







Welcome to our Spring Newsletter, we are all looking forward to the better weather and excited to see the snowdrops and daffodils emerging, albeit through the frost sometimes.

Playdough Disco

After the success of this disco we are hoping to make this a regular event, please look out for the survey on our Twitter feed. It has been super to have our DJ Marky Boy bring this to life and allowing us to see all the amazing dance moves you have. Next disco Tuesday 7th March (children only)

Parents invited on 21st March - Look out for sign-up sheets!





Wildlife Outdoor Events

We enjoyed a super week of activities where we painted bird houses, made bird feeders and birdbaths. We also planted seeds and did some weeding which cleared space in the caterpillar garden for our vegetable patch.

A huge thank you to all those families who came along to join in the fun it was so good to see you.





All the rooms are continuing to make sure there is plenty of food for the birds with feeders and now we are starting to plant flowers that will attract the insects they love to eat in the summer.



<u>Let Love Grow</u>

We have enjoyed our trees in reception so much that we will be keeping them as they will transform into an Easter Branch so look out for the change!







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Playroom updates

Baloo Baleerie Animal Experiences

Over the last few weeks the children in Baloo Baleerie have had a massive interest in different animals experiences such as books, songs and resources.

Week 1 – Farmyard Sensory Tray

The children have been enjoying 'Old MacDonald had a farm' song and looking at the animal books. We set up a farmyard experience for everyone to explore.





Week 2 – Jungle Sensory Experience

Following on from the farmyard experience, this week the children curiously investigated the jungle sensory experience.





Aiken Drum

To celebrate St David's Day the children were able to taste Welsh Cakes and have Daffodils to decorate the snack table thanks to Maggie's Mum.





Zickety Dickety Dock

Children took a trip to the shop. They made a list, chose their items, paid with cash and used the ingredients to make a yummy snack!









Ally Bally Bee

Team work! The children were working together using problem solving skills to construct a den in different ways, using the large blocks.



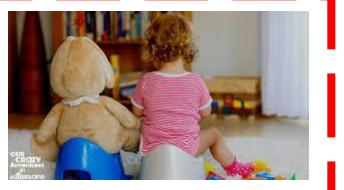




Thinking about toilet training your child?

Use this link for handy hints and tips, https://www.parentclub.scot/articles/toilet-training

This is also a good website to have a look at,



https://www.parentingacrossscotland.org/info-for-families/resources/ready-steady-toddler-nhshealth-scotland/

Transition to Primary 1

We will be in touch soon with information on starting school and the transition work that will be going on in conjunction with the Schools.



Parent Consultations - ZDD and ABB

These will begin on w/c 17th April and be a morning or afternoon slot telephone conversation. You will receive a letter / email to conform dates and times.

During the 10 minute consultation you will have the chance

to speak with your child's keyworker about their progress

in Maths, Literacy and Health and Wellbeing.

This gives you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have relating to their learning in nursery.

Extreme Weather

Please ensure that your child is always dressed appropriately for the weather. As we approach a cold spell make sure they have hats, gloves and wellies to allow them to enjoy the outdoor experiences. The children play outside in all weathers and need their wellingtons every day as our garden can be very muddy. On wet days, please provide a waterproof suit or jacket and trousers.

Please remember to label all your child's belongings with their name.

Family participation Group – Come and Join US

We will be holding an OPEN DAY to create a Parent Forum/Voice that will involve families, the community, your skills and talents in our centres planning including trips/activities, routines and fundraising!

Look out for dates and times for you to sign up to come along, alternatively give your contact details to staff and someone will be in touch!

International cookbook

We are very interested in receiving your traditional home recipes which we hope to collate into a cook book to be part of our enterprise topic.

The more exotic the better!

Write down or email your recipe to us and we will try to include as many as we can, feel free to include a photo of the dish too and we can illustrate the book.







Where does your name come from?

We would like to explore the various names given to the children by our families, and their meaning. We hope to celebrate the countries they come from and the diversity of our community.

Please email us with your names and meanings!

For example Rosalind Robertson our Depute The name Rosalind is a girl's name of Spanish origin meaning "pretty rose" How true !



<u>Dates for the Diary</u>

17 th March	Holi Festival with rainbow run in nursery
	Chuck it in a bucket donation for Comic Relief
27 th – 31 st March	Sponsored Easter Boot camp
	(Information above and at both doors)
Friday 31 ^{s†} March	Term Time Children Stop for Easter Break
Monday 17 th April	Term Time Children Return
Friday 7 th April	Good Friday Nursery Closed
Monday 10 th April	Easter Monday Nursery Closed
Thursday 20 th and Friday 21 st Thursday 27 th April	

Pre School Vision Screening (Optometrists are trying to offer an alternative date for start of the week e.g.: Monday or Tuesday TBC)

CAR PARK

Thank you to the parents who are not parking in the drop off space and to those who have their disabled badge displayed.

We have been in contact with the Campus Cop from the Cluster and have asked him to come and visit during our busy traffic times to give any suggestions to support the flow of traffic and the safety of children attending the centre.