



Early Years Foundation Stage Weekly Newsletter

Friday 11th March 2022

Nursery

This week the children have been learning about the Life Cycle of a Chicken and painted a picture showing the cycle. They learned the rhyme '5 eggs and 5 eggs that makes 10'. The children were amazed at the results as they used ink which floated on the water to make marbled effects on card. When dried, all the children made a fantastic attempt at cutting out an oval shape. Later this will be cut and assembled to make an Easter card.

Also this week, the children visited the KS1 hall. After warming up our muscles, the children practised throwing and catching a balloon with their partner.

To reinforce the importance of staying safe in our local environment the Road Safety Educational Team from St Helens came in to tell us a story. She was very impressed with how the Nursery children sat and listened and answered questions about what they had seen and heard in their environment.

We will be asking for volunteers to join us on our walk to St Mark's church on West End Road during this half term. Please see a member of staff if you are available to help on the walk.

As well as reinforcing the sounds from previous weeks, our sounds that we have focused on this week are 'o' - all around the orange and 'c' - curl around the caterpillar. The children looked for objects in and around Nursery that began with that letter in addition to finding out what we had hiding in our sound bag.

Next week's sound is 'k'.

We have continued to enjoy 'Jolly Songs', which are phonic based songs to help the children recognise letter sounds.

Nursery Star of the Week

Congratulations to:

- * Blue group (am) **Noah** for taking turns throwing and catching the balloon.
- * Blue Group (pm) **Isaac** for great cutting.
- * Yellow group (am) **Daisy** for super listening and recall about the Life Cycle of a Chicken.
- * Yellow group (pm) **Oliver G** for good listening and picking out rhyming words in our story.
- * Green group (am) **Joshua** for fantastic listening and recognising initial sounds of objects.
- * Green group (pm) **Ava** for contributing and showing understanding during the Road Safety session.

Taking Turns and Sharing Certificate

Congratulations to:

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| Blue group (am) Skyla | (Blue group pm) Jake |
| Yellow group (am) Theo | (Yellow group pm) Leo |
| Green group (am) Jack | Green group (pm) Poppy |

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the kind donations which have been given into Nursery which will be sent over to help those suffering families from the Ukraine.



.*Road Safety this Week*.



Thank you to the Road Safety Team who visited our school this week. Elaine read the story 'Teddy takes a tumble' which impressed the necessity to always fasten your child's seat belts.

We all sang 'Stop. Look. Listen. Think! Before you cross the road.'

'Teddy takes a walk' reminds us all to make sure a grown up always holds our hand when out walking and crossing the road. Elaine said how impressed she was with how the children behaved as they listened and responded to the stories.

Health and Safety

We would like to remind you that pedestrians are not allowed to cross the car park at any time. All pedestrians must use dedicated footpaths around the edge of the car park. Please could parents collect children from the classroom door exits — and avoid waiting/parking on the car park. Parents are welcome to shelter under the gazebos. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Attendance

As part of our safeguarding procedures we are continuing to operate a 'First Day Response' system. Please help us by informing the school if your child is going to be absent. The school will contact families of children who are absent from school without explanation.



Volunteers

Have you been thinking about a career in childcare? We are now in a position to offer some volunteer placements in the school Nursery. This would provide the perfect experience either prior to or during childcare courses. If you are interested please register your details with the school office. Thank you.

PARKING

Please be aware that for health and safety reasons parents cannot park on the school car park. We would ask parents to park responsibly and considerately around the entire school site. Holyrood Nursery driveway is not to be used for parking, as this prevents access and is dangerous. Thank you for your co-operation.

Winter clothing

Please ensure that your child wears a suitable coat for school which can be fastened easily by themselves. If your child struggles to fasten their coat please practise doing this with them at home. Please also ensure that any coats, hats and gloves are clearly labelled with your child's full name!

****IMPORTANT NOTICES****



Legh Vale School is a non-smoking site. For health and safety reasons we would like to ask that parents refrain from smoking when dropping off/picking children up from school. This includes electronic cigarettes.



We would also like to politely ask that parents do not bring dogs onto the premises. Thank you.

5 Eggs and 5 Eggs that makes 10

5 eggs and 5 eggs that makes 10.
Sitting on top is the mother hen.
(Children to sit on their hands)

Crackle, crackle, crackle! What do I see?
(Look at their 10 little fingers)
10 little chicks as fluffy as can be.



This week in Nursery we have been focusing on the letters 'o' and 'c' the sound they make. We have asked the children to look out for anything or anyone that begins with that sound.

The children have really enjoyed looking in our sound bag and discussing some of the objects we have found in and around Nursery. Please feel free to bring in an object you find at home to add to our sound bag.

'o' - all around the orange

'c' - curl around the caterpillar

'k' - down the kangaroo's body, tail and leg



Look Listen Note

Can we take this opportunity to thank all those parents who have kindly completed and sent in 'look, listen, note' slips, it really helps us to meet the children's needs and interests through our planning.

We are so happy to see that the children are extending their learning at home. It would be lovely if you could continue to fill out 'look, listen and note' observations and share with us what your child has said. An example of this would be;

'He danced around with his blanket like he did when he celebrated Chinese New Year' in Nursery.

'Driving past Tesco and she shouted out there's T for Tesco'.

Please ask your child's key worker if you require any more copies.

Easter Raffle

We would like to ask for your support once again with donations of prizes for the Easter raffle. We would be grateful for donations of Easter eggs, any size, any variety. We hope to offer a range of prizes from individual eggs to chocolate egg hampers made with your generous donations. We would ask that all eggs are brought into school on our 'own clothes day' on Friday 25th March for our Easter raffle which takes place on Wednesday 30th March.



Contact Details for Parents/Carers

Please ensure that school has your latest contact details as we will use these details when school staff need to contact you

Diary Dates

2022	
Friday 18th March	Red Nose Day Wear something Red
Friday 25th March	Own clothes day in return for donations towards Easter raffle
Friday 1st April	Close for the end of Spring term