



The Little Lighthouse Nursery

Newsletter

It does not seem real that we will be losing some children to big school very soon, but we know that they are more than ready and will continue to shine!

This term the children have enjoyed a visit from Miss Furness and it was an absolute delight talking to her about each of your children because they are truly fabulous. Of course I am not biased at all!

We also had a fantastic opportunity to take the children to visit their new school. The children were each taken by the hand and given a tour of their classroom. The children also had the chance to play in the

outdoor area, which is a fantastic space buzzing with lots of things to do. We are thankful to Mrs McDonnell for enabling us to do this.



Topic

The topic this term has been 'Cycles'. We have been learning about plant and animal

cycles, and we have even learnt a bit about re-cycling.

The children have enjoyed watching caterpillars turn into beautiful butterflies and have released them!



We have had a great opportunity watching the ducklings hatch from their eggs. This was a lovely experience and the excitement on their faces was priceless. Following this, they have enjoyed cleaning and feeding the ducklings, and have had a great time watching them swim and giving them lots of love and cuddles.



We were also really fortunate that one of the locals offered for us to see his baby chicks which was another really lovely experience for the children. He prepared a little video for the children to watch the

chicks hatch. He also took the children to the nearby field to see some baby lambs, which was extremely cute!

Violin:

The children did a brilliant job with their violin performance. We remain so proud of them and thank you all so much for coming to support. Anne always has such positive things to say about the children, as they are very talented.

Food Bank:

We continue to work in partnership with Godmanchester Foodbank to provide donated food goods for the local community. Please feel free to drop off canned goods when you can.

Ferrars Hall Care Home:

We did our first visit, and it was an amazing experience. The residents were so lovely. The children enjoyed doing a hunt in the outdoor area and then sung and danced to some songs, which was accompanied by guitar playing from a member of staff. We look forward to the next visit.



Family App

Some parents are very good at commenting on the long observations done on your children. Please can I encourage all parents to do the same as it is always so lovely to read your feedback. It

also lets us know that you are keeping up to date with your child's achievements.

Oxford Owl Reading Books:

The online Oxford Owl has a great collection of phonics books that you can read with your child. Please click on the following link to the *students login* homepage: [Login \(oxfordowl.co.uk\)](https://login.oxfordowl.co.uk) The username and password are as follows:

Username:thelittlelighthouse

Password:littlelights2023

If your child leaves this July then they will no longer receive phonics books, however, they may choose a book from the nursery library or use the above online resource.

Nursery Updates:

We have finally had to say our goodbyes to Abi. Abi has been off for personal reasons, and it was a short but sweet time. Abi was a very well-liked member of staff and we are sad that her time with us was cut short. We would love for her to come back and work with us maybe in the near future. With that said, we are currently recruiting so please spread the word.

As the weather is constantly changing, please kindly ensure your child has the appropriate clothing as the children will continue to access the outdoors in all weathers. Please also ensure that suncream is applied when needed.

Please note that water bottles should be labelled and should **only contain water**, as we are a healthy nursery.

Mobile Phones are Prohibited.

Please do not come into nursery with phones so that we can be consistent with safeguarding.

Fee Increase:

We have held off with increasing fees for coming up to two years, but please note that there will be slight increases to the nursery hourly fees, which will begin in September 2024. Please refer to the nursery prospectus online to view these changes.

Parking:

It has come to our attention that there are a few parents still parking on the verge. Unfortunately, when you park on the verge it causes problems for us as a nursery. Please could I ask again that you kindly use the car park to avoid us bearing the brunt of very displeased or angry neighbours.

Documents:

If your child has sustained an injury at home or is on prescribed medication, please could we kindly ask that you access the nursery website under the ***Parent's Portal*** tab and complete the 'Existing Injuries' or 'Medication' form. This can be sent in via email beforehand or printed out and handed to the member of staff at the door.

Graduation:

I can confirm that the date for Graduation is Saturday the 20th of July 2024. This will start from 12pm until 2pm. This will be a little celebration with light refreshments, and we are looking forward to seeing you all there. The 19th of July will be a fun day for all nursery children, as we celebrate the last day for the children who will be leaving us in September. We will have lots of fun surprises in store.

Dates for the Diary:

10th July 2024 - we will be taking pictures of the children who are leaving. 19th of July 2024 – Last day of term.