



Giffnock Primary School Nursery Class Newsletter



February-March 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware a castle has been built in the nursery! We are extremely excited about this and a big thank you to our wonderful janitor Mr Blair for helping and advising us 😊



We took part in the RSPB Big Bird Watch and spotted different types of birds in the playground.



The parental drop-ins were very popular and a big thank you to Mrs McWilliam and Mrs Khan for providing these.

Mrs Bell's Bookbug sessions are now underway on Wednesdays and you are welcome to come along even if you missed the first one. These are for ante-preschool children and their parents/carers (and babies!) and they are held in the school library.

Our Forest visits for our preschool children have restarted and we are looking for signs of Spring. Surely it can't be that far off!

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on the 3rd of March and are excited about welcoming back Macastory storytellers.



Soon it will be Fairtrade Fortnight and we will be eating a Big Fairtrade Breakfast at nursery and learning about why Fairtrade is so important. More details to follow!

Literacy



I enjoy exploring events and characters in stories and other texts and use what I learn to invent my own, sharing these with others in imaginative ways.

We are reading traditional tales about castles, princesses and knights. We are inventing our own stories and illustrating them.



Invent make-believe stories and act them out!

Health & Wellbeing



I can describe how I feel after taking part in energetic activities and I am becoming aware of the changes that take place in my body.

We have enjoyed fitness sessions with our Active Schools Coordinator Marie Baxter and have been thinking about how exercise makes our bodies feel.



If you are taking part in energetic physical play talk about how your breathing changes and if you can feel your heart beating faster.

Numeracy



I have experimented with everyday items as units of measure to investigate and compare sizes and amounts in my environment, sharing my findings with others.

We have been looking at different sizes indoors and out and using the language of measure to describe these. We used measuring tapes outdoors to compare sizes.



Look for objects of different sizes/heights and talk about bigger/smaller, longer/shorter, etc.

Key Information & Diary Dates



Planning - Our February-March plan is on the wall. Please feel to ask about it or add comments on the post-its provided.

Dates for the diary:

Wednesdays at 9.10-9.40am and 1.10-1.40pm Bookbug sessions

Thursdays (PM) and Mondays (AM) Forest visits

Tuesday 1st March Big Brushathon Day(Watch noticeboard/Twitter for more information)

Thursday 3rd March World Book Day

Wednesday 9th March Big Fairtrade Breakfast

Monday 14th March Nursery profiles home to share

Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th March Parents' interviews

Friday 25th March Good Friday-nursery closed

Monday 28th March Easter Monday-nursery closed

Friday 1st April Nursery closes for Easter holidays (2.30pm after church service for afternoon nursery class- no wraparound service)

Inclement Weather - As always we will be going out to play in all weathers so please bring suitable clothing for your child. We do have a supply of rainsuits and wellies but it is good for the children to get used to putting on and taking off their own jackets etc.

Safety - Please continue to be vigilant about opening and closing the gates in the nursery cloakroom. It keeps everyone safe.

Also please be respectful of Primary 1 when you are picking up your children and discourage them from being noisy/running in the cloakroom area. Thank you!

Finally the nursery door will open at 8.45am when the school football bell rings. Unless your child is attending the Wraparound service in the morning please do not buzz before this.

Communication

You can look at our Big Books in the cloakroom area to see what we've been up to.

Don't forget to keep up to date with our nursery **Twitter** page which has lots of useful tips and information.

We now have 124 followers! You don't have to follow us to view it but it would be great if you did 😊

<https://twitter.com/GiffnockNursery>

Please keep your eye on the whiteboard in the cloakroom for any last minute info/requests, etc.

The office staff will also send group texts or emails to ensure you are in the loop. If you think you are not getting information ask a member of staff to ensure we have the correct contact details for you.

Thank you

Mrs Brown & The Nursery Staff



Parent/ Child's Name: _____

Parental Feedback:

Child's comments: