

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.

Nursery Times



Morning Class

Start time: 8.40-8.55am

End time: 11.35-11.50am

Afternoon Class

Start time: 12.30-12.45pm

End time: 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.

Staffing



Nursery teachers: 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.

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

Timetable

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.

Tuesday - Music

Wednesday - PE

Thursday -Every second Thursday morning we have a visit from the local church youth minister to share a story with us.

Friday - 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.

Current help

*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.

Snack



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.

Show and Tell



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.

Planning Overview

At Braehead, we tailor our plans to meet the children's needs and interests. Therefore these plans are very flexible and are subject to change.

Numeracy



Practising counting through songs, games and activities.

Measure - Tall and small, big and little.

Pouring water.

How to help at home

There are some fantastic ideas to help with Numeracy in the 'Have Sum Fun' booklet described below.

Literacy



We are looking at 'Environmental Print'. These are words that your children see and recognise from the world around them.



eg -

Nursery Rhymes

Research has proven that if children know some Nursery Rhymes by heart in preschool, it can help them with reading skills as they progress through school

How you can help at home: Look for environmental print when you are at the shops or in the car. Enjoy sharing Nursery Rhymes together, particularly the Braehead Nursery rhyme of the week. Share books with your child both fiction and non-fiction.

Health and Wellbeing



All about me, our likes and dislikes.

Funnybones - Our bodies and how they work.

Handwashing - Using the Glitter Bug machine to learn about washing our hands correctly.

We will be practice some skills using a ball and exploring ways our bodies can move.

Social Studies



We will be discussing travel and making journeys.

We will explore the post service by writing letters, buying stamps and posting them to our Grandparents.

Technologies



This term we are going to support the pupils to use the digital camera.

We will also introduce them to the Digi Cam which is a small hand held video recorder where they can film short clips of their friends.

We will develop our mouse control skills using simple activities to practice.

How to help at home

If you have the opportunity, help your child to practice mouse skills using familiar websites such as Cbeebies.

Expressive Arts



Expressive Arts

We are learning the correct names for instruments.

We are going to practise clapping the rhythm of our name (This is very tricky!)

We are going to perform in front of an audience when we invite our Grandparents to our Nursery Rhyme tea.

Children will use our 'self service' craft stations to create and explore as they wish. We will look at sponge painting and practice cutting and sticking.

How to help at home

Give your child opportunities to draw and use scissors at home. Help your child practice clapping the rhythm of their name.

Religious and Moral Education



We will have the local Church, St Columbas work with our Preschool children

Story of Noah's Ark

Diwali - This year Diwali will be celebrated on October 23rd by the Hindu religion.

Harvest - Christian Religious Festival

Sciences



Properties of water - Freezing and melting.
My five senses.

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.

http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/have%20sum%20fun_tcm4-408745.pdf

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 you 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
& play!



'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



Show And Tell - Friday 12th
September

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.

Show And Tell - Friday 26th
September

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.

Wednesday 8th October

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

