

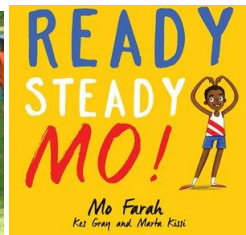
Clifton Lodge Newsletter

September 2016



Olympics

The children at Clifton Lodge have been truly inspired by the Olympics. This topic has filtered into our curriculum helping develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the world through hands on activities, stories and group discussions. The children particularly enjoyed taking part in the Brazilian carnival; they also read Mo Farah's children's story book, writing letters to Bradley Wiggins and Mo Farah! Brazilian week involved the children tasting different Brazilian dishes including a bean stew with rice, griddled pineapples, granola and smoothies!



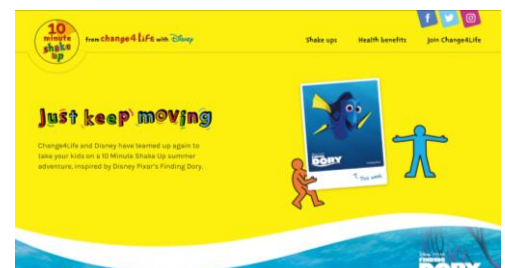
Sunflower Competition

Thank you to all the children and parents who have sent their sunflower photos into nursery. All children who took part have a special goodie bag and certificate to celebrate their success. We are so impressed with the sunflowers and how tall they have grown. Please watch out for our next competition, the spoon scarecrow!



Change For Life

Children need at least 60 minutes of activity every day. Any 10-minute burst of activity counts, whether it's a run in the park, a game of football, or a 10 Minute Shake Up in the living room, it all adds up! Change for life has now paired up with Disney and have a variety of fun games you can play with your children at home please read more at: <https://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/home#uKFMrb35cxDFYHzk.99>



Visits to the Sea Life Centre



During September all children in our Lower Preschool and Pre School Rooms will be invited to attend a trip to Blackpool Tower. In the morning the children will play in Jungle Jims in the tower, before eating lunch in the Tower Ballroom, then visiting the Sea Life Centre in the afternoon. We will be leaving nursery after breakfast

at 9.00am and returning in time for tea at 4.15pm.

A full list of who will be attending each outing is available on the main office door. If your child does not attend full day sessions and would like to attend this nursery trip please speak to Amie or Helen in the office.

We are planning to use public transport to travel to and from the tower. If you would like your child to attend, please complete the slip below and return it as soon as possible so the trip can be booked.

Pop Up Gallery

Over September and October, the 2-3s and Preschool will be attending trips to the Grundy Art Gallery. The excursions in Blackpool will incorporate "Lightpool" and the Blackpool illuminations. The children will be exploring the art gallery and making their own 'one off pieces' of art work. We will be creating our own exhibition of this art work to sell, the money raised at this event will be donated to the RNLI, a charity very close to the nursery setting. The pop up art event will be held on Saturday 22nd October, coinciding with a free session with Abigail & Eye Photography, a bespoke photography portrait service. Please speak to the office for further details.



Harvest Festival

If your child is in the Preschool they will be involved in The Harvest Festival service which is taking place on the 13th of October from 2:00- 2:30pm at St Thomas' Church. Please see the Preschool for further details.

During the month of September, we will be collecting items for our Harvest Baskets. If you would like to make a donation to our baskets, please feel free to bring them into nursery. All baskets will then be donated to St Thomas' Church.



Staff GCSE Passes

On the 25th of August the staff at Clifton Lodge achieved their well deserved GCSE results! We are very proud of Rebecca, Curtis and Yasmin for their achievements! Well done!



New Menu

We have altered and changed our food menu to include some different flavours, these include Chicken Chasseur with Mashed Potato and Pork and Vegetable Casserole served with New Potatoes. It has also been a year now since we have extended our opening times with the children receiving cooked dinners each evening. We would really appreciate your feedback about this service.

Open Evening

We are hosting an open evening for our over twos on Thursday 29th September 2016 from 6:30pm until 7:30pm. We would like to invite you to come and visit our Preschool rooms, meet our staff, and explore all the exciting opportunities we have on offer at Clifton Lodge. This is a particularly good exercise for parents with two-year-

olds as you will have an insight into what your children will explore when moving into the Preschool unit this academic year.

Spoon Scarecrow Competition

This month we are inviting the children and parents to take part in our "Spoon Scarecrow Competition" if you would like to enter our competition please take a large, medium, or small spoon provided outside the nursery office! Here are a few from last years competition for inspiration.



Jeans for Genes Day

It's Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 23rd September 2016. Please bring your child to nursery in their jeans and let them join in the fun! The money raised provides vital care and support for thousands of children living with genetic disorders. Please bring a £1 donation (or more!) for our collection box. If you'd like to find out more about how our support will help, please visit their website at: www.jeansforgenes.org



Emails

Thank you for your feedback concerning the monthly newsletters. If you would like this newsletter sending out to an additional email address please let the office know, we will be more than happy to accommodate.

Dates To Remember

- Tuesday 13th September Preschool Harvest Festival service
At St Thomas's Church 2:00pm-2:30pm
- Friday 23rd September - Jeans for Genes Day
- W/C 19th September Sea Life Centre Trips commence
- Pop Up Art Event Saturday 26th October
Excursions dates to the gallery to be confirmed

