

Diary Dates

- Fun Thursday 24th May—Children to wear Shorts and Shades
£1 Donation
 - May Holiday nursery closed 25th and 28th May
- Sports Day in the school playground 31st May 11:00am
 - Nursery Trip 4th June Broadfield Farm 9:15am
 - Parent Consultations
- Nursery Class Photographs Wednesday 6th 9am
 - Green Group Tuesday 5th June
 - Red Group Wednesday 6th June
 - Blue Group Thursday 8th June
- Step up Day for Preschool children 11am-12pm
- Celebration Day for Preschool children 19th June 11am
 - Last day of term 4 Thursday 28th June



Broadfield Farm Trip Monday 4th June

Last year we were due to visit Broadfield farm, one of our Nursey Pupil's family farm, however it had to be rescheduled at the last minute. Now that the better weather is finally here, we are good to go! EV5 permission slips and information letters will be issued very soon. As before we hope that parents can meet us at the Farm. The farm is situated just outside of the village. If getting transport to the farm is a problem please speak to Lynsey Miller. As parking is tight it may be helpful if some parents wished to car share, but we will let you arrange that amongst yourselves.

Our Learning Term 4

The children are all settling wonderfully into their new nursery. So far we have had a very smooth transition. The children are becoming familiar with the room layout and the nursery team have been able to identify how the children are using the space. Details of the children's learning outcomes will be set on our new planning wall in the Nursery Foyer.

As you may be aware, our outdoor space has not been developed yet, at the moment our outdoor play area consists of NO soft surfaces, with lots of space to run, this is a big hit with the children however not so good on their elbows and knees. The children are being encouraged to take care when running, making them aware that sprinting may not be the safest option and to practice jogging instead. Sprint running is much more appealing to them! If you are concerned about this it might be best to wear lightweight trousers/leggings to minimise skint knees.

This term we will be looking at growth, in terms of planting, flowers and looking after living things. This week the children have been creating their own still life pictures, getting used to our new routine and lots of outdoor play.

In role play the children have loved having their own café, using real cups, kindly donated by the Olive Tree Deli in Biggar. Their interests are now moving on and we are hoping to set up our own opticians where the children will have the opportunity to develop their numeracy and literacy skills through social interaction with their peers. If anyone has any old glasses/sunglasses adult or children's donations would be very welcome.

Prior to moving into our new build we began piloting together time with the children at the end of the day. We felt that having Together at the end of the day allowed the children uninterrupted play. Together Time has a more structured focus with the adults leading the learning. At Together Time the adult will plan learning experiences to meet the needs and interests of the group, children can reflect on their learning, listen to stories in a smaller group giving them the opportunity to share ideas and ask questions, along with lots of other learning experiences.

Sports Day 31st May 11am

Our Sports Day is scheduled for the 31st May on the grass area of the school playground. The Races will begin at 11am. Please come along to support and cheer on all the children. Fingers crossed it stays dry! If for any reason Sports Day can't take place outside we will use the gym hall.

Celebration Day 19th June 11am Preschool children

The children who are moving onto school in August will be putting on a little show of songs and dances for their family. After their show the children will be presented a certificate. This performance is only for children moving onto school. Preschool parents if you could let us know how many seats you would like. We can accommodate at least 4 seats per child possibly more.

Thank you.

Reports

End of term reports will be issued week beginning 21st May. Parent consultation time slots will be up on our notice board where you can place your name against a convenient time slot. If none of the days or time are suitable please speak to your child's keyworker. We are aware that the Blue Group consultations are taking place on Lanimers day, if this a problem for you please speak to Mrs MacPhail.



Bookbug

Bookbug Thank you to everyone who managed to attend our very short notice Bookbug sessions this week to celebrate Bookbug week. For more information on what Bookbug is all about please go online and watch the short clip for more information <http://scottishbooktrust.com/video/introduction-to-bookbug>

Outdoor Clothing

We are delighted to have received outdoor clothing and Wellies from the Authority for all children and staff to allow the children the opportunity to access playing outdoors in all weathers. You no longer need to provide additional outdoor

Nursery Staff

This term we welcome Mrs Aileen Stark into the nursery, Mrs Stark will be with us until June. We also say goodbye to Mrs Caroline Sommerville on Wednesday 23rd May who is moving onto another school. We'd all like to wish Caroline good luck in her new post and thank her for all her help and support while being part of Tinto Nursery and Primary.

Sun cream and Sun hats

Now that it is officially summer please ensure that you apply suncream to your child before coming to nursery along with a sun hat. Thank you. When weather permits your child will be outdoors during their session.

Should you wish to need to contact the nursery for any reason please do so on 01899 309464 or via email: