



Newsletter



Spring Term 1 2023

'Children at Oasis are learners for life'

Dear families,

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome Paula Manning, our new Administrator, to the Oasis team. She will be joining us at the end of March and will be working closely with Lorna over the Easter Holidays.

Role Play Areas

Every term each room creates a new and exciting display/role-play area based on our termly themes and the interests expressed by the children.

This term the baby room has created Superworm which is supporting the babies with learning animal names, animal sounds, new animal songs and rhymes and demonstrating emotional empathy through acting out roles and behaviours which develop self-esteem and self-confidence.



The toddlers and Pre-School are exploring The Very Hungry Caterpillar and learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and other animals. They will be exploring healthy eating, learning about different fruits and vegetables and counting items from the story. The children will have opportunities to consolidate their learning through meaningful experiences and test out their own ideas by creating their own insect gardens. We are also eagerly awaiting the arrival of our very own caterpillar eggs to hatch in our butterfly garden!

The toddlers and pre-school have also created a Farm Shop which provides opportunities for the children to explore money, numbers and counting, promoting children's understanding of exchanging money and teaching mathematical concepts through play. They will also be learning about where their food comes from, healthy and unhealthy food choices, oral hygiene, exercise and how we look after our bodies, and working towards exploring healthy food options that we can plant in our Oasis garden. The Farm Shop role-play also provides opportunities for the children to extend upon their learning and begin to explore different occupations and roles within our community, such as shop keepers, delivery drivers, emergency services, farmers, etc.

If your child has any related items, such as story books, props or pictures, then please feel free to bring them in. Your child can share these with their friends during circle times.



Minack Theatre - Pre-School trip

Before half-term the Pre-School children had the opportunity to visit the Minack Theatre. During their visit the children learnt about the history of the Minack, explored the venue including the stage area and behind the scenes, and created their own performance on the stage supported by the staff and music and dance professionals from MADE.



World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March 2023. To celebrate we will be looking at a variety of different books and stories from around the world. We will also be dressing in fancy dress and your child can come to nursery dressed as their favourite story character if they wish.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is on Friday 17th March 2023. To celebrate we will be having a funny hair day. Your child can come into nursery with a funny hairstyle if they wish. There will be a collection pot in the office if you wish to donate £1 to the Comic Relief Charity.



Oasis British Values Star of the Week

- Sapphire Jenking - Fantastic tidying up at tidy up time.
- Avie-Jane Hall - Being kind and helping her friends to take off their coats and find their pegs.
- Harrison Carmichael - Always using good manners during play and daily routines.
- Arty Murdoch - Fantastic sharing with the cars.
- Cleo Elvin - Helping new friends to settle into nursery and showing them where to play.
- Aida Sigrist Smith - Helping her friends to find their coat for outdoor play.

Healthy Under 5's

As a 'Healthy Under 5's' setting we provide lots of opportunities to develop the health and wellbeing of the children and their families. We always encourage the children and staff to eat a healthy lunch and we would appreciate your support in ensuring that children are provided with healthy options in their lunchboxes and that sweet treats are limited. We also ask parents/carers not to provide any nuts or nut products in children's lunchboxes due to choking and allergies. Below are some useful links.

Healthy Eating tips and links:

- <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/the-eatwell-guide/>

Lunchbox and meal ideas and recipes:

- <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#lunchbox-recipes>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/start4life/weaning/recipes-and-meal-ideas/>



Dental Hygiene

We have been teaching the children about the importance of cleaning their teeth. Please see below for some useful links.

Oral health and looking after children's teeth:

- <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/taking-care-of-childrens-teeth/>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/babys-development/teething/looking-after-your-babys-teeth/>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/healthier-snacks-for-kids/lower-sugar-drinks-for-kids-stop-tooth-decay>



[Safer Sleep for Babies: A Guide for Parents and Carers - Please See Link Below](https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Safer-sleep-for-babies-a-guide-for-parents-web.pdf)

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Online Safety

Technology is becoming such a big part of everyone's lives and children and young people spend a lot of time online. Although it is a great way of socialising and exploring new facts, the internet does pose many potential risks to children and young people. Therefore, it is important that we are talking to young children and helping them to understand how to stay safe online.

We have compiled an E-Safety Guidance for Staff and Parents, which can be taken home to read at your leisure. The guidance compiles many useful documents to help parents learn about what children are doing online and how they can make online experiences positive and safe for their children.

The guidance is available from the office and can be borrowed for up to two weeks at a time. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like any further information.



Early Reading

Research shows that stories play an important role in children's learning and development. Sharing stories with children from a young age supports early communication and reading skills and helps to promote lifelong readers.

Oxford Owl is an online website that is packed with expert advice, top tips and activity ideas so you can help your child with reading and maths. It provides a wide range of resources and e-books for children across the age ranges. Please follow the link below:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>



Parents Policy Board

This month the staff have reviewed the Health and Safety Policy. If you would like to receive an emailed copy of this policy, please email or telephone the Office.

Oasis Management Committee

Would you be interested in joining the Oasis Management Committee? We are looking for another parent who has skills/knowledge in education or Finance. Please speak to Lorna if you are interested.

Designated Safeguarding Team

As part of our safeguarding procedures we have a Designated Safeguarding Lead who is **Lorna Trudgeon**, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads who are **Juliette George** and **Briony Sedgeman** and Assistant Designated Safeguarding Leads who are **Emily Wallis** and **Lindsay Roberts**.

Mark Fletcher is currently the Designated Safeguarding Lead on the Management Committee.

More information is available in our policies and procedures, which are displayed in the reception area or on our website.

Easter Break/Funded Sessions/School Lunches

The last funded day before Easter is Friday 24th March 2023. Funded sessions resume on Monday 17th April 2023. Please note that this is a week longer than the school's Easter holiday. This is because there are only 38 funded weeks per year.

Hot lunches will not be available from Monday 3rd to Friday 14th April 2023 inclusive.

Diary Dates

World Book Day

Thursday 02.03.23

Red Nose Day

Friday 17.03.23

Funded Sessions/Easter Holidays

Last funded session Friday 24.03.23

Start again Monday 17.04.23

No Hot lunches

Monday 03.04.23 to Friday 14.04.23 inclusive

Thank you for your continued support.

Lorna Trudgeon