



Giffnock Primary School Nursery Class Newsletter



April-May 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been extremely busy at nursery celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight with our Big Breakfast and looking for the Fairtrade logo everywhere. Thanks especially to our Eco Warriors Lara and Cory for helping to prepare and serve breakfast for the whole school!



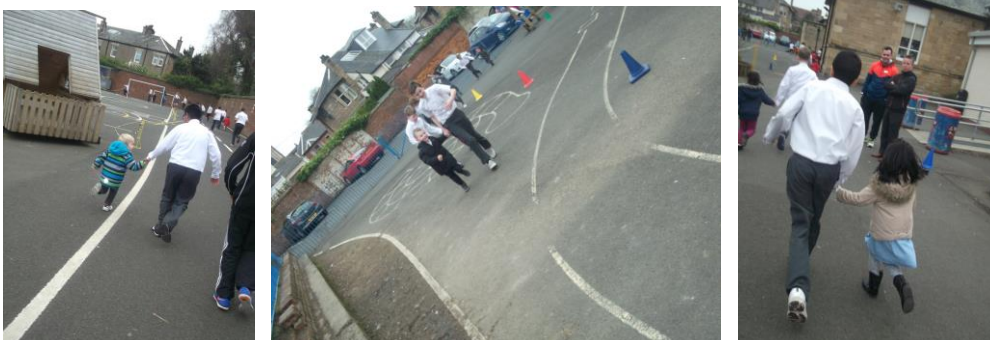
We celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite characters and having a visit from Macastory Storytellers.



We took part in the Big Brushathon and all brushed our teeth at the same time for 2 whole minutes! Thanks to the mums who joined us. The real dentist came to look at our younger children's teeth and we pretended to be dentists ourselves.



We ran and walked a mile for Sport Relief with the help of Primary 7. Well done!



Literacy



As I play and learn, I enjoy exploring interesting materials for writing and different ways of recording my experiences and feelings, ideas and information.

We will be writing invitations, making lists and designing posters and tickets for our Garden Party celebration with Primary One.



Have a go at "writing" invitations, labels or signs at home 😊

Health&Wellbeing



I know and can demonstrate how to keep myself and others safe and how to respond in a range of emergency situations.

We will be talking about ways of keeping ourselves safe, for example Stranger Danger, getting lost, crossing the road safely and being safe near water.



Chat to your child about what they might do if they found themselves in a tricky situation. Preschool children can link this to Forest Nursery rules for keeping safe.

Numeracy



I am developing my awareness of how money is used and can recognise and use a range of coins.

We will be making items to sell at our Garden Party and handling money. We will sort coins and use them in the roleplay area.



Use simple coins to buy items with your child and talk about amounts. Save pennies in a bank and count them together.

Key Information & Diary Dates



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

Travelling Ted- Back by popular demand!!! Dave (AM) and Popcorn (PM) will be coming for a sleepover soon. Full instructions in suitcase provided!

Dates for the diary:

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

Monday 18th April- Nursery restarts

Wednesday 27th April- Vision Screening for morning preschool children.

Thursday 28th April- Vision Screening for afternoon preschool children.

Monday 2nd May- May Day Holiday

Thursday 5th May- School/nursery closed for election (polling station)

Tuesday 10th May and Thursday 12th May-Come and Play Day. Letter to follow to allow choice of day.

Thursday 26th May (AM and PM) Garden Party with P1

Friday 27th-Monday 30th May- Holiday weekend

Tuesday 31st May -In-service day for staff-nursery closed.

Thursday 2nd June- Primary One induction afternoon for children moving on to Giffnock Primary School

Friday 10th June Nursery Sports' Day (internal only, no spectators!)

Tuesday 14th June-preschool nursery children invited for school lunch at Giffnock

Friday 17th June- Family Outing to Loch Lomond Sealife Centre (and a big thank you for all Toy Fund contributions which helps subsidise outings like this 😊)

Wednesday 22nd June-Nursery Graduation morning and afternoon. (Last session for afternoon class)

Thursday 23rd June- school/nursery closed for Referendum (polling station)

Friday 24th June-School closes 1pm- no afternoon session.

Thursdays (PM) and Mondays (AM) Forest visits continue for preschool children. As this coming term is so busy there may be changes to the forest visits but we are very fortunate to be able to use the school grounds when we cannot get to the woods 😊

Outdoor Play- 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 respect other classes at work when dropping off and picking up your children. In addition please remember that you should not enter the back playground until the first bell has rung (2.55pm) as the nursery and school classes may be outdoors.

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 143 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: