



Giffnock Primary School Nursery Class Newsletter



January 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to everyone!



We were delighted to take part in the Christmas Show with Primary 1 and 2 and were confident performers once again. We enjoyed our Christmas party and a special visitor came because we had been very good girls and boys 😊



We visited Rouken Glen to find out about hedgehogs and habitats but the plans changed on the day due to adverse weather conditions. Well done to all the children, parents and carers who braved the elements to take part on the day!

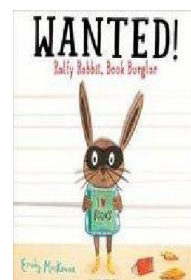
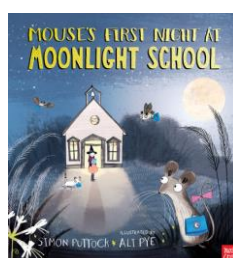
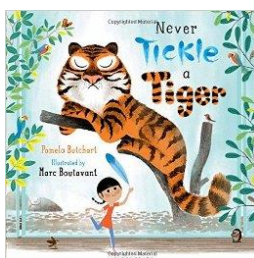
We enjoyed a visit from Hopscotch Theatre company as they performed "Jack and the Beanstalk." Most children loved it but it was a little bit scary!

Marie Baxter, our Active Schools' Coordinator, will be to running fitness sessions with both morning and afternoon children over the next 2 weeks. We are looking forward to that!

Our parental drop-in sessions are getting underway and the response has been fantastic! Mrs Khan and Mrs McWilliam will welcome you there 😊 If you were disappointed not to make the drop-ins, Mrs Bell will be running Bookbug sessions very soon so watch this space.

Our plan carries over into January and we are having a big focus on SHAPE! If you follow us on Twitter please feel free to send us photos of shapes you see when out and about or at home. It is a wonderful way of sharing information!

Finally we are looking forward to voting soon on our favourite book from The Scottish Book Trust. We have been reading the stories together and love them all in different ways. It will be an interesting result!



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 are experimenting with the Sahara trays (sand writing) chalkboards and mud writing outdoors. We still use conventional paper and pens of course but it's more exciting to ring the changes!



Have a go at writing in a variety of ways: with mud, shaving foam, on a steamy window or if we are lucky, in the snow!

Health & Wellbeing



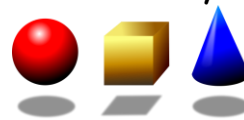
I am enjoying daily opportunities to participate in different kinds of energetic play, both indoors and out.

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. Marie Baxter is running mini fitness sessions with the children and Miss Reid will continue to introduce gymnastics to them.



Encourage your child to play outside, weather permitting, or enjoy winter walks together. Keep an eye on our Twitter feed for simple ideas that are also free (for example mud painting!)

Numeracy



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

We are immersing ourselves in shapes! The tap-a-shape is a fun way of creating shape pictures and the children have been creating their own sticky pictures too. There will be a shape hunt outdoors and we love the shape songs that have been shared on our twitter page.



Try spotting shapes when you are out and about in the environment, for example: road signs, windows, wheels, etc. Use junk to make models or bring it to nursery and make them with your friends 😊

Key Information & Diary Dates



Planning - Our plan continues into January and we are focusing on shape. Our Big Books continue to be updated so feel free to have a wee browse.

Dates for the diary

Thursday 14th and 28th January 2016 Drop-in for AM parents/carers 9.00-9.30am

Thursday 21st January and 4th February 2016 Drop-in for PM parents/carers 3.15-3.45pm

Friday 15th January 2016 POPP team visiting nursery to raise awareness of an exciting new parenting programme .

Monday 25th January 2016 we will be celebrating our "Scottishness" with songs, rhymes and haggis (vegetarian), neeps and tatties.

Monday 8th February 2016 we will be celebrating Chinese New Year (the year of the Monkey)

Tuesday 9th February 2016 is Pancake Day!

Thursday 11th February 2016 school/nursery closes for long weekend- reopens **Wednesday 17th February 2016**

Wednesday 17th February 2016- Bookbug sessions will begin for ante-preschool children and parents/carers. More information to follow.

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!

Communication

We 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 114 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: