



Giffnock Primary School

Nursery Class Newsletter

November-December 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's getting close to that time of year again and our thoughts are turning to all things festive! The roleplay area has become a Post Office to help us prepare parcels, letters and cards for Christmas ☺

Since the last newsletter we have celebrated Halloween (the costumes were fantastic!), talked about Bonfire night and even had our own wee fire to cook Smores.

We have been lucky enough to have had Bollywood dancing lessons with Seema, one of the Active Schools instructors, and the children have enjoyed taking part. Our last session is on the 28th of November.

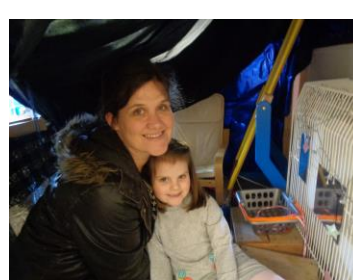
The morning nursery class performed their assembly confidently in front of parents and carers. Well done!

We held Come & Play days and were delighted to welcome many mums, dads and grannies. Please return your evaluation if you haven't already done so ☺

Our Forest visits will stop for a break on Thursday 1st December and will resume in the New Year.

A big thank you again for all Toy Fund donations. It's not too late if you haven't paid yet!

And finally we politely request that you respect the closing times of nursery sessions. If you are delayed please call and let the school office know. Many thanks.



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.

Tools Lit 0-21b



If you have any old Christmas cards they are a great for practising writing. Encourage your child to use the pincer grip when holding pens or pencils (like a wee crab nipping!)

Health&Wellbeing

I am learning to move my body well, exploring how to manage and control it and finding out how to use it and share space.
HWB 0-21a



Have fun dancing along to songs on the radio or put on some Scottish Country Dance music and keep the beat! It's impossible not to move to that kind of music!

Numeracy

Measurement I have experimented with everyday items as units of measure to investigate and compare sizes and amounts in my environment, sharing my findings with others. MNU 0-11a



Get your child to guess what objects are heavier or lighter. Try weighing them to check. Take your child with you when you go to the Post Office and have a look at what happens when you are posting a letter or parcel.

Key Information & Diary Dates



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

Dates for your Diary:

Fair Trade Stalls: 22nd November for two weeks. P5 will visit nursery with a little travelling shop. Children can make purchases W/B 28th November. See noticeboard for details.

Wednesday 23rd November: Dress Brightly Day for Road Safety Week. £1 to charity "Brake"

Wednesday 30th November: Wear something tartan for St Andrew's Day

Friday 2nd December: Storytelling workshops for parents and children with Macastory: Morning class: 10.15-10.35 Afternoon class 1.00-1.30 This is also Festive/Tinsel Day organised by the Parent Council!

15th December: Hopscotch Theatre Company present Aladdin. This is a morning performance but afternoon children may attend with their parents for this if they wish. Please let a member of staff know.

19th December: nursery Christmas performance/singalong. 11.15am and 2.15pm

20th December: Nursery Christmas party. Parents/Carers can come to see Santa arriving 11.15am and 1.30pm approximately ☺

21st December: nursery closes for holidays. 1.30pm Winter Service at Church and 2.30pm finish. No wraparound after nursery today.

5th January 2017: nursery re-opens.

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 231 followers! You don't have to follow us to view it but it would be great if you did ☺

<https://twitter.com/GiffnockNursery>

Mrs Brown & The Nursery Staff



Parent/ Child's Name: _____

Parental Feedback:

Child's comments: