



Giffnock Primary School Nursery Class Newsletter



December 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

We have been having a very busy time at nursery celebrating different festivals. A big well done to the morning class for their wonderful assembly performance!



We dressed up for Hallowe'en and enjoyed scooping out pumpkins to make pumpkin soup. We read the story "Pumpkin Soup" by Helen Cooper which is about friendship and sharing as well as pumpkins!



We had a real fire outdoors on bonfire night and cooked chocolate bananas. The children were extremely responsible and followed our important safety rules.



We celebrated Diwali and a big thank you to Alesha for bringing in delicious treats from home for us to try☺



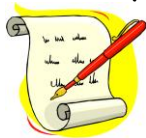
Our thoughts are now turning to Christmas and our show! We will be learning lots of lovely songs and once again performing in front of an audience which we do so well. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our performances.

Our Forest Visits will stop for December and January and will resume in February. Thanks to all the mums, dads and childminders who have come along and made these visits so much fun☺

Also a big thank you for all the Toy Fund contributions which enable us to pay for trips, buy ingredients for snack and invite visitors into the nursery, among other things.

Finally we are looking forward to our walk to Rouken Glen to find out about hedgehogs and habitats!

Literacy



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 Christmas cards and letters to Santa and maybe even a Christmas shopping list!



Encourage your child to "have a go" at writing. Even if you can't read it your child's writing is meaningful to them!

Health&Wellbeing



I am enjoying daily opportunities to participate in different kinds of energetic play, both indoors and out.

We will continue to enjoy outdoor play (except in severe weather) and will be up at the mud kitchen and out on the bikes, among other things. Our gym lessons have moved on to gymnastics.



Encourage your child to play outside weather permitting or enjoy winter walks together.

Numeracy



I enjoy investigating objects and shapes and can sort, describe and be creative with them.

We will be wrapping Christmas presents and looking at their shapes and their properties (number of sides, corners, etc)



Try spotting shapes when you are out and about in the environment, for example: road signs, windows, wheels, etc

Key Information & Diary Dates



Planning - Our December/January plan will be out soon for you to view. Our Big Books in the parents' area provide a snapshot of what we have been learning about. There is also a parent suggestion folder which you can add to or just browse through...

Dates for the diary

Thursday 26th November- last forest visit till February 2016!

Thursday 3rd December- walk to Rouken Glen AM&PM (all nursery children) to find out about habitats and make our own hedgehogs.

Wednesday 9th December-Christmas Show (PM performance 1.45pm)

Thursday 10th December- Christmas Show (AM performance 9.30am)

Thursday 17th December- Hopscotch Theatre company visit

Monday 21st December- Nursery Christmas Party (AM&PM)

Tuesday 22nd December - Service at Orchardhill Church (1.30pm)

Student -Ms Cooley will be working with our CDOs every Thursday and Friday until Christmas.

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 - 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 at lunchtime.
Could we please remind you that children attending nursery **in the afternoon should access the playground from the gate nearest the nursery entrance**. Thank you!

Communication - Thank you for your feedback about your child's learning from their nursery profile. It is helpful to us to hear what you think and what you'd like to see more of. As a result of your comments, we would like to draw your attention to the "Go Home" box which may contain your child's drawings/artwork. We can also provide "ask me about" stickers to encourage discussion about your child's experiences at nursery or keep up to date with our nursery **Twitter** page which has lots of useful tips and information. We now have 99 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.

Look out for information about Book Bug sessions and Come and Play Days in the new year.....

Thank you
Mrs Brown & The Nursery Staff



Parent/ Child's Name: _____

Parental Feedback:

Child's comments: