



Giffnock Primary School

Nursery Class Newsletter

February/ March 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Come and Play Days

We enjoyed having parents and carers in to the nursery recently for our Come and Play days and hope you enjoyed a little sample of what we get up to. We will be offering a Curriculum Evening on the 31st of March from 6-7pm so if you didn't get the chance to visit during the day (or if you'd like to join us again!) it would be lovely to share ideas and activities with you that you could try at home. In particular we'd like to share some ideas for outdoor learning as there are so many simple and fun things you could do that are right on your doorstep. Literally!

Imaginative Play

After taking a vote of all the morning and afternoon children, we transformed our role play area into a fire engine. It has been very popular and has led to us having a visit from our local fire station. The children were able to use the hoses and some went into the cab and tried on the helmets and breathing apparatus. It was very exciting indeed! Maybe there are some future firefighters in the making.



Forest Trips

Our Forest Nursery visits have taken place over a 6 week block and we have had fun exploring and learning to use tools safely. We discovered an underground house and researched what might live there. We took magnifying glasses and the camera to look for clues. We found little feathers and claw/paw prints..... If any parents or carers would like to volunteer for the next block of Forest visits we would be delighted to speak to you about it (even if your child is not going on the trips). A big thank you to Hasnain, Ruaridh and Katie's mum and to Daniel's granny. We couldn't have done it without you!







Dream Big Day

Just a wee thank you to parents and carers who returned their Dream Big Day letters and to let you know that the children can dress up on Wednesday (25th) as whatever they'd like to be when they grow up ☺

On that note we would like to ask parents to reserve dressing up costumes for special days like this and to discourage children from dressing up when coming to nursery. We will be putting out the nursery dressing up clothes again for children who enjoy dressing up and pretending.

End of Year Trip - Thank you for taking time to vote on where you would like to visit. Our winning location is Almond Valley and the date for our visit is Friday 19th June. In order to make our outing as successful and enjoyable as possible, we will invite one parent/ carer to accompany their child on the full day outing. You will receive more details next term.

We would also like to ask parents/ carers to take time to review their contact and collection list. It is important we have up to date information regarding emergency contacts as well as the names of the adults who are eligible to collect your child. If you would like to amend these details, please speak to a member of the nursery team.

Curricular Area	Experience and Outcome	 How you can help at home
Literacy	I enjoy exploring and playing with the patterns and sounds of language and can use what I learn. LIT 0-01a	We have been looking at our names and the pattern of letters and sounds and are beginning to recognise some of the sounds in our own name.  Opportunities to play games to build sound recognition: I Spy; Alliteration Name Games: Brilliant Ben or Strong Sarah; Memory Games such as matching pairs or guess what's missing.
Numeracy	I have explored numbers, understanding that they represent quantities, and I can use them to count, create sequences and describe order. MNU 0-02a	We have been ordering and sequencing numbers. We used scales to weigh our ingredients  Continue to provide opportunities to use small amounts of money in a real shopping experience.
Health and Wellbeing	I am developing my movement skills through practice and energetic play. HWB 0-22a	We have enjoyed working with a variety of materials: shaving foam, playdough, cornflour and tap-a-shape and have created lots of interesting shapes, patterns and pictures. We have also been practising throwing and catching, pedaling our new nursery bikes and building using our new large construction toys.  In order to develop small and large movement skills, opportunities for a variety of activities help to develop hand/eye coordination: jigsaws, lego, plasticine, balloon play as well as visiting the play park.
Science	I have observed living things in the environment over time and am becoming aware of how they depend on each other. SCN 0-01a	We have been observing living things in our playground. We followed instructions on how to plant seeds, beans and peas and are using our observation skills to keep a plant diary and to record change.

Key Information & Diary Dates



Please note - Sometimes there will be opportunities for experiences at short notice. To keep you up to date, we will add new information to the small notice board above the children's trays.

Key Dates -

- **Wed 25th Mar 2015 - Dream Big Day**
- **Tues 31st March 2015 - Curriculum Evening- 6pm-7pm**
- **Thurs 2nd April 2015 - Spring Service at Orchard Park Church 1.30pm**
- **Mon 22nd June AM and PM - Graduation**

Thank you for all the support you give the nursery and for the positive feedback you provide which helps us improve and tailor the service we provide for your children.

The Nursery Staff



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