

Clifton Lodge Newsletter

March 2016



March 3rd World Book Day

On Thursday the 3rd March Clifton Lodge will be celebrating World Book Day. For this occasion we are holding a fancy dress day, the children are invited to dress as a character from one of their favourite books. If you would like to become involved in this event with your child please have a look online at: www.worldbookday.com.



Safety and security

You may have noticed the nursery front door can only be accessed by authorised staff members; this prevents unauthorised visitors accessing the nursery premises. Alongside our 24 hour CCTV monitoring of the front entrance and our strict child collection policy we can effectively safeguard the children for all visitors and unknown guests. We hope you have also benefited from a warm welcome at the nursery, alongside necessary support with any questions or queries when arriving or departing the nursery setting.

Active Kids

Active Kids is back, and this year there are even more great reasons to get involved.

Active Kids vouchers are available to collect from all Sainsbury's stores, petrol stations and when ordering groceries online, until 3rd May 2016 Clifton Lodge will be collecting the Sainsbury's vouchers.



Staff Training

The Nursery recognises that regular training and monitoring of professional development are important for all staff. Over the course of February and March Amie Nicolson (Nursery Manager) and Laura Platt (Early Years Pupil Premium Coordinator) are carrying out staff supervisions, supporting the staff with quality interactions and nursery education.



We have a large quantity of staff updating and renewing their first aid training certificates, food hygiene, safeguarding training and some staff will begin some online training on the prevent duty; this is intended to help childcare providers think about what they can do to protect children from the risk of radicalisation.

Staff development and training are vital because it allows staff to keep up to date with current thinking and practice about both play and child development issues. Additionally, with well-trained and motivated staff, a Nursery is better able to meet the diverse and complex needs of children within its local community.

30 hours Early Implementation Areas Announced

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.

Growing fresh produce

We were very excited to receive our potatoes this week from the Grow Your Own Potatoes Campaign.

This project aims to teach children through first-hand experience how potatoes grow, and how they fit in to a healthy balanced diet. Curtis has started to discuss with the children how to care for living things and the environment.

The children in our Preschool and Lower Preschool are developing an understanding of growth and about how things happen and work.

If you attend Clifton Lodge and would like to contribute to our spring time project, we would love to hear from you!



Easter bonnet competition and parade

Now that Spring is upon us we are inviting parents to create an Easter bonnet with their child in preparation for our Easter bonnet parade for our Preschool on Thursday 24th March at 3pm Clifton Lodge Nursery. If you would like to create an Easter bonnet and your

child is not in the Preschool you will also receive a certificate for their achievements.

To coincide with our topic of spring, the children will be watching our very own chicken eggs hatch in our nursery incubator. This opportunity will offer the children and parents an opportunity to interact, care for and learn about chickens 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.



Dates to Remember

March 3rd - World Book Day

March 6th - Mothers Day

March 18th - Sports Relief

March 23rd - Parents Evening 18:00 - 20:00

March 24th - Easter Bonnet Parade 3pm

March 25th - Bank Holiday (nursery closed)

March 28th - Bank holiday (nursery closed)



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