

# Nursery Newsletter 30.4.12

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## Welcome to the new boys and girls!

We are delighted to welcome new boys and girls to Nursery this term. The older children have been very helpful and caring towards the new children.

We have an open door policy and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff at any time. These are our contact details:

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Email: doffice573@ea.dumgal.sch.uk

Details regarding the new school blog will be sent out soon. The Nursery page will soon be ready and we hope to use this to keep you better informed about the work of the Nursery.

## Planning:

This week, the children will be learning about baby animals and life cycles. Following that, we are planning a child led topic week about trains! If you have any ideas or would like to be involved in the work of the Nursery, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

**Have you got an idea for a Nursery activity or something your child would like to do in Nursery. Write your idea on a post it note and stick it to our "Responding to children's interests" board which is just next to the key worker photos and group lists.**

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 7th May: May day holiday

Monday 14th May: Open Session 3-4pm

Tuesday 22nd May: Puppet show in the afternoon

Thursday 24th May: Parents Evening

Friday 25th May: Puppet show in the morning

Monday 4th June: Jubilee Party in Nursery

Tuesday 5th June: School holiday– Golden Jubilee

Tuesday 12th June: Nursery Potted Sports Day

## General Nursery Information

Children attending Nursery do not need a school bag. We would ask that children bring a change of clothes that is kept in the shoe bag provided on your child's peg.

Children who attend other Nurseries or child care can leave their bag with their key worker.



Children need a pair of indoor shoes and outdoor shoes at Nursery as well as a coat and wellies for outdoor play. Please provide your child with shoes that are easier to use, e.g. Velcro to help to encourage children's independence during shoe changing routines.

## Thursday parent activity days

Thursday parent activity days:

\*Are you free on a Thursday once a term or even once in a year?

\*Would you like to see what happens in the Nursery?

\*Could you come to help with a special activity (e.g. art activity, helping at number table, assisting children to play dominies) ?

If you would like to come to help on a Thursday, please complete the slip below! Parents and grandparents are very welcome. If you are interested in coming in more regularly, you are also welcome to speak to a member of staff. We hope that you will enjoy this opportunity to come in and help in the Nursery.

Mrs Mackenzie displays a rota of names of those interested. If the date does not suit, just let us know and we will find another date.

Parent Feedback Slip – Please cut and return slip if you have any suggestions. Thank you.

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## **Singing and Music:**

Every Thursday, we have a music specialist helping the Nursery to learn Scottish songs. This will continue until the summer holidays. The children have been enjoying these extra music sessions!

## **Book Area**

The Nursery staff are currently developing the book area to include an author of the month display and story sack displays. If you have any good ideas for this area please speak to a member of staff.

## **Primary 1 Transition**

From next week, groups of children will be going through to Primary 1 to play for a short period of time. The Primary 1 staffing has not been decided but children will have opportunities to become familiar with the Primary 1 learning environment and activities. This was a great success last year and we hope that this will help the children to become comfortable with the transition from Nursery to school. If you have any questions about transition, please feel free to ask staff at any time.

## **“Booked” Puppet Show:**

The family learning coordinator, Sandy Brown, has organised a special Nursery event for Dads and Grandparents to come to Nursery. It will take the form of a puppet show. Further details will be sent out in a letter.

Dates:

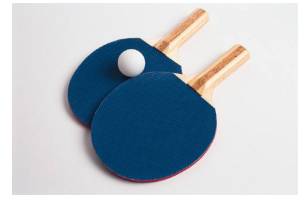
pm session: Tuesday 22nd May

am session: Friday 25th May



## **Sticky Kids/ Potted Sports:**

Mrs Dickson has been taking groups once a week for Sticky Kids. The children have had a lovely time and have enjoyed all the singing and movement activities. This term, Mrs Dickson is taking groups to work on a variety of potted sports. Our potted sports day for parents will be on **Tuesday 12th June**.



Please return the survey attached to this newsletter regarding the Nursery building before Friday 11th May. We would like to hear your views about how the building could be improved.



## **Sponsored Listen**

**Thank you to everyone who sponsored their children to listen to several stories at the start of March. We raised £393.50 to buy a listening station. Well done!**

## **Open Session**

**Please come along to our open session to talk to staff, look at PLPs and find out about planning.**

**Monday 14th May  
3-4pm**

## **We have been listening to your views about the PLPs.**

Thank you to all the parents who returned the surveys in December regarding the PLPs (Special Books). We have listened to your ideas and we really appreciate all the feedback that you gave. We now complete a monthly “photographic” observation for each child and that enables parents and children to talk about experiences at Nursery together. We have reviewed our focused observations and we continue to carry out a range of focused observations regarding skills across the curriculum.

**Thank you for your help with this!**