



Giffnock Primary School

Nursery Class Newsletter



September/October 2014

Dear Parents/Carers

A warm welcome to all of our children and parents at Giffnock Nursery whether you are returning for your second year or have recently started with us in August. The children in both sessions have settled well and those returning for a second year are finding old friends as well as making new ones. This newsletter summarises some of the learning from our current plan and provides a few



ideas about how you can further develop this with your child/children. A detailed plan is displayed in our parent area for your perusal and comments.

We have had a busy start to our year and a variety of learning opportunities for the children both in and out of the nursery. This week our first group of Forest Learners (pre-schoolers) took their learning outdoors to the woodland area of Eastwood Park and mapped out their walk round the woods. They are looking forward to planning their learning for their next visit and if any parents/carers would like to take part, please speak to a member of the nursery team. I have included some of the photos below.









In response to the children's ideas, we went shopping in our local area to buy ingredients for strawberry tarts. They wrote their shopping list, packed essential items such as money, a phone in case of emergencies and bags to carry their shopping. Both Mrs Ferguson and I were delighted to receive a taster of the baked goods! Please ensure you have returned your local area consent form as children without a completed form will unfortunately not be able to take part in such visits.



Dave (a.m.) and Popcorn (p.m.) our travelling teds are starting to go home with some of the children for a visit and sleepover. We look forward to hearing about what the bears have been up to each visit and have provided a diary for you to complete with your child. Please feel free to share in a way of your choosing as over the years we have had stories, photographs, video clips and drawings.

Our planning is on display in the cloakroom area of the nursery for everyone to read. Please feel free to read and comment. Post-it notes are provided in our parent area for you to add ideas or comments from your child. I have included an example of our learning focus in Literacy, Numeracy and Science below.

Literacy	Science	Numeracy
 <p>I can share and record experiences and feelings, preferences, ideas and information in a variety of ways.</p> <p>We are sharing our stories during Circle Time as well as recording our news in our <i>Big Book of Learning</i>.</p>  Encourage your child to write/mark make/ draw about their activities with Travelling Ted and share their likes and personal experiences.	 <p>I can identify the different senses and use them to explore the world.</p> <p>We are investigating different materials by sorting them into their uses and testing how strong/ waterproof etc. they are.</p>  Discuss with your child the materials they use for different events e.g. rubber for wellington boots or cotton for a sunny day etc.	 <p>I can collect objects and ask questions to gather information</p> <p>We are gathering and displaying information about favourite snacks etc. using our interactive board to enable the children to compare information.</p>  Provide opportunities for your child to sort objects into categories - cutlery, organising their toys, helping to put away clothes.

Key Information & Diary Dates



Please note - There will be other opportunities for experiences which cannot be notified in advance. We will use the whiteboard in the Nursery Foyer to keep you up to date.

Meet the Teacher - All parents and carers are welcome to visit the nursery and meet Mrs Bradley on Tuesday 16th September between 6 and 7pm. This is a drop-in event for parents and carers to look at the resources and learn about the play within the nursery.

Referendum Vote - Please note the nursery and all wrap facilities will be closed on Thursday 18th September.

School Forms - If you have not already, please return all consent forms to nursery staff or the office.

Student - This term we are delighted to welcome our students Ms Taylor who will be working with our CDOs every Monday and Tuesday until December and Ms Harvey who will begin her 2 week teaching placement next week.

Wet Weather - 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.

Thank you

Mrs Frew & The Nursery Staff



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