



**Tinto Primary  
Nursery  
Early Learning  
and Child Care  
March/April 2017**

## Diary Dates

- **Fun Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** £1 for books. Dress in spring colours.
- **25<sup>th</sup> April Bookbug** – Lynn from Biggar library will be coming to do a session, parents and siblings welcome to join us at 10:30am
- **Nursery Closed 1<sup>st</sup> May & 4<sup>th</sup> May** (Inservice)
- **Vision Screening 8<sup>th</sup> May** – 9:30am
- **Child smile fluoride varnish 8<sup>th</sup> May**
- **Nursery Closed Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May & 29<sup>th</sup> May** (Holidays)

## Future Dates

- **Sports Day Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**
- **7<sup>th</sup> June** - Clydebuilt Puppet Theatre – The Gingerbread Man
- **Graduation Ceremony for Children going to school 21<sup>st</sup> June**



- Diary Dates
- Thank you
- Coffee Chat
- Our Learning
- Car park
- Vision Screening & Fluoride Varnish

Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend our Curriculum information sessions, these were very well attended with lots of positive feedback.



In the future we hope to make the presentations more interactive with video clips in addition to the photographs.



The next Coffee Chat will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 11am.

We are going to be talking about the new build. Please feel free to write on the whiteboard anything you'd like on the agenda.

# Our Learning

Spring has arrived or has it? Over the past few weeks we've managed to get back into a routine of having open access to the Outdoor Learning environment as part of the children's free play. In outdoor learning we have been providing opportunities for the children to explore loose parts (a collection of various resources) building on their creative skills, numeracy, building relationships with peers and learning to assess and manage their own risks. Mrs Dawson has also started developing a fairy garden with the children.



At our group Welcome time we have started to record the learning for each individual group in our Talking and Thinking Floorbooks. We will place these in the corridor for you to look at.



This term we have had visitors from two people from the library, Lynn from Biggar Library to lead a rhyme time session with bookbug and Julie from the mobile library. The children were all delighted to see Bookbug and Lynn who will join us again next term on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am please feel free to join us, younger siblings more than welcome. Hopefully Julie will be able to visit us again soon with the mobile library, the children were all very excited to have a story read to them on the library bus.

In other news, our new sofa has helped to make a massive improvement to our book corner, in addition to our new Community play things bookcase, making the books visually more attractive and allowing easy access. The children were a terrific help at building some of the ikea delivery.



The book, which has had the biggest impact in our learning this term has been Shark in the Park by Nick Sharratt. They are all experts at shouting SHARK IN THE PARK! Their interest in this story has also helped to build on the children's interest in some other wildlife, after the children heard how two of the nursery children had rescued a seal on their holiday. Following the children's interest we are going to be developing this further. We have already been looking at Basking Sharks. Lots of the children are keen to find out more about some of the inhabitants of the sea. At the moment we are looking predominately at Scottish Wildlife.

Please feel free to share any photographs of the children discovering Scotland and it's Wildlife while off on Holiday.

## Clydebuilt Puppets

On the last newsletter we mentioned that we were starting to think of a summer event/trip for the children. We have now booked Clydebuilt puppets, they will be coming to perform the Gingerbread Man at the nursery on the 7<sup>th</sup> June.

We can't wait! We have heard lots of great things about this company.

<https://www.clydebuiltpuppet.co.uk/>

Thank you to everyone for ensuring you keep up to date with the nursery fund. It's with your contributions that we are able to organise companies such Clydebuilt puppets, buy resources, keep equipment up to date and not to mention buy snack.

### Nursery Entrance and Car Park

As I'm sure you are all aware, we have had ongoing issues with our external door. Unfortunately every time we have someone out to look at the door it works! We are forever hopeful that soon we will get this resolved. In the meantime it's keeping all of the staff fit walking up and down the corridor. We appreciate you waiting patiently on us. The other issue, which we have at present is the drainage in the car park. This has been reported and is being dealt with as a matter of urgency. We are hoping by the time we return from holiday this too will be repaired. Whilst thinking about Health and Safety could we also ask that parents and visitors **do not** park directly in front of the gate to allow children and parents safe access, particularly thinking of children and parents walking to nursery.

### Vision Screening & Child Smile

The children who will be going to school in August will have their eyes tested at nursery on the 8<sup>th</sup> May. Child Smile will also be here later on that morning to apply the Fluoride Varnish to the children who have completed a consent form.

### Tinto Nursery Team

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Teresa Dawson – Early years Worker

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