

The Story of...



Maidenhill

Nursery Class



# Welcome



Hello and a very warm welcome to Maidenhill Nursery Class!

We are delighted that you will be joining us shortly and look forward to meeting you, and your families, very soon. Maidenhill Nursery is an incredibly exciting place, it is a safe place full of love, laughter and learning. We have lots of interesting and Creative learning environments for you to explore both indoors and outdoors. This booklet will show you some of the places where you can play, explore and learn within Maidenhill Nursery.

We will be in touch with your parents and Carers to arrange your transition into nursery; however, if they have any questions, they can contact us via schoolmail.

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Lots of love,  
The Maidenhill Family



# Meet the Team



Hello. My name is Alison Shaw and I am the Depute Head Teacher of Maidenhill Primary School and Nursery Class. You will see me come in to the nursery from time to time and usually come and play with the building blocks – I like to build different structures and balance blocks on top of each other. Maybe one day we could build something together?

I like to read books, go on walks with my dog and spend time with my family. I am looking forward to meeting you and hearing what you like to do at home.

Hi! My name is Dyan Spence. I love to tell stories and dress up at Nursery, especially in funny hats! I have a little boy at home and I enjoy going on adventures with him and his Daddy. I am the Nursery Forest Schools leader which means I will get to go on lots of exciting adventures with you outdoors. I love my job and cannot wait to meet you!



Hello! My name is Andrea Bannerman and I am the teacher at Maidenhill Nursery. I love teaching this age group and can't wait to welcome you into the Nursery. I enjoy sharing stories with the boys and girls, singing songs together and sharing nursery rhymes. Do you have a favourite story?

In my spare time, I enjoy reading books and swimming. I have previously taught in the Middle East and South East Asia and enjoy exploring new countries.

I look forward to meet you and having lots of fun whilst learning.

Hi! My name is Helen and I am one of the Child Development Officers at Maidenhill Nursery Class. I am married with two grown-up children and I have a lively cockapoo called Millie. I have two year old granddaughter called Sophie and have a second grandchild due in June.

I am passionate about my job and I would consider it to be one of the best in the world! It is a privilege to be able to work closely with children and their families, helping to support children to reach their full potential.

In my spare time, I enjoy cooking, gardening and sociAyaansing with my friends and family.



My name is Cheryl Irvine. My favourite colour is yellow and my favourite season is summer. I have a dog called Lola and she is 10 years old. I like going for walks, dancing and listening to music. I also like eating chocolate, going to the beach and watching movies.

Hi My name is Naz. I know you will be excited as you will be joining Maidenhill Nursery soon. My favourite song is "wheels on the bus". What is your favourite? My favourite activity to do in the nursery is baking lots of yummy treats with all the boys and girls. I have made pizza, pasta, and milkshakes! I am also bilingual, that means I can speak other languages such as Urdu and Punjabi. See you soon!



My name is Ciara Duffy I am a Child Development Officer at Maidenhill Nursery. I am a very active and social person and on a Saturday you are likely to find me on the side lines of a football pitch supporting one of my four boys. In my spare time I like going to the gym or participating in classes. I also enjoy going for long walks, watching good films and reading novels.





Hi, my name is Lynne and blue is my favourite colour. I spend a lot of my time at nursery outdoors and that is where you are most likely to see me. I have got 3 big boys at home so my house is always busy. When I'm not in nursery I like to go to my favourite coffee shop and meet my friends for coffee and cake!



Hi I am Heather Cook. My favourite colour is blue and I have ginger hair. I have two sisters, one older and one younger which puts me in the middle. My favourite things to do are baking, gymnastics and I decorate cakes for people when they have big parties or events. I am looking forward to seeing you when you join us at nursery.



We are all looking  
forward to meeting you!



# Meet Your Nursery Tour Guides



Hello! My name is Ayaan and I go to Maidenhill Nursery Class. I am 4 years old and I love to draw colourful pictures. My favourite part about going to Nursery is playing with my friends in the garden, swinging on the rope swing and climbing up the hill. What are your favourite things to do?



My name is Jenny and I go to Maidenhill Nursery Class. I am 3 years old and I love to fill the buckets with sand and pour it out again. I like to sing songs with my friends and share my news. I am excited to meet you and have a new friend to play with.

Would you like to come on a tour of  
Maidenhill Nursery with us?



# Coming into Nursery



Jenny has arrived at Maidenhill Nursery and is excited to spend the day playing and learning with her friends.

When Jenny enters the Nursery, she always remembers to look for her name and then hangs it on the 'Name Tree' at the front door. There are lots of names on the table for boys and girls in the **red** group, **blue** group and **green** group. As she scans the names she sees the letters 'J-e-n-n-y' on one of the tags, "That spells Jenny!"

