

# Newsletter

March / April 2018



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"Do I need to pack a sun hat and sun cream into my son/daughter's Nursery bag today—or is it wellies and an umbrella?" I can imagine this has been the question all parents have been asking themselves every day over the last two months. For us here at Nursery, it's been "Will we be looking forward to lots of outdoor play today or are we having to have the slides / ball pit and tents in use indoors?" To say the weather has been changeable is an understatement. Let's hope it starts to pick up soon. Whatever the weather, please can we ask all parents to label as many items of clothing/shoes/hats/sun-cream as you can, just to avoid loss or mis-placement. With up to 60 children here at Nursery in any one day it is hard to keep an eye on everyone's possessions but with having them named this will help us to track lost property more easily.

## MEAL OF THE WEEK:-

New for Facebook & Twitter. For several years now we have posted our Song and Story of the Week on social media so that parents can see what their child(ren) are reading or singing that week and approximately six months ago we started to post our lunch menu on a Friday for the following week so that parents can see in advance what the children will be eating. New to our social media postings is our 'Meal of the Week' where we choose one meal that children (and staff) had in that particular week. We post a photo of the meal together with a list of all the healthy ingredients! Here's our 'Sweet and sour chicken with noodles' and 'Salmon and broccoli pasta bake'. Delicious!



## Parents and Visitors mobile phones, tablets and cameras Policy

Please may we remind all parents and visitors that mobile phones, tablets or cameras must not be used within the nursery. All phone calls/text messages must be finished before entering the premises and similarly any calls or messages must not be taken or read whilst collecting or dropping off their child(ren). Also, parents/visitors must not take any photographs whilst on site. The policy is in place as required by Ofsted to safeguard and protect the children. Thank you so much for your co-operation.

## QUERIES WITH REGARD TO FUNDING / FEES

To assist with any queries you may have with regard to funding or fees we thought we'd share with you Vera's working hours so that you are able to speak with her direct if you have any questions or queries. Vera works Tuesday to Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm or you can e-mail her direct on [manager@lymenurseryschool.co.uk](mailto:manager@lymenurseryschool.co.uk).



Thank you to everyone who took part in and supported our Sports Relief fun week back in March. The children (and staff) had a super time and we raised a

fantastic £62.00 for the charity! Not only were the children sporty, the staff were challenged too! Sabrina had the staff doing star jumps, squats or press-ups, all whilst answering random Ofsted related questions! In each room the children wanted to join in too with their own versions of the exercises!

**STAFF UPDATE:-** In early March we said good-bye to our Modern Apprentice Chelsea McLane who had completed her Early Years Childcare qualification. We thanked Chelsea for her hard work and all passed on our best wishes for her future career plans.





**NEW GARDEN UPDATE:-** When the neighbouring property, No. 96 was acquired in 2016, one of the major attractions was its large lawn area at the rear with a summerhouse at one end. Much work has taken place over the past two years to move trees, install a safe pathway and re-arrange shrubbery etc to enable it to be safe and suitable for the children to use. A double gate has been installed to allow access between the two gardens and a large part of the lawn area is due to be opened up in early September with the summerhouse being converted into an outdoor resources classroom to be available in a further twelve months. Here's hoping British summertime 2018 has not been and gone!! It will be so good to have the whole house outside at the same time. The younger children could be playing on the lawn area while the older groups are running around the maze and playing on the equipment...and then they swap over! R.A.V.

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

Please do let us know if you change your home/work number or address. A quick call or e-mail will suffice and we will immediately change our Emergency Contacts folder. Many thanks.



Thank you to everyone who created a personalised egg for our 'Decorate an Easter Egg' competition. You all did brilliantly and we personally think that everyone was a winner with their "egg-ceptional" designs.

## **Dates for your diary:-**

**Monday 7th May:-**

Nursery closed - Bank Holiday.

**Wednesday 9th May:-**

Paolo Loras orders to be returned to Nursery.

**W/c 14th May:-**

Bake-a-thon/Bliss charity (details to follow soon).

**Monday 28th May:-**

Nursery closed—Bank Holiday.



This is us celebrating St Patrick and St George's Day!



Did you know that we frequently post children's activity photo's on Facebook and Twitter? We do not show the children's faces but you can see all of the fun that they get up to here at the Nursery. Please do like and follow our pages. We'd also like to update our 'Testimonials' page on our website. If you would like to write a testimonial, we'd love to receive it. Please e-mail them to [mandi@lymenurseryschool.co.uk](mailto:mandi@lymenurseryschool.co.uk). It would also be fantastic to have some more reviews on our Facebook page!

