



# Giffnock Primary School

## Nursery Class Newsletter



October/November 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a wonderful time in nursery learning all about "Under The Sea." Our afternoon children performed their assembly on this theme and were confident and enthusiastic performers. Well done ☺

Our younger children enjoyed a visit to Morrisons' Fish Counter where we saw and discovered all about some of the fish they sell. We really liked the squid!

We are very excited to be having a visit from the Loch Lomond Aquarium sea creatures next Tuesday (28<sup>th</sup> October). We really are going to be sea life experts soon!



We have been planting autumn flowering plants in the nursery garden and also walked to Morrisons to buy Spring flowering bulbs to plant.



Our Forest visits are well underway and a big thank you to parents and carers who come along. We couldn't do it without you! We have recreated a mini "forest" within the playroom with lots of interesting autumn items (a special thanks to Lara for the 69 conkers!). We made magic wands from whittled sticks in the woods for spooky spells. We even had "ghost toast" at snack time ☺



Our thoughts are now turning to Halloween, Bonfire Night, the festival of Diwali and St Andrew's Day. We are looking forward to sampling different foods relating to different celebrations. The morning children will be performing their assembly on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November at 10am.

## Literacy



I enjoy exploring and playing with the patterns and sounds of language and can use what I learn.

We have been creating rhyming spells for Halloween. We are very good at finding and generating rhyming words 😊 We have had a go at writing our own spells too.



Have a go at reading rhyming stories with your child or recite well known nursery rhymes together.

It is fun to make up silly rhymes!

We like

"Mrs **White** got a **fright**

In the middle of the **night**.

She saw a **ghost** eating **toast**

Halfway up a lamp **post**."

Let us know if you come up with any good rhymes!

## Health&Wellbeing



I enjoy eating a diversity of foods in a range of social situations.

We will have the opportunity to taste different types of food during our festival celebrations and at snack time. We are looking forward to making pumpkin soup to go with the story. Yum!



Please share any simple, tasty recipes you might have and enjoy trying different foods with your child at home.

Encourage your child to describe how different foods taste.

What do they like/not like about certain foods?

## Numeracy



I am aware of how routines and events in my world link with times and seasons, and have explored ways to record and display these using clocks, calendars and other methods.

We are thinking about dark nights and love playing with the torches at nursery. We have been thinking about light and dark, night and day.



Ask your child about things that happen at specific times of the day and night. What happens in the morning/afternoon? When do the stars come out? What does the sky look like during the day?

## 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 our whiteboard.

**Planning** - We have been using our 'Big Book' to gather information about some of the learning that has taken place in the nursery. The children have enjoyed sharing their learning with each other and love hearing your comments. There are post-its and pens located in the parent/ carer area. Please feel free to add your comments to any page.

### Dates for the diary

**Friday 30th October**- Halloween celebrations. Please feel free to dress your child up, but please...no scary masks!

**Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> November** - Guy Fawkes celebrations! Children's profiles home.

**Week Beginning 9<sup>th</sup> November** - Diwali celebrations

**11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November** - Parents' consultations will take place in the nursery playroom. Times will be issued closer to the date.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November** - The morning nursery children will be leading our whole school assembly from 10.00 till 10.30am.

**Week Beginning 24th November** - preparations for St Andrew's Day Celebration

**Student** - This term we have been joined by Ms Cooley who will be working with our CDOs every Thursday and Friday.

**Wet 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** - To work together to ensure the safety of all children, the wooden gates must be closed after entering or exiting the nursery. Thank you for your support with this.

**Communication** - At Giffnock Nursery we appreciate comments and feedback on the learning within the playroom. There are many ways in which you can share your thoughts and ideas. As well as talking directly to a member of the nursery staff, there are the following opportunities for commenting located in the parent/ carer area:

- Big Book/ Planning wall
- Feedback forms

As a result of feedback from children and parents/ carers, we continually review our practice. We have included a tear-off slip at the end of this newsletter. Please feel free to fill it in!

Remember to keep up to date with our nursery **Twitter** page which has lots of useful tips and information and gives you updates on what we get up to when you're not there! You don't have to follow us to view it but it would be great if you did ☺

<https://twitter.com/GiffnockNursery>

Thank you  
Mrs Brown & The Nursery Staff



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Parent/ Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parental Feedback:**

**Child's comments:**