



The Lawns Nursery School Newsletter May 2024

The Children's Learning



The children have enjoyed learning all about the lifecycle of a chick through their first hand experience of watching our ten eggs hatch and grow into adorable fluffy chicks!



Alongside all of the new vocabulary they have learned they've looked at fiction and non-fiction books about chicks, named the chicks and used their observation skills to draw amazing pictures of them.

We have been exploring the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and working towards one of our curriculum goals which is to follow a recipe to make a bread roll. The children also practiced their fine motor skills as they spread a slice of bread with butter before enjoying eating it.



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 crocs please) for the nursery garden. Thank you.



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 22nd May - Sponsored sports event - details to follow.

Friday 24th May - Last day of half term.

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May - Half term holiday.

Wednesday 12th June - Come and Play 8.45am-9.45am/12.30pm-1.15pm

Wednesday 26th June - Basil and Crew farm visiting Nursery

Wednesday 24th July - Last day of Nursery, no lunch club or afternoon session, Nursery closes at 11.45am

Moving on to School in September

If your child is leaving The Lawns Nursery in July please make sure you have let us know which school he/ she will be attending so that we can organise the necessary transition arrangements for all of the children. We will email invitations to the 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 from, 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 nearer the time so that you can ensure they attend Nursery on that date.



Staffing News

We are very sad that 2 of our wonderful staff members are retiring at the end of the academic year.

Mrs Thomas has decided to hang up her hat and take a well earned rest from teaching. Mrs Thomas has worked in the Federation for the past 12 years and has been at The Lawns for the past 11 years as Assistant Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher. She has been in teaching for the past 41 years and is an expert at early education. We will miss her knowledge, expertise and brilliance. I personally will miss her wisdom, kindness and care in supporting me in leading the amazing team at The Lawns . Mrs Thomas is looking forward to having more time to relax, spending time with her family and friends and at the gym.

We are delighted that we have recruited Miss Erin Hare as our new Deputy Headteacher from September. She is currently Assistant Headteacher at Furze Platt Infant School and has a wealth of knowledge and expertise in early years.

Helen McHale (SENCo) is also retiring at the end of the academic year. Helen has been SENCo within our Nursery School Federation over a number of years . She is a fountain of knowledge in all things early years and SEND and we are going to miss her very much. Helen used to be our Co-Headteacher so she has been part of our amazing journey in building the Nursery federation to be such a brilliant place for our children to flourish.

Helen is moving to Yorkshire to live near her family and enjoy being near her Granddaughter.

We have recruited Sacha Patrick as our new SENCo for September who joins us from a primary school based in Hounslow. She has worked over many years in early years education with children from babies to five years old.

We are really looking forward to welcoming them both into our team at The Lawns Nursery School and we are very lucky to have such wonderful professionals working in our 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 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?
- 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

Beware of 'tag' questions

Sometimes it's tempting to make a 'model' into a question - we do it without even thinking!

Be careful about adding 'did you?', 'don't we?', 'isn't it?' tags onto the end of statements.

Your child needs to hear sentences being modelled, rather than questions.

'Tags' can leave children feeling a bit bewildered!



Book recommendation of the month!

One of our core stories this term is "Going to the Volcano" by Andy Stanton. Each term we focus on 12 core books which we share with the children and revisit over the term so that they get to know them really well, joining in and practicing telling them to themselves. Going to the Volcano is a funny story that plays with language and has intriguing and humorous illustrations by Miguel Ordonez. By the end of the year each child will have enjoyed 36 core books in addition to all of the other quality books we share, both fiction and non-fiction.

