

Term One Newsletter

Wow we are already well into September and Autumn is starting. The weather is starting to turn with cooler mornings, but the children are still loving being out and exploring the garden. We go out in all weathers so please remember jackets, hats and gloves on chilly mornings so the children can still enjoy outdoor play. Children can leave a pair of labelled wellies in nursery if they want to.

Staffing

By now, you will all hopefully know we successfully recruited two new members of permanent staff over the summer holidays. Miss Derryn Cameron will be with us full time and will join Mrs McCombie as a key worker for the blue group. Miss Kimberley Shearer has also joined us on a part time basis. She will be with us Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. She has joined Miss Mclean and will be another key worker for the red group. They have both settled well into our routines and have both brought some great ideas to our setting already.

What we have been up to.

The children have settled back into nursery routine so well and we welcomed in lots of new faces. We have been following the children's interests and during term one so far and have explored lots of things like car washing, treehouses, woodwork, gymnastics, volcanos, lava and Ziggy. Lava and the floor is lava game, has been a huge interest shown in both classes and the children have been role playing, making up own games, exploring a lava obstacle course, learning about lava through videos, making our own volcano experiments and playing the floor is lava game with a song. It has been such great fun and good to see the children so engaged in activities. It seems so early to be talking



about Christmas already but before we know it, we will be in full Christmas swing. We have been doing our Cauliflower Christmas cards again this year and these will be sent home when we have created them. They can be purchased if you wish. All children will choose the design they want to do and will take time to create this specially.



Looking forward we will have our MacMillian 'coffee morning' to raise money for such a worthwhile charity and as a fundraiser for nursery to help us improve and develop our outdoor learning experience and to follow your children's interests even closer by getting resources that would help enhance experiences. Rather than a traditional 'coffee morning' we will have a large, exciting raffle and stall sort of set up with a variety of bakes and creations for you to access when you come to pick up your child from Nursery on Friday the 1st of October. This will be organised in the Nursery garden and all regulations and social distancing will be adhered to throughout. More information on prizes to be won, times and what we will have for sale will follow on the usual channels of communication.

See Saw

We are hopeful this will remain our way of creating your children's learning journey for the foreseeable and apologies for all the changes since we lost seesaw last November. We are very pleased the school have been able to purchase this and Aberdeenshire council have given the go ahead to use the service again. See Saw is a great and effective way for us to share your child's learning and nursery experience. By signing up to this you will see the learning happening and gain a deeper insight into your child's nursery experience. This can also be inactive, and we love seeing comments up on posts as well as reading these to your children to develop their experiences and create a link to home. If you have not yet signed up to See Saw, we would highly recommend it. We launched seesaw on Monday the 20th September and anyone who has handed in all forms will get a log in very shortly. If you have not handed in the completed form therefore you have not yet received a log in. Please talk to a member of staff if you require a new form.



Absences

Our attendance remains high in nursery and is improving all the time. We are delighted about this and enjoy seeing each and every child coming in to play and learn. Please do let the us know if your child is absent from nursery and the reason behind this absence. This is always appreciated but even more so at the moment. You can contact us on the nursery mobile by text or call between 8-6 or leave a message for us to receive in the morning. We also have the nursery email address you can contact us on, and this is checked throughout the day between 8-6 also. Please use these as preferred communication methods. As now we are an all year setting the school line is open between 8:30am-3:30pm term time and staff email addresses are not always monitored for reasons such as sickness, holidays etc.

The children have done so well, settled in brilliantly and they have coped with our new routines in nursery. We will as always be in contact through usual methods of communications for any updates or information that needs to be shared. We cannot wait to get an even better link between home and nursery set up with launching seesaw and other exciting things to come. Watch this space. We really look forward to the rest of the term and returning for term 2 which brings great celebrations like Christmas.

Thanks again for your continued understanding,

The Nursery Team. 😊