

Newsletter

July 2023



Welcome to the last Newsletter of this Academic Year. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Summer! Good luck to everyone who is leaving us to move on to School or to a new setting – we will miss you all. We look forward to seeing all of our returning families in September.

Please also have a look at our website where you will find lots more information: www.grasmerenursery.co.uk

Summer Holidays

The nursery is closed to all children from Monday, 24th July to Friday, 4th August.

We are open to term-time children and those who have pre-booked holiday club from Monday, 7th August

Sponsored Brick Build

A massive thank you to everyone who donated to our sponsored brick build.

A final count has taken place and we are delighted to say that we raised a huge

£1,291.90

This Half Term's Curriculum

0-3's

This half term, Red and Purple Classes have settled in a few more children successfully.

Our Key Text has been "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and our key rhyme has been "Hickory Dickory Dock", which we are embedding in our daily gatherings.

Our Theme has been "lifecycles" and we have watched very closely as our caterpillars turned into chrysalises and then emerged as beautiful butterflies that we encouraged to fly away into our surroundings.

We have visited the Orchard and the children took part in an obstacle course which they all thoroughly enjoyed. We celebrated Eid and Father's Day, with the children making cards.

We have also been working on a seaside display for our garden and making butterfly and caterpillar magnets for the children to take home.

Red Class would like to wish all their children who are moving on to Yellow, Blue and Green Classes the very best of luck, whilst Purple Class wish all their children who are moving to Red Class, all good wishes in their upcoming transitions. We are confident that all the children will settle and thrive in their new environments.

Lastly, Red and Purple Class staff would like to wish you all a very happy, enjoyable and relaxing holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

3-5's

Where has this year gone! This half term has flown by, but we have had lots of lovely things going on.

We learnt all about the life cycle of a butterfly through our key text 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and key rhyme 'There's a Tiny Caterpillar on a Leaf'. We had tiny caterpillars arrive and then leave as beautiful butterflies. Ask your child if they can remember the special word for when a caterpillar transforms into a butterfly! 'Metamorphosis'.

We have also learnt about the Value 'Courage' by climbing trees and the large equipment, being very courageous and brave.

Our other key text was 'The Colour Monster Goes to School'. This has helped us to think about and discuss our feelings and emotions around the transition of going onto school. For those who are returning, we have been talking about making new friends in September.

The children all loved taking part in Sports Day, where they took part in running and hat races! It was great fun, then we all had an ice pop after! We had an outing to Stockwood Discovery Centre where some children listened to an interactive story about Pablo the Penguin. This really fitted well into our 'Grasmere Grassroot Goals' for the children to have a 'Love of books and language'. It is lovely to have links to other services and this is something we would like to continue in the future.



Thank you to all those who came to our goodbye picnic, it was lovely to see so many of you and have the opportunity to chat to lots of you, as well as enabling you to socialise with other parents too.

We've had an amazing year with your lovely children and have so many wonderful memories, we hope your children do too. To those that are leaving us, we wish you all the best on the next steps in your educational journey. To those who are returning, have a lovely summer and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

It has been a pleasure having your children and families at Grasmere Nursery School and you will be missed by all the staff. Good luck for the future.

Luton Adult Learning

For those families who are returning to us in September, I am pleased to say that we will continue to work in conjunction with Luton Adult Learning to offer courses and workshops to our families. For the next academic year, we are running courses on:

- Supporting your anxious child
- Managing your own and your family's wellbeing
- Positive behaviour in children
- Family art for wellbeing
- Getting ready for school



Please look out for further details during the next academic year.

Summer Holiday Activities

For further details about summer holiday activities, please see the following links. Some of these sessions are for older children but see individual sessions for age ranges and details of how to book:

[Flying Start Timetable-Summer Holidays 2023](#)
[Active Luton Summer Holiday Timetable](#)
[Luton Adult Learning Summer Family Workshops](#)



Domestic Abuse

Domestic abuse can include controlling, coercive, threatening, degrading and violent behaviour, including sexual violence.

If you need urgent help, please see the details below under 'Safeguarding' for the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub. For other advice and information, visit the Bedfordshire Domestic Abuse Partnership website at: <https://bedsdv.org.uk/>



Stay & Play and Baby Group

Our Stay & Play and Baby Group sessions have now finished for the Summer.

We will, however, be back on Friday, 15th September from 9.30-11.00am for Stay & Play and 1.30-2.30pm for Baby Group.

For more information about these groups, please speak to Lois.



Safeguarding

If you have any urgent concerns about the welfare of a child, please contact the Luton Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on 01582 547653 or out of hours 0300 300 8123.

For further information or to make a referral, please visit:

https://directory.luton.gov.uk/kb5/luton/directory/service.page?id=aJZE_OSgZfQ



Neighbourhood Gardening Project

Our neighbourhood gardeners will be carrying out some work in our Rainbow Room Sensory Garden and we are looking for volunteers to help. If you have time and are available, please come along and lend a hand on the following dates from 8am:

Monday, 24th July, Tuesday, 25th July and Wednesday, 26th July

Thank you in advance.



Staff Leaving



We would like to send our very best wishes to Kerry Watson, Christina Paulo and Michelle Cook as they move on to pastures new and thank them for their dedication, commitment and all they have done for the children at Grasmere Nursery.