After she has hung her name on the Name Tree, she notices a leaf that has the letter 'N' on it, "Ayaan is here!" she says excitedly.



Jenny walks through the gate to find where she hangs her jacket by looking for her name. Every child in nursery has an individual peg, this is their own special place where they can keep their belongings.

Once Jenny has hung up her bag and jacket, she takes off her outdoor shoes and puts on her indoor shoes.



Jenny and Ayaan have hung up their belongings and changed their shoes. They are now ready to play...

Would you like to play with them?

# Construction Area



Ayaan and Jenny love to play in the block area at Maidenhill Nursery. It is the first place they like to visit every morning. They enjoy using the different blocks to create lots of exciting structures and models. Jenny likes to use lots of different blocks when she is exploring and building, including ...

Long  
blocks

Rectangular  
blocks

Heavy  
blocks

Curved  
blocks

Short  
blocks

Triangular  
blocks

Light  
blocks

Hollow  
blocks

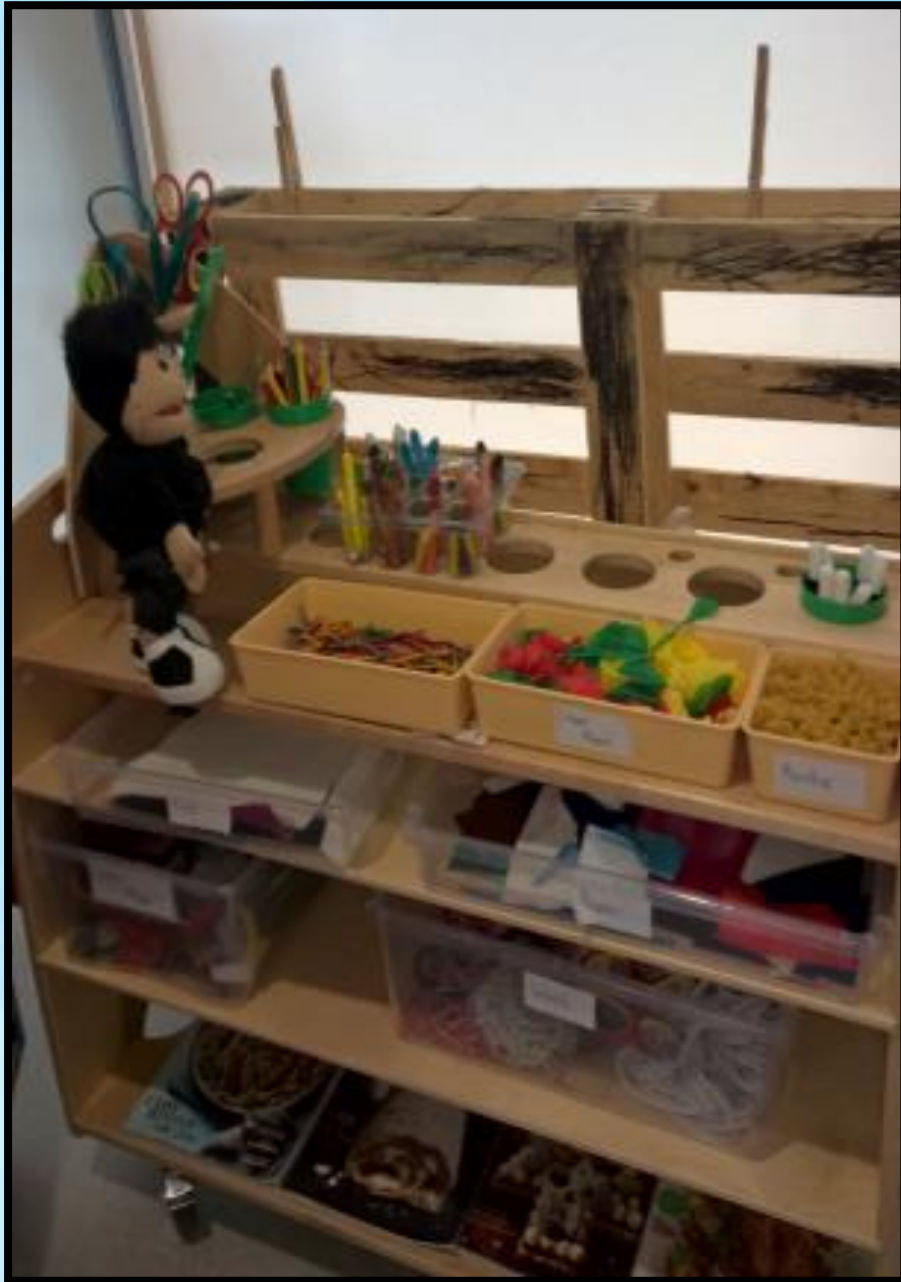
Can you see any of the blocks Jenny likes to play with in the picture?

