



Nursery Newsletter March 2024

Important Information

Welcome

Welcome back, and welcome to our new children and their families!

We have welcomed 2 new children in the Little Stars and 4 new children into the Rainbow Room. Some of the new Rainbow Room children were previously Little Star children.

Welcome to you all!

Nursery Team

Rainbow Room

Mrs Stenhouse (Nursery Teacher - Mon/Tues)
Mrs Done (Early Years Officer - EYO)
Mrs Gilbert (Early Years Officer - EYO)
Mrs Russell (Early Years Officer - EYO)
Mrs Sullivan (Early Years Officer - EYO)

Miss Johnstone (HNC student - Thurs/Fri)

Little Stars

Mrs Kerr (Early Years Officer - EYO)
Miss Cuthbert (Early Years Officer - EYO)
Miss Page (Early Years Officer - EYO)
Miss Giles (Pupil Support Assistant - PSA)

Reminder

P1 School Enrolment - Online Application Process

A separate letter (via email) has already been sent to all our pre-school children. Please check that you have received the email. The link is also below:

<http://www.fife.gov.uk/applyforaschoolplace>

The online application opened on Monday 8th January and should be completed by 15th March 2024.

If you need support with the online application please speak to a member of the nursery team, who will arrange a time to complete the application with you.

Alternatively, a paper copy can be collected from the school office.

World Book Day Thursday 7th March

World Book Day will be a day of sharing favourite stories - can we ask that your child bring their favourite bedtime story with them into nursery that day?

The children can come to nursery dressed in 'something comfy to read' so normal nursery clothes are just perfect!

You can join in too as there will be a Stay & Play on that day too!

Helpful Reminders & Information

Communication

To help keep yourself up to date with all the nursery information please ensure you have access to the **Seesaw App**.

There will be weekly learning updates from both the Rainbow Room and the Little Stars.

We also use the **School App for Parents** which you can download. Just search **School App for Parents**

We also send out regular text messages via Groupcall.

It is therefore essential that we hold an up-to-date contact number for all parents/carers.

Change of Clothes

In the event of staff having to change your child it would be better for your child if they had a complete change of their **own** clothes.

All children must therefore have a change of clothes with them at nursery. These can be kept at nursery in a bag on their peg.

If your child is given a change of clothes from the nursery can you please ensure the items are washed and returned to nursery as soon as possible. We have very little spare clothes at the moment!

If your child is wearing nappies then spare nappies and wipes should also be kept in their bags. The nursery staff will let you know when they require more.

Due to the changeable weather please ensure you child **has appropriate clothing** to wear when playing outdoors at nursery.

Nursery Improvement Plan - update

Focused Priority 1: Embedding Children's rights into our school ethos, curriculum and across our school community. Children and adults to use this shared understanding to work for improved child wellbeing, school improvement, global justice and sustainable living.

- *A few children's rights have been introduced within the nursery playrooms, linking rights with intentional planning e.g. you have a right to a safe place to live.*
- *During INSET day staff self-evaluated against Rights' Based Practice checklist and discovered that we are making progress across the 5 pillars.*
- *Staff would like to undertake further professional learning on Children's Rights.*

Focused Priority 2: To develop a digital learning culture across our school and nursery. All our staff and children will confidently use digital skills to support and enhance learning across the curriculum including online collaboration within and beyond our school community.

- *Netbooks have been added into the playrooms to allow children to use independently.*
- *Beebots have been introduced, with children programming to navigate Beebot through building block mazes.*
- *Children have been encouraged to complete a task at home and share via Seesaw.*

Other Information

Nursery – Voluntary Contributions

Voluntary contributions are £2.00 per week for all full-time children. Part-time children will be required to pay a proportion of nursery fees.

These can be donated weekly, half-termly or termly.

From Thursday 4th January until the February break is 5 weeks. Donations for the first half of the term would be £10.00 in total.

From Thursday 4th January until the Easter holidays is 11 weeks. Donations for the whole term would be £22.00.

All donations are used to pay for resources for the nursery.

Any issues or concerns please speak to a member of the nursery team.

Concerns, complaints or issues

If there are concerns, complaints or issues please speak to a member of the nursery team in the first instance. Or you can contact Mrs Gail Thomson (Principal Teacher) in person, or Mrs Claire McCallum (Headteacher) via telephone (01592 583423) or via email denendps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk

If you feel we didn't resolve your concern you can contact Care Inspectorate by email concerns@careinspectorate.gov.scot or by telephone 0345 600 9527.

Tissues/Wipes/Soap

As always at this time of year we require donations of tissues, wipes and soap. Please only if you are able to.

Many thanks in advance.

Cuppa Chats

Cuppa chats will be taking place the week beginning **18th March** for all children who are going to school in August.

All children in Little Stars and the children in the Rainbow who are not going to school should have already had their cuppa chat.

Appointments can be arranged on the week beginning **11th March** with **your child's key worker**.

Cuppa chats are a valuable opportunity to share some of your child's experiences at nursery and allows you to share home experiences and achievements.

Dates for your Diary 2024

Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day - wear something cosy to nursery and bring your favourite book to nursery to share with others. Stay & Play from 9am - 9.30am and 2.30pm - 3.00pm
Week beginning 11 th March	If your child is going to school in August 2024 arrange a day and time for your child's cuppa chat.
Wednesday 15 th March	Closing date for P1 School Enrolment
Week beginning 18 th March	Cuppa Chats for all children going to school in August
Thursday 28 th March	Spring Disco Nursery - P3 4.15pm - 5.15pm
Friday 29 th March	NURSERY CLOSED - EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 15 th April	Return to nursery

Many thanks

The Nursery Team