

April 2016

Easter Fun Day

We would like to say a massive thank everyone who came along to our Easter Fair. It was fantastic to see so many families from Bluebell Lodge and Butterfly Lodge enjoying the day and the lovely weather. Your support at these events is what makes it worthwhile and is greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank you for all your super entries for our Easter Bonnet parade from both the children who attend the settings and their friends and families, they were all fantastic and the children looked great.

Spring Topic

Spring time is here and the children are thoroughly enjoying learning all about the range of things that happen during spring. This week the Pre-school were invited to Marton Primary School, where we made cakes, engaged in a malleable play and also got to meet a range of spring animals. Also in Pre-school the children have enjoyed experimenting with colours to create a rainbow and planting some seeds to grow our own beautiful flowers.



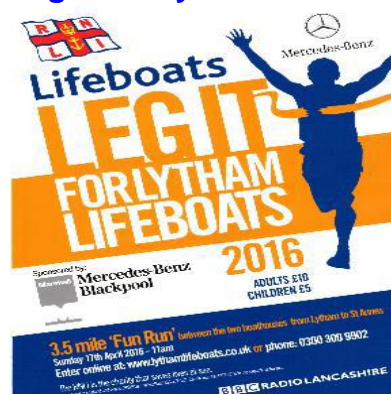
To coincide with our topic of spring, the children will be watching our very own duck eggs hatch in our nursery incubator. This opportunity will offer the children and parents an opportunity to interact, care for and learn about ducks and their life cycle, from incubation, hatching and finally growth. Please keep a close eye on our nursery pond over the next few weeks as we anticipate seeing frog spawn and new life.

Child's Details

It is important that you keep us informed of any changes to your child's details, i.e. address, etc. Please can all parents ensure that all your child's details are up to date. If you require any new forms please collect them from Anne in the office. To help us to safeguard the children who attend we ask if you can provide us with a copy of your child's birth certificate and photographs

of the people who are allowed to collect your child from nursery. If you haven't been able to attach photos to the 'People who are allowed to collect me form' you can email your photos to nursery our email address is bluebelllodge@googlemail.com

Leg it for Lytham Lifeboats



On Sunday 17th April Lytham lifeboats will be taking part in their annual leg it for Lytham lifeboats. If you would like to come along the fun run will begin at 11 am running from Lytham to St Annes. If you would like to run the course please visit: www.lythamlifeboats.co.uk or alternatively call 0300 300 9902 to enter.

Car Seat Safety

As temperatures still keep dipping we need to wrap up warm, however a bulky coat and a car seat is a dangerous combination. A bulky coat under a child seat harness can result in the harness being too loose to be effective in a crash. Please see the following link:

<http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/news/2012/12/winter-coats-and-car-seats-keeping-your-child-safe-and-warm/index.htm>



30 hours Early Implementation Areas Announce

Childcare Minister Sam Gyimah has announced £13 million, which will allow 8 councils across the country to deliver 30 hours of free childcare for working parents of 3- and 4-year-olds – a year ahead of schedule. Working parents in Wigan, Staffordshire, Swindon, Portsmouth, Northumberland, York, Newham and Hertfordshire will now benefit from the early offer from this September.

NICMA new mobile learning app



The Northern Ireland Social Care Council's new Mobile App 'Child Development 0-6 Years' is now available to download free from iTunes and Google Play to use on Apple & Android tablet and mobile devices. This free resource for social workers, early year's workers and parents was developed by NISCC, Queens University of Belfast and University of Ulster. It is designed to ensure that professionals and people with an interest in early years and child care have instant access to high quality information on child developmental norms relevant to the 0-6 year's age group.

<http://www.nicma.org/cms/press-releases/496-new-mobile-learning-app--child-development-0-6-years>

Reminders for parents

Hats, Gloves & Coats - could parents please remember to label hats, coats and jumpers. The children go out every day and it is an enormous help if their outdoor wear and jumpers are labelled. Also it saves any mix ups with missing items.

Nappies and Wipes - please make sure we have adequate supplies for your child. They are kept in your child's tray and the tray is labelled so that only your child's nappies/wipes are used on your child.

Dates to remember

May 2nd	Bank Holiday (nursery closed)
May 27th	Tempest photography - Graduation Photographs
May 30th	Bank Holiday (nursery closed)
June 6th	Ramadan
June 19th	Father's Day
June 22nd	Parents Evening 18:00 - 20:00
June 25th	Lytham Club Day
July 5th	Eid-ul-Fitr
July 9th	St Annes Club Day Parade
August 6th	Summer Fair & Graduation 12:00 - 14:30
August 29th	Bank Holiday (nursery closed)

To see full events list for 2016 please visit our web page by clicking on the following link

<http://www.learningcurvenursery.co.uk/welcome.asp>