Ayaan likes to build big and small towers and structures in the block area. He has been learning to balance blocks on top of one another and managed to build a tower that was taller than Jenny!

When Ayaan is building towers, he is developing learning lots of different things. He needs to make sure what he is building is safe, solve problems, share his ideas with his friends and think creatively –whilst using big movements and balancing skills.



# Junk Modelling



After he has finished playing with the blocks, Ayaan decides to visit the junk modelling station. He loves using his imagination to create models, pictures, toys and structures. Ayaan likes to use lots of different materials. Some of his favourite things to use are...

Lollipop  
Sticks

Yogurt  
Pots

Cardboard  
boxes

Bottle  
Lids

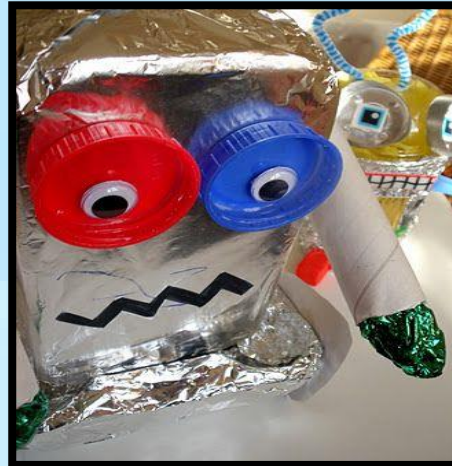
Buttons

String

Material

Pasta

Today Ayaan has decided to make a model robot. He has covered a cardboard box in tin foil and cut a hole to make a mouth. He then glued on bottle lids and added googly eyes. Do you like his design?



What would  
you like to  
create?



# Woodwork Bench



One of Jenny's favourite places in Maidenhill Nursery is the woodwork bench. She loves being able to use real tools to create amazing models.

Jenny knows it is very important to be careful at the woodwork bench. She likes that the adults are always there to help her hold the tools and show her how to use them properly.

When she is working at the woodwork bench, Jenny uses saws, hammers, nails and sandpaper. Working with these tools has helped Jenny to build strong muscles in her hands. She has to concentrate really hard to make sure her hands do what she wants them to do!



What do  
you think  
Jenny has  
made?



# Snack Time



After their busy morning, Ayaan and Jenny go to the Snack Area where there are lots of different healthy and nutritious foods for them to try.

Both Jenny and Ayaan like to tell the adults what they would like to have for snack and enjoy helping themselves to different things and trying new foods. Ayaan likes to eat cereal, sandwiches and lots of fruits and vegetables. Jenny's favourite foods are crackers, cheese and dips.

What would  
you like to  
try?



Ayaan and Jenny enjoy coming to the snack area. They think it is fun to relax and chat to their friends whilst eating something tasty. Jenny likes to pretend that the snack area is a restaurant with nice table cloths and Ayaan likes that he can show the adults his good eating habits.

During snack time, Ayaan and Jenny have the chance to help put out the food and sometimes help the nursery staff to cook.

They know it is very important to show good personal hygiene when preparing and eating food so they always make sure they wash their hands.

When they are cooking, Ayaan and Jenny help the adults to wash and cut fruit and vegetables, spread butter or cheese and take turns to count out and measure the ingredients from the recipe. They enjoy eating the tasty food they have prepared and sharing it with their friends.



# Home Corner

Ayaan likes to use his imagination when he is playing in the home corner with his friends. His favourite area is the kitchen because it has a washing machine and a cooker. He likes to use the pots, pans and utensils to make tasty meals and he uses real food such as pasta, vegetable and dough.

Jenny's favourite part of the home corner is the living room, she likes to relax with her friends on the couch after a long day of playing, exploring and learning.



Ayaan and Jenny think that one of the best things about the home corner is that they are able to share, work together as a team and develop their social skills.

They always get the chance to talk to each other and love chatting with their friends as it is such a fun way to learn.

# Cosy Corners

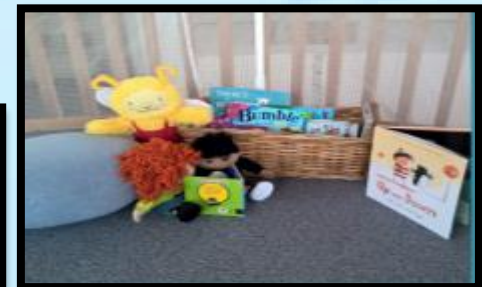
At Maidenhill Nursery, there are lots of cosy areas inside and outside where Ayaan and Jenny can snuggle up and enjoy a story together.

