards their wood-work curriculum goal and have been introduced to small hammers and golf tees as nails. They have learnt how to use them safely at the woodwork bench as they hammer them into a pumpkin. This prior learning will help them to manipulate the larger hammers and real nails on wood as a next step.

We have introduced a story telling tool called 'Tales Toolkit' to the children this week. The resources consist of bags bearing the symbols for 'character, setting, problem and resolution.' Inside the bags are various props that the children use to collaboratively structure and tell their own story. They are



amazing at this and are using the vocabulary in context.



On Wednesday the theatre group 'Hobgoblin' came to nursery to perform 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' for the children. They all sat transfixed to the familiar tale and found it very funny! The performers were skillful at engaging the children in a workshop afterwards where they explored good and bad

characters, scary and happy forests, problems and solutions. We were so proud of the listening and attention skills they displayed as well as their confidence to suggest solutions and talk about the different characters in the story.

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





Christmas Events



The children would love to share the Christmas songs they've been learning with their parents and carers. This will take place on

Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th December- at 11.15am and 2.30pm.

Please choose your preferred day to come depending on which day your child attends, we hope you can join us.

Children's Christmas Party and Santa's Visit



This will take place on Wednesday 13th December during the normal session times. The children will play party games, dance and share some crisps, fruit and biscuits. There will be a suitable Christmassy video for those who would like to watch it. Santa will be dropping in on the day and we're hoping that he might leave us a little gift if we are very good! If your child has specific dietary needs you are welcome to bring in a special snack for them on this day, thank you.



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 12th December and Thursday 14th December - 11.15am and 2.30pm - Christmas Singing Celebration

Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Party day today and Santa's visit.

Thursday 14th December - Christmas Hamper Raffles drawn.

Friday 15th December - Last day of term. Break up for Christmas holidays. **Nursery closes at 11.45am.** A reminder that there is no lunch club or afternoon sessions.

Wednesday 3rd January and Thursday 4th January - Nursery closed for home visits/ new children visits

Friday 5th January - Term Starts - Children return.

Monday 8th January - New children begin this week. (Please note the new children will have staggered start times)

Friday 9th February - Term ends for the February Half term break.

Monday 19th February INSET DAY - Nursery closed

Tuesday 20th February - Term starts for all children

School Applications



Online admissions is now open for children eligible to start school next September 2024

Closing date - 15th January 2024

National Offer Day - 16th April 2024

<https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/home/schools-and-education/school-admissions>

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 given your preferred choice.

Christmas Hamper Raffle!

Each year we hold an adults and child's Christmas Hamper Raffle for a bit of festive fun! The staff team donate the contents of the hampers and if you'd like to buy tickets the money raised goes towards exciting new resources for the children to enjoy in the New Year. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 14th December 2023, we will notify the lucky winners!



Thank you!



Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need. We raised an amazing £92.88.

Thank you for the donations to our school fund. We use this money to buy extras that our budget does not cover like ingredients for playdough and plants for our growing areas.



Bad Weather closure



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 school or the school 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 the RBWM website - www.rbwm.gov.uk, our website - nurseryfederation.co.uk, or listen to Heart Thames Valley or BBC Radio Berkshire for school closure announcements.

Reminder

- * If your child is unwell please don't bring them into Nursery. Colds and stomach bugs circulate quickly and this does then affect the children and staff team considerably - Please remember to call and let us know why your child is absent. Any child suffering from a stomach bug should not come into Nursery for 48 hours from their last symptom.