

Diary Dates

- 14th September Race night Tinto Fundraisers at Symington Football club 6-8:30pm approx
- September Holiday Nursery Closed Friday 21st September & Monday 24th September
 - Dress Down Day £1 Donation Friday 28th September
 - Parent consultations -
Red Group with Melanie Cowan Wednesday 3rd October
Blue Group with Gayle MacPhail Thursday 4th October
- Stay and Play Wednesday 10th October Red Group 10:30am
- Stay and Play Thursday 11th October Blue Group 10:30am
 - Nursery Closed 15th October - 19th October



Welcome Back

We are now back into full swing in the nursery, after our lovely summer break. Welcome to all of our new children and families who have joined Tinto Nursery Class.

This term we welcome two new staff members to the nursery, Mrs Kirsty Bowden our Nursery Teacher. Mrs Bowden will be in the nursery every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Jayanthi Cathcart our Pupil support Assistant will be in the nursery every morning and Mrs Lorna Kilgallon our Principal Teacher will be in the nursery most Friday mornings.

At present we have two key groups of children the Red group with Mrs Cowan as their keyworker and the Blue group who have Mrs MacPhail as their keyworker. In our 2-3 afternoon session we have the green group with Mrs Dawson as their keyworker.

At present we have space within our 2-3 room for any children who wish to pay for a place or fall under the criteria for a funded place. Our 3-5 children can also use the afternoon to pay for additional hours.

Our Learning so far Term 1.....

Our returning children have all settled back very quickly into the nursery routine, our new children are now all settling well and continuing in our settling in process. Since we returned the children have shown an interest in the emergency services, we have extended their interest further through creative play making and designing a fire engine and police car with the children. The children are now using this as part of their imaginative role play. We are planning a visit from the Paramedic Team.

As part of our adult initiated learning in Health and Wellbeing this term we will be tasting, talking and exploring healthy foods. The children have started brushing their teeth as part of the nursery routine and are learning about the importance of good hand hygiene and looking after our bodies and mind through active play and communicating with each other. This will lead onto us establishing our Tinto Golden Rules which will link in with the 8 Wellbeing indicators of Getting it Right for our Child. These are Safe, healthy, Active, Nurtured, achieving, Respected, Responsible and included e.g. let's think how we can be healthy at nursery? Wash our hands before our snack, after going to the toilet etc. The new rules will be on the foyer display table for you to see and give us your feedback in the next couple of weeks.

In mathematics and numeracy the children have been talking and thinking about their birthday in the creation of the birthday wall, thinking about what age they are, what age will they be next, counting out the appropriate candles for their cake. Our new children have also shown a lot of interest in our ladybird game using the dice. In this game the children are developing their counting skills, symbol recognition and developing their turn taking skills. Following on the children's interest in measure, comparing heights and using mathematical language in their play, we will be extending this further through play using the story Jack and the Beanstalk to enhance the children's learning and understanding.

In literacy the children have been visiting the book corner during free play to have a variety of stories or look at non fiction books. The children have now started creating their own books this week with Mrs MacPhail following on the lead of one of the children who created their own book.

Further details of the children's learning outcomes for this term are displayed in the Nursery Foyer. The class Newsletter is also on the notice board and sent home providing further information in relation to Curriculum For Excellence.

Nursery Fund

This term we will still be collecting cash payments for the nursery fund. This term is £20 which takes us up to the October break. Everyone has been issued with a letter detailing the new cashless system which will hopefully improve the system. The nursery fund is used to purchase our daily snacks and additional resources which support the children's learning on a daily basis.

Safety

Please can we ask everyone entering the school to walk their child on the pavements and **NOT** to cut through the turning circle. We do not want children or parents walking where buses are turning. Thank you.

Stay and Play

All parents and carers are invited to come along for our stay and play session, please see diary dates, for dates and times. The stay and play session will allow you to play and interact with your child, sharing in their learning experience at nursery. These sessions will end with a Bookbug session with Mrs Miller or Mrs MacPhail.



Parent Consultations

Our parent consultations are held during the nursery session. Each keyworker will have a sheet up on the notice board for you to write your name up next to a time that suits you best. If neither dates or times suit you please speak to your child's keyworker to arrange a more suitable date and time.

The consultation will give you the opportunity to find out how your child is settling in and progressing at nursery. At this meeting we would also be working in partnership with parents to set specific targets for your child, these targets would be focusing on the wellbeing indicators of Getting It Right for Every Child: SAFE, HEALTHY, ACTIVE, NURTURED, RESPECTED, RESPONSIBLE and INCLUDED

Food Bank Collection

As we begin to think about Healthy Eating and our rights and needs we thought it might be a nice idea to support others in our local community by collecting for the Clydesdale food bank. Suggested items; Tinned foods, jars - jam, pasta sauces etc, pasta, toothpaste, shampoo, biscuits, cup a soup, juice etc.

THANK YOU!

Outdoor Learning parental Involvement

As you may be aware our outdoor learning area is not yet

complete, however this gives us a little more time to come up with a plan! The rest of the nursery grounds should be completed by Christmas. At the moment we are looking for any parents that would like to get involved to help source and build a new mud kitchen etc. If you would like to get involved please speak to Mrs Miller or Mrs Bowden. If we have any keen gardeners that would also like to get involved in some planting projects please let us know OR if you don't have the time but have any unwanted gardening tools, bulbs, seeds, plant pots etc. then likewise please get in touch.

Family Selfie/Achievements at home

We are looking for family selfies from all our families, could everyone please email one to Mrs Miller at the below email ASAP. These will be on display in the nursery for the full year to help make the children feel safe and secure in their nursery environment. In addition to this we would love to see your child's achievements outside of nursery, please send these photos via email and we can put them on nursery screen in the foyer for everyone to see.

Nursery Absences

We really appreciate that you phone to let the nursery know if your child is going to be absent for whatever reason to avoid staff having to take time away from the children to make telephone calls. Thank you

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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