In the library, there are lots and lots of lovely books that tell fantastic stories. We have books about dinosaurs, cars, princesses, space, pirates and loads more! Jenny loves to read adventure stories and likes to pretend that she is on the adventure as well. Ayaan's favourite type of book is one that makes him laugh because he likes to share the jokes with his friends.



**What stories  
do you like?**

Sometimes, Ayaan and Jenny are joined by Bookbug to sing lots of songs and rhymes.





# Outdoor Learning



Ayaan and Jenny have lots of fun when they play outside. They can play outside any time they choose and even have a special door just for children to go through!

If it is raining, the nursery have waterproof trousers and jackets for them to wear with their welly boots.

Jenny loves to run up the hill, climb through the tyres, ride the bikes and balance on the swing.

Ayaan likes to make magic potions in the mud kitchen, dig for treasure in the sand pit or pour water down the giant tubes.



Sometimes, Ayaan and Jenny like to relax by sitting quietly, reading a book or drawing a picture outside and that is fine too. It is great fun playing outside and enjoying the fresh air in any way you can.



What would you like to do?

# Creative Area

After they have finished playing outside, Ayaan and Jenny decide to visit the creative area. They love coming here as it is the perfect place to explore different materials and use their imagination.

Jenny loves to paint and has decided to make a lovely, colourful picture for her bedroom wall. She can use any material that is available, some of Jenny's favourite things to use are...



Sequins

Charcoal

Glitter

Chalk

Pencils

Glue

Crayons

Paint

What materials would you like to use?



Ayaan likes to explore different textures and shapes. He prefers to use clay, playdough and sand when he is working in the creative area.

Ayaan's favourite thing to do at Maidenhill Nursery, is taking part in messy and sensory play. He loves searching for treasure in the fluffy shaving foam and painting with colourful ice so he can watch the different shapes and colours that appear as the ice begins to melt.



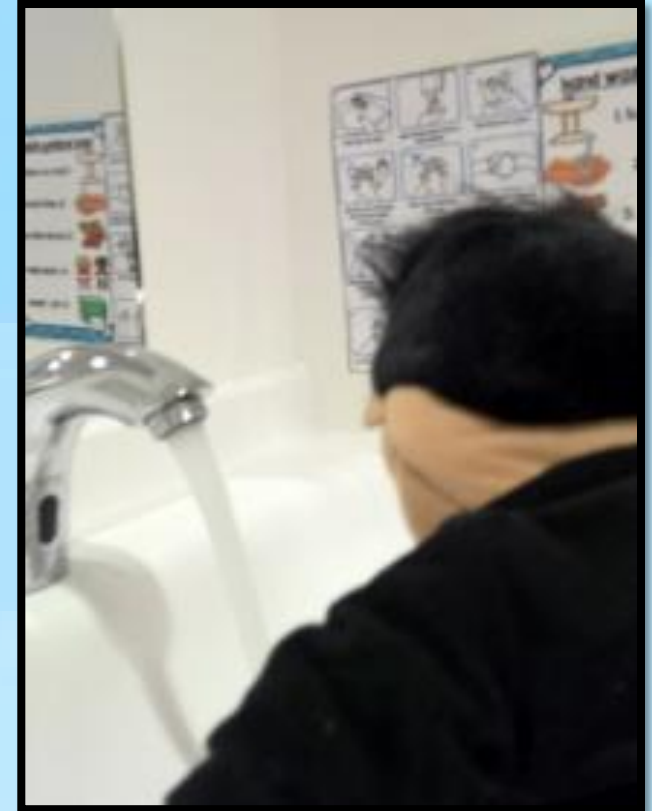


# Going to the Bathroom



There are lots of toilets in the nursery that Ayaan and Jenny can use whenever they need to.

They are small and perfect in size for Ayaan, Jenny and all of their nursery friends.



Once Jenny and Ayaan have been to the toilet, they always remember to wash their hands in the sink with soap.



After they have washed their hands, Ayaan and Jenny use the hand dryer to dry their hands.

They know that there is always an adult there to help if they feel a bit unsure or need a bit of help.

# Maidenhill Nursery Tour

Ayaan and Jenny have had a very busy day at Maidenhill Nursery. They have enjoyed showing you around and are looking forward to playing with you soon.

Before they go home, they would like to show you some more of their favourite places to play with their friends.



Puzzles and  
Games  
Station

Outdoor  
Reading  
Space



Music and  
Games Area





Home  
Corner



Messy Sand  
Play



Where are you  
looking  
forward to  
playing?

