

Welcome to Heathhall Early Learning and Childcare Centre



What we have been learning

We had a wonderful end to 2023 in nursery. Our Christmas songs celebration in the nursery garden was enjoyed by all! This involved the children choosing songs and then voting on their favorites. Learning new songs and then building their confidence to sing them in front of a very large audience.

Investigations were led by the children into the changing states of water with freezing and thawing. Clay pinch pots were made by the children for presents which prompted discussions about how the clay changed from soft and squidgy when making the pot shape to hard when it dried. Making these helps to strengthen our fingers and the development of our fine motor skills. This month we are supporting our new children with settling in and the routines of nursery. **The RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch is at the end of January and we will be taking part.** Information will be sent home and we will also be looking for and counting birds in the nursery garden.

BookBug sessions

Our parent & child BookBug sessions are interactive sessions where we enjoy stories, songs and games in the school hall from 11am - 11.30am -

Friday 19th January 2024

Friday 2nd February

Friday 23rd February

Friday 8th March

Friday 22nd March

Please contact Mrs Townsend if you'd like to come to a session, but can't make those dates and we will try and accommodate you 😊

Care Inspectorate - our regulatory body

We had an inspection from Care Inspectorate on Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st November and we would like to share their report with you. We are very proud of the acknowledgment of our good practice, hard work and staff team. A copy has been attached to this newsletter and printed copies of the report are available from nursery. Thank you for your support 😊

Nursery enrolment for next year

New start 3 year olds will have an enrolment form sent to their home address. Returning children will receive an enrolment form for your child's second year of nursery from nursery. **All forms to be returned to nursery before Friday 2nd February.**

Please share this information and Mrs Townsend's contact details with anyone who may have a child due to start nursery.

All new start children are welcome to get in touch to come and look around nursery and chat before completing their forms 😊

Please contact nursery via email - gw15townsendsawleyca@ea.dumgal.sch.uk or leave a message at the school (01387 702590). You can also check the school blog **Nursery** tab for information and **What's happening in Nursery** tab for pictures of learning in the nursery. <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/dg/heathhallschool/>

January 2024

Dates for your diary

Half Term Holiday

Closed end of Friday 9th
February - Open
Thursday 15th February

Easter Holiday

Closed end of Friday
22nd March - Open
Monday 8th April

May Bank Holiday

Closed end of Friday 3rd
May - Open Tuesday 7th
May

Summer Holiday

Closed end of Monday 1st
July.

All holiday dates at - <https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/15239/School-term-and-holiday-dates>

Parent Council

We have a very active Parent Council in the school and **welcome nursery parents to join.** There is no pressure to take a position, but welcome your ideas and input. Our upcoming meetings are Tuesday 23rd January and Tuesday 14th May; both at 6.30pm in the school hall. Please message Mrs Townsend for more details or email - heathhallparentcouncil@gmail.com