Braehead Nursery Newsletter August 2014

Welcome to a new session at Braehead Nursery. A special welcome to all the children and their families who have newly started with us at Braehead.



<u>Morning Class</u> <u>Start time:</u> 8.40-8.55am <u>End time</u>: 11.35-11.50am

<u>Afternoon Class</u> <u>Start time</u>: 12.30-12.45pm <u>End time</u>: 3.25-3.40pm

The Nursery doors run on a timer so will open and lock automatically at the session times. The extended Nursery hours mean that we have less time for staff lunch, setting up for the next class and staff meetings. We would really appreciate if Parents/Carers help us by not coming into the Nursery until the start times and collecting your child promptly at the end of the session.

<u>Staffing</u>



<u>Nursery teachers</u>: Mrs Low Mrs Fairhurst (Tuesdays) Due to the extended Nursery hours, Mrs Low will not work in the Nursery on a Tuesday. Mrs Fairhurst will be Nursery teacher on these days.

<u>Nursery Nurses</u>: Mrs Murray and Miss Young. Our Nursery Nurses work on a job share basis. They will work alternate morning and afternoons.

<u>Timetable</u>

We thought it might be useful to share our weekly timetable with you to make it easier to talk to your child about what they have been doing in Nursery. Monday - Library. Talk about Teddy's weekend.

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<u>Tuesday</u> - Music <u>Wednesday</u> - PE

<u>Thursday</u> -Every second Thursday morning we have a visit from the local church youth minister to share a story with us. <u>Friday</u> - Show and Tell. Teddy goes home.

On Monday 8th September, our morning Preschool class will be visiting Scotstown Library during normal nursery hours. We will require 3 parent helpers to accompany us for this trip. Please sign up on the noticeboard if you can help us on this date.



Nursery Piggy Bank



This session we are going to have a Nursery Piggy Bank. This is to help us to pay for our Christmas and Summer trips. We would like to ask every child to pay 50p per week into the Piggy Bank. This will be £4.00 for Term 1 which is up until the October holidays. We have a special folder to keep a record of any payments made. Please talk to Nursery staff if you would like to pay any Piggy Bank money.

Can you help?

Throughout the year, we often appeal for help with a wide range of things. We really appreciate your support.

<u>Current help</u>

*Our Mud Kitchen. We have started making preparations to have an outdoor play kitchen which will help children develop in many ways. Do we have any parent/carers who would be interested in making a very basic work top for the children?



• Any old children's magazines

 Kitchen roll tubes. These are great for many projects. It would be brilliant if we could build up a stock to have ready. (No toilet rolls allowed due to Health and Safety Guidelines).

Nursery Teddy



On a Friday, children take turns to have Teddy stay with them over the weekend. The pupils thoroughly love this experience and enjoy sharing the adventures with their friends using a simple diary.

