

June 2016

Customer Feedback

As a nursery we undertake monthly staff meetings for professional development. Each room meets regularly to enhance their provision and planning. Last month the Preschool and Lower Preschool met to undertake some feedback training, completing a test to assess their knowledge and experience. We would love to hear your comments about the feedback you received after your child's session at nursery, these will contribute to our nursery action plan and staff rewards.

Lytham Club Day

Our theme for Club Day this year is 'The Circus'. We will be taking part in Lytham Club Day this year along with Shepherd Lodge Nursery on Saturday 25th June 2016. In preparation for this event we will be exploring 'The Circus' theme through thematic planning throughout the nursery. Examples of activities will include: balancing, circus skills such as spinning plates and circus parades. Please let Amie or Helen know in the office if you would like to join us on the day?



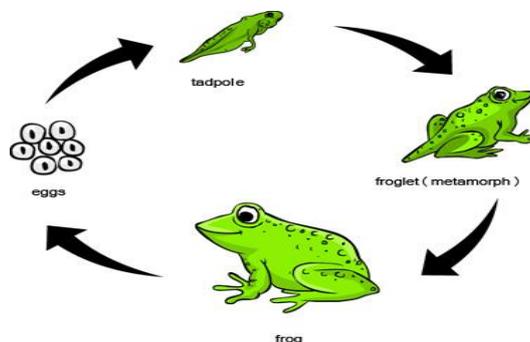
This costume is £6.99 on Ebay:



http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Clown-Kids-Fancy-Dress-Up-Circus-Carnival-Boys-Girls-Child-Costume-Outfit-Hat-/400843357478?var=&hash=item5d54203d26:m:mQWgCFIS1yDZ-8f_CG9rWlIQ

Spring Time

We hope you have enjoyed watching our tadpoles grow and develop this spring. We have taken some of our tadpoles to the duck pond recently; however, we have many more little froglets developing. We are asking if you would like to take a frog for your garden, please ask Amie or Helen in the office and they will assist you in doing so.



OFSTED Inspection

On Thursday 2nd June 2016 Clifton Lodge Nursery had its OFSTED inspection. We are thrilled to announce the we have been awarded Outstanding! Our report will be published in due course.

We would like to thank all of the parents who volunteered to come into nursery and speak to the inspector, and all of the parents who sent written statements.

Summer Fair

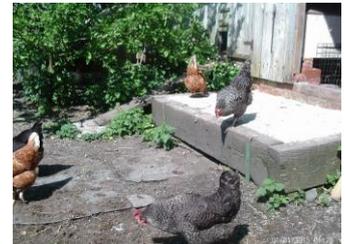
We will be holding this year's Summer Fair on Saturday 9th July 2016 12.00 pm - 2.00 pm at Clifton Lodge Nursery.

Join us for an afternoon of fun and laughter. There will be a barbeque, face painting and much more. Not forgetting the graduation ceremony for the Pre-School leavers at 12.00 pm. We will be holding the tombola and raffle too and have started collecting prizes. If you have anything you would like to donate please bring it in over the next few weeks and give it to Amie or Helen in the office.



Nursery Chicks

On 12th of May our chickens, Bonnie and Ellie, said goodbye to Clifton Lodge and moved to their new home. Some of the Pre School children carefully transported the chickens on the bus to the farm in Warton. Bonnie and Ellie will be living in a temporary run for the next few weeks until they are old enough to join the fully grown chickens in the larger enclosure. The children were able to see where the Bonnie and Ellie will be living, and were able to see some of the other chickens enjoying the sunshine on the farm, including the chickens that we hatched at nursery last year! Raising our chicks has been a fantastic experience for all of the children. Thank you to everyone who has helped to care for them!



Our Letter from The Queen

On 1st June we were very excited to receive a very special letter in the post. We received letter from HRH Queen Elizabeth thanking the children at Clifton Lodge for the card and good wishes that they sent to the Queen on her 90th birthday.



Home Learning Story Sacks- Dual Language

Alongside our usual Story Sacks we have recently created Dual Language Story Sacks. These contain stories in other languages, as well as matching games, cards, and activities. These can be used by children who speak two languages at home, or can be borrowed by parents who are interested in their child beginning to learn another language. We currently have story sacks in Polish and Spanish. Please let us know if there is another language that you would like us to create a story sack in.



Sun Flower Competition

Throughout June we will be holding a sunflower growing competition! Please take a sunflower seed from the little table in the hallway, then just pop it in a pot, water it, and watch it grow. When it begins to grow you can either plant it in the ground or transplant it into another pot. Keep us updated on the progress of your sunflowers and don't forget to measure it!

All entrants will receive a prize and certificate for their efforts!



Importance of learning outdoors

The outdoors is the very best place for preschoolers to practice and master emerging physical skills. It is in the outdoors that children can fully and freely experience motor skills like running, leaping, and jumping. It is also the most appropriate area for the practice of ball-handling skills, like throwing, catching, and striking. And children can perform other such manipulative skills as pushing a swing, pulling a wagon, and lifting and carrying movable objects. Please read the following link:

http://www.galwaychildcare.com/uploadedfiles/Outdoor_Play_Matters.pdf



If you do not receive an email of our monthly newsletter please pop into the nursery office or alternatively send the desired email address with your details to: cliftonlodgenursery@googlemail.com

Dates to Remember

Monday 19th June - Father's Day

Saturday 25th June - Lytham Club Day

Tuesday 5th July - Eid-ul-Fitr

Saturday 9th July - Summer Fair at Clifton Lodge

Monday 29th August - Bank Holiday (Nursery Closed)

Wednesday 13th July - Parent's Evening

Friday 24th September - Jeans for Genes

