



## Diary Dates

- Friday 29th 2:30pm - Close for Spring Break, reopen Monday 15th April
  - Nursery Closed Easter Monday 22nd April
- 6th May Nursery Closed May Holiday and closed Tuesday 7th May for Inservice
- Nursery Sports Day will be on Thursday 23rd May
  - Local farm visit date to be confirmed

## Upcoming events

We are now coming to the end of Term 3 and we have lots to look forward to in our final term before we stop for our summer break!

### Parent Consultative Group - coffee chat

We are hoping to establish a new parent consultative group, which will give parents the opportunity to share their ideas and work in partnership with the nursery. We have a few parents who would like to be part of this group, All welcome. If you would like more information please speak with Lynsey Miller

**We will be meeting on Thursday 28th at 9am.**

### Easter Bonnet and Easter Egg competition

As part of the school we will be looking for entries for our Easter competition. The theme for the egg decorating is Europe and the bonnets theme is Spring/Easter. Good Luck.

### Local Farm Visit April/May

We are planning to visit Muirhouse farm, situated just outside the village. This will enable us to see the workings of a real farm and have the opportunity to see and meet some lambs. We will set a date following the spring break. This outing would be one that parents attend with their child. A letter will confirm all of the details along with an additional EV5 excursion permission. If attending will be a problem for you and your child please see Lynsey Miller.

### Boogie Beat

We will be having Boogie Beat in to deliver music and movement with all of the children in term 4. Dates have yet to be confirmed.

### Quote of the month

Slow down....I promise your child will learn to write their name and count to ten when THEY are READY! Instead, lets work on resilience, independence, perseverance and happiness! All of which are nurtured through PLAY!

Sally Wright - The Ark Groups

## Our Learning Term 3

This term we revisited the children's interest in the emergency services with a visit for our local paramedic crew. The children all had the experience of going into the ambulance and demonstrated their wonderful listening skills when the paramedics discussed some of the roles they undertake as a paramedic. We had some super volunteers helping the paramedics to demonstrate how they monitor a patient's heart and blood pressure.



We are now making full use of our new outdoor area, which we are planning to develop over the next term with the development of a new mud kitchen (our old one did not survive the move). The children have been developing their independence in using the outdoor tap for their own creative play.



As part of our adult initiated learning we have talking and thinking about recycling, your child may be able to help you with some recycling at home. We have been learning about the different materials we can recycle and identifying the recycling symbol. Some of the children have led this onto talking about how plastic can affect our environment and sea creatures, thinking about pollution in the sea. We have a lot of children interested in sea creatures and wild animals at present and we are following and extending the children's interests in this area.

The children have been developing their ideas through role play and using the dominoes and wooden blocks to create animal enclosures representing a zoo.

Over the term we have also been learning about festivals celebrated around the world, Chinese New Year and Holi the Hindu festival celebrating the beginning of Spring!



## We welcome our 2-3 year olds to our morning session.

Our younger children have been visiting our morning sessions over the past few weeks in preparation to transitioning to a morning session after the spring break. We have now opened up both playrooms, to provide opportunities for all of the children to mix together. Having the two rooms open is providing more space and play opportunities. The rooms have now been open for a couple of weeks and the children have been sharing their feedback with us. We are extremely lucky to have the option to close the room at times, using our folding wall when we feel the children need a quieter, calmer space ensuring that we meet the needs of all our children.



## Nursery Fund

**If you haven't paid this term yet please do so as ASAP. Our final term will be £25.50**

## Staffing

Mrs Bowden has now transferred into Primary 1 to cover Mrs McConnell's maternity leave until June. We welcome Mrs Annabel Roger as our nursery teacher after the spring break. Mrs Roger will be in the nursery Monday-Thursday every week until June. We are hoping to welcome a new Early Years Worker to our team after the spring break to cover Mrs MacPhail's Friday. We will confirm the successful candidate once all the final checks are complete.

## Survey Monkey - Parental involvement

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in our survey monkey questionnaires. Your feedback has allowed us to reflect on how we can continually develop and improve our nursery for all of our children and families.

## Clothing

Please ensure that you leave a change of clothes everyday in the nursery for your child should they need changed for any reason. We have a limited supply of clothes within the nursery. Please remember that living in Scotland we still need to be prepared for the weather at times needing hats, gloves etc.

## Learning Journals - Transferring to online

Following the Spring Break you will receive your child's Learning stories for Term 3 along with their evaluated next steps in learning. In our final term we will be setting up Learning Journals for every child which you can access at home and see regular observations of your child.

The new online journals will allow you to directly share experiences and achievements from home. The children will all continue to have their own folder within the nursery, supporting them in leading their own learning.

**Should you wish to need to contact the nursery for any reason please do so on 01899 308279 or via email:**

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