



## Nursery Newsletter April 2024

### Important Information

#### Welcome

Welcome back, and welcome to our new children and their families! This term we welcomed 1 new child to the Rainbow Room and 2 new children to the Little Stars.

We hope you love our nursery as much as we do!

#### Nursery Improvement Plan 2024 - 2025

Looking forward to next session 2024 -2025 we will shortly be consulting with the children, staff and parents of Denend Nursery.

A survey will be emailed to parents next week, please take a few minutes to give us your views. The information gained will inform our improvement priorities for next session.

The more parents who complete the better informed we will be as a nursery.

All views will be valued - we want to know about our strengths as well as our development needs.

There is also a compliments, concerns and complaints box which can be used to air your views throughout the session. This can be found in the nursery corridor next to where the packed lunches go.

**BELONG, BELIEVE, BE KIND**

#### Nursery Team

##### Rainbow Room:

Mrs Stenhouse (Nursery Teacher - Mon/Tues)

Mrs Russell (Early Years Officer - EYO)

Mrs Done (Early Years Officer - EYO)

Mrs Gilbert (Early Years Officer - EYO)

Mrs Sullivan (Early Years Officer - EYO)

##### Little Stars

Mrs Kerr (Early Years Officer - EYO)

Miss Cuthbert (Early Years Officer - EYO)

Miss Page (Early Years Officer - EYO)

Mr Macher (Pupil Support Assistant - PSA)

Mrs McCallum (Headteacher)

Mrs Thomson (Principal Teacher)

#### P1 Transition

Some of our children will be leaving the Rainbow Room and moving into Primary 1. Staff are currently finalising transition arrangements and more information will follow. Below are some provisional dates for parents.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 3.30pm - 4.00pm  
Stay & Play/Tour of the School**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 5.30pm  
'Starting School' chat with P1 CT and HT**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 12 - 12.30pm  
Parent & child lunch**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 11 - 11.45am  
Meet the Teacher**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June  
'Moving On' Assembly  
2.20pm**

## 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 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.

### Voluntary Contributions

Voluntary Contributions are £2.00 per week.

These can be paid weekly or termly.

From Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April until the Summer holidays is 11 weeks. Fees for the whole term would be £22.00.

Nursery envelopes will follow...

All fees are used to pay for resources for the nursery. Any issues or concerns please speak to a member of the nursery team.

Nursery fees are used for snack, additional art & craft resources, this term's caterpillars, etc.

### Sun Awareness

Given we are now in April (and rapidly heading towards May/June):

- Staff will be explaining to the children about the need to keep safe in the sun and how to do this.
- **Parents should apply sun cream to their child prior to coming to nursery.**
- We do have a **small amount** of sun cream in nursery. Staff can give the parent or child the sun cream to be applied. Staff will encourage children to apply sun cream to themselves.
- The sun cream we are using is **Boots Soltan Kids 50+**
- It would be helpful if parents could also include a sun hat in their child's nursery bag (with their name on it please!)

### Cuppa Chats

#### Rainbow Room

Rainbow Room cuppa chats for children returning to nursery next year will be taking place the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Appointments can be arranged on the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> May with **your child's key worker**. These can in person or via telephone, whichever is more convenient.

#### Little Stars

Little Stars cuppa chats will be taking place the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June.

Appointments can be arranged on the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> June with **your child's key worker**. These can in person or via telephone, whichever is more convenient.

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.

#### Little Stars moving onto Rainbow Room

Some of our children will be leaving the Little Stars and moving into the Rainbow Room.

Further information to follow. Key dates are below:

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 3.15 - 4.00pm  
Stay & Play in Rainbow Room**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June  
Individual visits to Rainbow Room**

### Personal Learning Journeys (PLJs)

PLJs are a record of your child's learning and achievements during their time in nursery. They will be made up of photographs, observations and pictures/drawings. This information is collated by your child's Key Worker.

PLJs are a partnership document between nursery and home. There are 'Learning at Home' and 'Star Moments' which can be completed at home and included within your child's PLJ.

PLJs can be taken home to share (and returned to nursery) at any time during the nursery session. Please speak to your child's Key Worker to arrange.

### 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) or Mrs Claire McCallum (Headteacher) in person, via telephone (01592 583423) or via email [denendps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk](mailto:denendps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk)

There is also a compliments, concerns and complaints box which can be used and a member of staff will get back to you. This can be found in the nursery corridor next to where the packed lunches go.

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

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Holiday NURSERY CLOSED
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Inset NURSERY CLOSED
Week beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Cuppa Chats for Rainbow Room children returning to nursery next year
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Holiday NURSERY CLOSED
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay & Play/Tour of the School 3.30pm - 4.00pm
Week beginning 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Cuppa Chats for all Little Stars
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay & Play in Rainbow Room for new children coming to nursery 3.15 - 4.00pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	'Starting School' chat with P1 CT and HT 5.30pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent & child lunch 12 - 12.30pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Individual visits to Rainbow Room
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports Day "Picnic at the Park" 9.30am - 11.00am All Parents Welcome
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Meet the Teacher 11 - 11.45am
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	'Moving On' Assembly 2.20pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day of term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July - Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Welcome Back

*Many thanks*

*The Nursery Team*