Well done to the Tiddler and Toddler rooms who won Room of the Month for March and April! The energy coming from your rooms is great and your displays are fantastic. Keep up the good work!







Our BABY ROOM has been 'buzzing' over the past couple of months with spring themed artwork for their new display wall which includes some fabulous spring handprint bumble bees! Babies also had fun during the Sports Relief fun week where they played in the larger part of our super garden. Outside, in the sunshine, down a slide—what more fun can they have! They finished the fun week off with a delicious picnic tea full of yummy food. The month of April saw us enjoying our Easter celebrations, decorating the egg competition and the Easter funday. Not only did they have an egg hunt, our Babies helped Hollie, Vicky and Toni get messy while making delicious Easter egg nests and creating handprint Easter bunnies and roller paint eggs. As you can tell our Babies enjoy all of the activities that we do with them, especially getting messy! The tuff spot has been very popular as well, the children love using all the different coloured chalk to mark make all over the surface. It was a tuff spot masterpiece when it was finished! Well done BABIES.

Where do we start in telling you what the TIDDLER group have been up to in March and April. Firstly, we must tell you that our dance teacher, Miss Ruth really praised the Tiddlers during one of their dance lessons in early March. Her words were "They have been absolutely fantastic, for children of such a young age to really get involved—they're super!" We've also changed our colour wall to yellow (in time for spring). We made lots of yellow pictures using a "yellow" lemon. We've baked, we've had so much fun in the garden (when the weather was nice), even having our Story of the Week being read to us on the lawn! One of our favourite activities we did was the bubble game when standing inside the tuff spot. Slowly, slowly, lift the hula hoop, slowly see the bubble grow and suddenly, here we are, the Tiddler inside a bubble! That would make a good story!



Sports Relief fun week was thoroughly enjoyed by our Toddler group. They balanced bean bags on their heads, completed an obstacle course they had set up in their room played the hula hoop toss game (throwing the balls so that they landed in the hula hoops), and more! When it was Easter the Toddlers thoroughly enjoyed making chocolate egg nests, stirring the mixture themselves...and... wanting to eat the mixture before it was placed in the cake cases! They also had fun on the egg hunt in the hallway and classroom. Finally, our new theme has been very very very well received by the children. Who doesn't like The Gruffalo! We've had the Gruffalo jigsaw, lots of art activities for the wall display and best of all was the Gruffalo hunt around the garden finding the mouse, the snake, the owl all secretly hidden! Well done Toddlers.







We have some super-star Welly Wangers in our Juniors group! During Sports Relief week not only did we have lots of fun upstairs with our indoor equipment, some red balloons and party dancing we headed outside with a welly to see who could wang it the furthest! The Juniors were very good at lining up on the starting line then after counting to 3 they flung their wellies as hard as they could. Working up such a sweat from all of the outdoor play, they settled down in the afternoon for a picnic tea. One of our new walls we have been working on over the past couple of months is our Minibeasts wall. We've created handprint bumble-bees and spiders, beautiful folded paper butterflies and using pasta that's been painted pink we made some colourful earthworms. Finally our Juniors are always asking for the same story called 'The Black Rabbit'. If your child is in Juniors, ask them about it ...the Black Rabbit is rabbit's shadow!



Pre-school's imagination went into overdrive one day when they created a fabulous dinosaur display in the tuff spot tray using a variety of materials of various textures and colours such as cocoa powder, flour, rice, sand and shreddiees to name but a few. The children pretended to be in their very own dinosaur world. Pre-school also created a beautiful colourful wall based on the film 'Up'. They decorated their own balloons which have all been placed above the house that went 'Up!'. Pre-school had so much fun during our sports relief fun week. They loved playing football and using our active sensory toys in our super garden. Pre-school's recent theme is 'people who help us'. The children have been learning about the kinds of people who help us including; the police, doctors, nurses, post person and many more. We are excited for more pre-school fun!



Over the last couple of months our Seniors have been extremely busy. From taking part in an obstacle course for sports relief to getting messy with colour mixing! Our Seniors had so much fun with their most recent theme... 'the bear hunt'. The children loved reading and singing along with Kelly and helped to create a brilliant bear hunt display. Seniors next and up-coming theme is 'All about me'. This will involve talking about how the children feel about their transition to school. It will also outline the importance of equality and diversity and show that we are all different and that is what defines us and our friends. The children have also been focussing on their jolly phonics and high frequency words. Keep up all the hard work Seniors!

