



Nursery Newsletter February/March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Title Change

The nursery staff's role has had a name change. We will now be known as Early Learning and Childcare Educators (ELCE) or Senior Early Learning and Childcare Educators (SELCE). The title change will be used on any future correspondence from the nursery.

Staffing Update

Mrs Emma Cuthbert (Principal Teacher) has now taken over the responsibility for the nursery full time.

Mr Fraser Milne (Early Learning & Childcare Educator) has now joined our team as the key person for the orange group in the afternoon.

Mrs Lynsey Henry (Early Learning & Childcare Educator) has also joined the team. Lynsey will be in the nursery from 10.30-1.30pm to take the children for lunch.

Mrs McCulloch (Daisy group) will continue to be absent due to family circumstances. Mrs Marion Michie will work with the daisy group on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

We have welcomed a Forth Valley College NC Childcare student (Diane Glover) on a Monday

and Tuesday until June 2019. Diane will work with Mrs Haughton in the blue group.



Superstar Assembly

Our next superstar assembly will take place on Friday 3rd May at 10am. Your child's key person will give you a letter inviting you along to celebrate with your child if they are chosen. Two children are chosen from each group per month. Your child will be unaware they are receiving a certificate so please can we ask you to keep it a surprise.

Literacy

Our focus this term is our story station. Each week we will ask the children to choose a story and rhyme of the week. To extend the children's learning we will use story stones, puppets, story spoons, sequence cards to retell the story, smartboard and games related to the focused story.

Outdoor Play Sessions with Primary 1 & 2

The children have the opportunity to become involved in loose part play with older learners from the school. The primary 1 and 2 children enjoy visiting the nursery to meet up with old friends and make new friends.

The sessions will be offered on a Monday AM session and a Tuesday PM session.

Each primary class has been allocated a week on a rota basis at first with the prospect of the sessions being opened to all primary 1 and 2 classes after the Easter holiday.

We are looking forward to seeing how our learners play and creations evolve over the coming weeks. Look out for our weekly tweets on @sunnyside_ps twitter page.



PEEP Sessions

We consulted with parents on which days and times would suit to run our PEEP sessions. This information has been collated and PEEP now runs every Thursday. Please see noticeboard for times

PEEP is a play based session between parents and their children to encourage bond/attachment and learning together. Hopefully we will see as many parents as possible coming along to have fun and learn new things.

Gym Sessions every Wednesday

Please can we ask that you bring your child to nursery with a change of shoes (e.g. black gym shoes) as they will be unable to participate in our gym sessions if wearing outdoor shoes. We would also like to ask that any children who have piercings are either taped over or removed on a Wednesday.

LIFT - Language is fun together

Mrs Chatburn has begun her second group of Narrative for children who would benefit from a small group of focused activities to build up confidence, listening and talking skills. Your child's key person will let you know if your child is involved.



We will continue to offer our teaching children to listen strategies within groups which promotes the use of good sitting, good listening and good looking through fun activities.

Learning journals

If anyone requires support accessing their learning journals or has not yet had their learning journal set up, please speak to Miss Campbell or Mrs Gentleman.

Toys

Can we please ask that the children are careful with what toys they are bringing into the nursery. Recently there have been occasions where children have become extremely upset when their toys have been lost. Staff do not hold responsibility for when toys are lost or misplaced.

Snacks/Allergies

We have children in our nursery with a whole range of allergies. Could we kindly ask that children do not come into the nursery setting with any snacks eg. biscuits, crisps etc as we cannot be certain to what the ingredients are within these items.

Yours sincerely,

Denise Penman
Headteacher