

## The Children's Learning



What a busy time we've been having at The Lawns! Understanding of the World and learning about 'change' is a natural focus as Spring is underway and the children choose to spend more time outside. The children have been noticing the lovely daffodils and other plants growing in our nursery garden. They have loved Spring walks at group time in the beautiful grounds of Oakfield School where we spotted signs of Spring and made comparisons to our own garden. We have also learnt about changes to materials when cooking and are excited to incubate our own hen's eggs after Easter! We were excited to welcome Earthsong Drummers in March who shared a hands-on music workshop with the children. A very big thank you to the very talented parents who shared their musical experiences with the children this term too!



## New and exciting resources at The Lawns!



We are excited to share our new soft play room and kitchen at The Lawns. We have re-purposed some rooms to better support the needs of our children and have had a brand-new soft play room and kitchen designed and installed.



We opened our Soft Play at the end of March and many of our children have had the opportunity to make use of the room already.

Our new soft play room is supporting our children with self-regulation and sensory processing along with many other areas of learning. It is also developing cognitive and gross motor skills, alongside social interaction too. We have noticed lots of progress already in some of our children's self-confidence as they are able to take risks and challenge themselves in this wonderful new environment!

## Speech technique of the Month



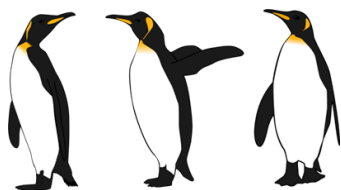
I think I'm going to make an aeroplane with my playdough

That's a big tower!



### Make a comment - Instead of asking a question

Your child will learn more language hearing you talk rather than being asked questions.



When I went to the zoo I saw a tiger and some penguins



## New Kitchen at The Lawns

Last month we were lucky to have our new Lawns kitchen installed. This will support our children's learning and development across the curriculum. Our children will have the opportunity to have meaningful sensory experiences, be supported to create and learn about food and engage in activities that support independence just like they do at home.

We would like to say a big thank you to parents and carers that have already donated equipment. We are well on our way to using the new kitchen with our children but still need a few more items from the list!

We would like to continue to ask for support with stocking our new kitchen to enable us to get cooking! We have amended our wish list to include items that we need. We appreciate any donations, both new and re-used to get us started with this adventure!



## Kitchen Wish List!

Pots and pans  
Cutlery-knives, forks, spoons, teaspoons  
Tea towels  
Clothes airer  
Washing basket  
Pegs  
Digital weighing scales  
Pastry cutters

Cooking utensils including a whisk  
Cutlery tray  
Baking trays  
Mixing bowls  
Dustbin  
Cake tins various sizes  
Measuring jugs  
Plastic storage boxes for food storage

## Easter Raffle

Congratulations to the families that won one of our fantastic 'Easter Raffle' prizes! Thank you for supporting us with our fundraising in this way, all money raised goes towards purchasing new resources and providing experiences such as the drummers and the mobile farm in the summer.



Thank you also to the nursery team who donate all the prizes themselves.

## A reminder about suitable clothing

If your child needs a bag of spare clothes please make sure that the bag is named and if possible all items of clothing are named. Remember that we go outside in all weathers so make sure your child has appropriate clothes and footwear. Velcro trainers are far better for climbing than crocs or wellies. Please wear clothing that allows your child to run, jump and climb safely. Long dresses get in the way! Elasticated waists on clothing will help when using the toilet independently too!

## Comic Relief

Thank you to everyone who supported us on Friday 21st March and helped us to raise £93.53 for Comic Relief.

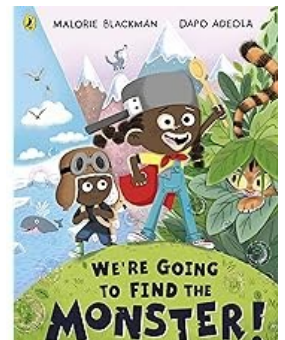
The children had a great time sharing jokes and listening to funny stories! The nursery was full of laughter and we all had a wonderful day.

## Book Recommendation

### **We're Going to Find the Monster! By Malorie Blackman**

Two intrepid adventurers need to find the monster. They brave the mountains, oceans, tigers, and eventually come to the monster's lair. Children will take delight in anticipating what is about to happen and realising the narrative can be seen in two different ways.

The illustrations are bright, engaging and inclusive and there's a wonderful repetition to join in with. There's also lots of opportunities for the children to act out certain parts (rowing, climbing, sneaking, roaring like tigers etc) and some great vocabulary to get to know.



## Staff Training Day Gender Equity

On Monday 24th February, the staff attended a fabulous training session about how gender stereotyping remains an issue for our children. The objectives were to identify the importance of gender equity and the impact of gender stereotyping on children and what we can do as teachers and parents/ carers to become advocates for gender equity.

Children's subject choices for A level still reflect gender bias with boys dominating Maths, Economics, Physics and Computing and more girls choosing Expressive Arts, English and Sociology than boys.

We know that children are learning a huge amount about the world in their early years and we want to do everything we can to not allow gender stereotypes to change children's freedom to have their own personalities, interests and strengths. As a staff team we are working on our use of language. We want to avoid overly gendered language like 'boys' and 'girls' as these can reinforce stereotypes about what activities, behaviours and interests are appropriate for each gender which of course, limits exploration and self expression. By focusing on individual children rather than their gender, educators can encourage children to develop their unique talents and interests and allow every child to feel valued, respected and free to be themselves.

## Dates for your diary

**Friday 4th April** - Break up for Easter holidays. Nursery session finishes at 11.45am. There is no lunch club today

**Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April 2025** - Easter holidays

**Monday 21st April** - Easter Monday

**Tuesday 22nd April** - Nursery opens for all children

**Monday 28th April** - Our Living Eggs arrive!

**Friday 9th May** - Our chicks go back to the farm!