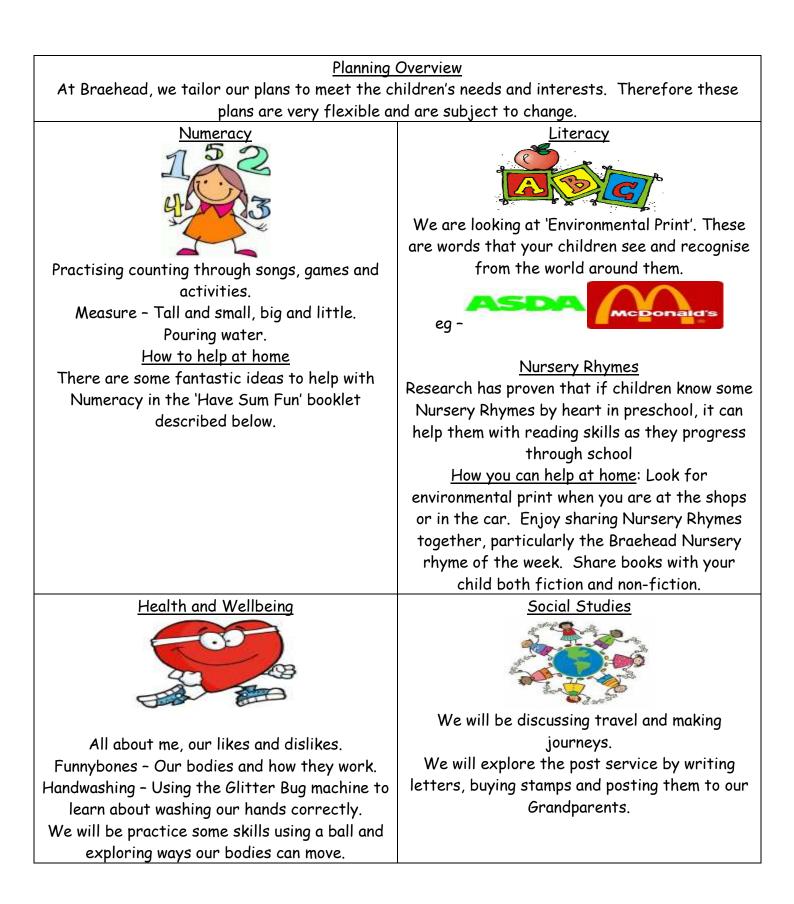


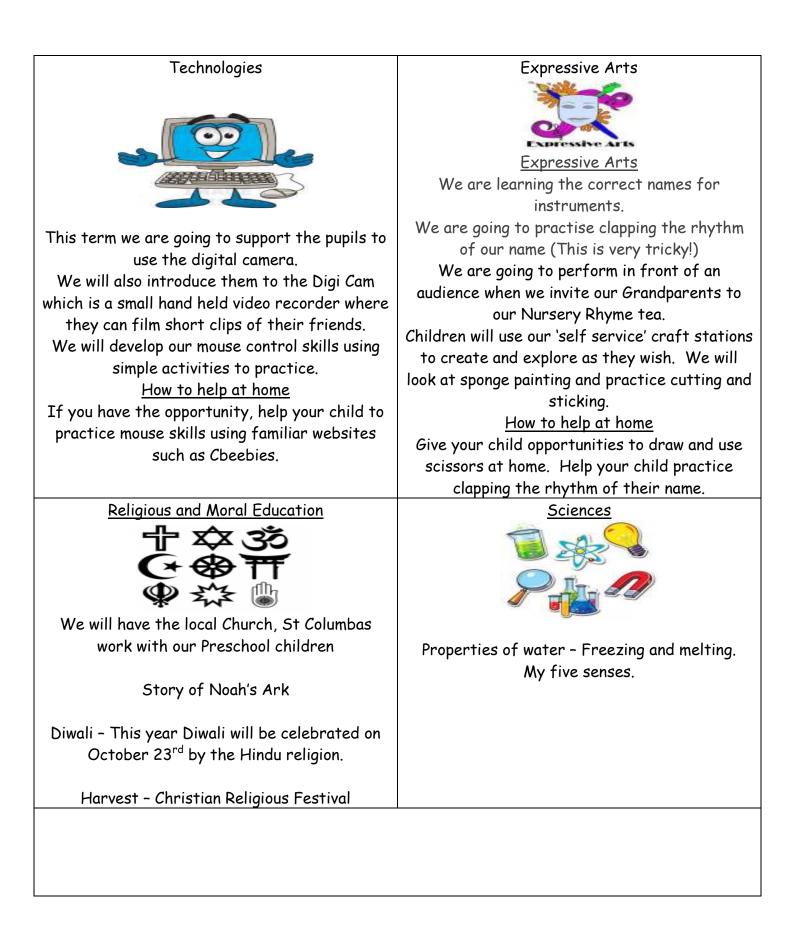


This term the snack fees are £2.50 per month or £20.00 for the term. The snack menus are displayed in the front entrance of Nursery. We also have a Parent/Carer choice week and a Children's Choice week. We will be issuing a suggestion slip soon to ask Parent/Carers for snack suggestions and we will collate them into a booklet.



On a Friday, we have a 'Show and Tell' time, where children can bring in one object to talk about with their friends. This can be any object of their choice. On occasion, we will have a theme for Show and Tell. We will inform families of this with a short note.





How can I help my child at home?

Many parents/carers ask how they can help and encourage their child at home. There are so many ways this can be done. Education Scotland have produced some helpful, practical information for families to use.

Every Day's a Learning Day

This is a fantastic resource created by Education Scotland for Parents/Carers of children aged 3 to 6. You can find it using the link below or use a search engine and type 'Every Day's a Learning Day'.

http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/EveryDaysaLearningDay3to6_tcm4-689254.pdf

'Have Sum Fun' - click the link below or find it by searching in a search engine. <u>http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/have%20sum%20fun_tcm4-408745.pdf</u>

Parent Zone

http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone/

Question of the Month



At Braehead Nursery, we have a Question of the Month to improve communication with Parents/Carers. You will find this on the Nursery noticeboard. We value your input so much and appreciate the time you take to help us to continually improve our work at Braehead.

The question this month is how you can help us at Braehead Nursery. We want to make the best possible use of the skills, talents and interests of our Parents/Carers. The children will gain so much from working with others and there are so many different ways this can be done. We are sending home a question sheet with all our pupils to ask you if would like to be involved in the Nursery in any way. I am confident that this will be a fantastic way of encouraging children's interests and developing their learning.



'Stay and Play' is when parents/carers are invited to spend some time with their child in Nursery. This is usually for about 45 minutes at the start of a session. We aim to hold this once a month. Look out for information about dates and times for this on the Nursery noticeboard.

Dates for your Diary



<u>Show And Tell - Friday 12th</u> <u>September</u> The theme this week will be 'My

Favourite Book'. It would be brilliant if every child can bring their favourite story to talk about. Please name your child's book.

> <u>Show And Tell - Friday 26th</u> <u>September</u>

We want to provide children with the opportunity to talk about their personal experiences. On this day, pupils can choose one special experience to talk about. This can be a wedding, holiday, circus, trip to the cinema etc. Anything at all that they have been part of. It would help your child if they could have a visual aid to help them such as a ticket, photo or object.

<u>Wednesday 8th October</u> We hope to have a Nursery Rhyme Celebration with our Grandparents/special family members. Children can invite 2 guests to this event. Please could you provide a stamp addressed envelope for the people that your child would like to invite to our Nursery Rhyme Celebration. We

will post the letters to give children the experience of writing a letter.

Thank you so much for your continued support and don't hesitate to get in touch to discuss any issue regarding your child at Nursery. The Nursery Team

