



Nursery Newsletter September 2023

Important Information

Welcome

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

This session we welcomed 9 new children and their families into the Rainbow Room and the Little Stars staff are in the process of welcoming 6 new children into our Little Stars through home visits and staggered starts.

Over the Summer holidays the Rainbow Room and lunch area have had a complete refurbishment. The room is looking fantastic! The children are enjoying exploring all the learning opportunities within the playroom and are becoming more independent during lunchtime.

Nursery Team

Mrs Thomson (Acting Headteacher)

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)

Little Stars:

Mrs Kerr (Early Years Officer -EYO)

Miss Cuthbert (Early Years Officer -EYO)

Miss Page (Early Years Officer -EYO)

Mis Giles (Pupil Support Assistant - PSA)

Personal Learning Journeys (PLJs)

For our new children the staff are in the process of setting up their 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 some 'All About Me' sheets that need to be completed at home with your child to be included in your child's PLJ.

Please return as soon as you can.

Seesaw App

Seesaw will be used as one of our ways of communicating with our families.

The nursery team will use it as an interactive learning journal - sharing your child's learning and achievements within nursery.

We will also use it as reminders for key events such as woods visits and upcoming events.

Our returning children will also begin a new journal as last year's journals will be archived.

If your child attended nursery last session please check you can access their new learning journal. If not please speak to a member of staff.

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**.

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

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 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.

Outdoor Learning

This term both the Rainbow Room and the Little Stars have already ventured out into the community with the Little Stars spending a morning at Wallsgreen Park and the Rainbow Room spending time at the woods as well as a community walk to the train station.

The woods day for the Rainbow Room will predominately be on a Wednesday however there will be other days on which the children may venture out. Waterproof suits and wellies can be brought into the nursery and left in the cloakroom for easy access for when we do go out and about! If your child requires waterproofs please speak to a member of staff.

Parents and carers are always welcome to join us for outdoor learning whether it be a community walk or a morning in the woods. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like to come along!

Voluntary Contributions

Voluntary contributions are £2.00 per week. From Wednesday 16th August until the October holidays is 8 weeks. Total contributions for the term will be £16.00. Children who attend nursery on part-time basis will have their contributions worked out as a proportion. Any issues or concerns please speak to a member of the nursery team.

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

This term cuppa chats will be taking place the week beginning 25th September for all **new children** in both Little Stars and Rainbow Room children.

Appointments can be arranged on the week beginning 18th September 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.

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 (Acting 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.

Upcoming Events

Dates for your diary

Arrange an appointment with your child's key worker - Week beginning 18th September

Stay & Play Week - 19th - 21st September

Parents and carers are welcome to spend time in the nursery playroom on Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st either at drop off (9am - 9.45am) or at pick up (2.15pm - 3.00pm). Please note this is for Rainbow Room children only as the Little Stars are still settling in. Little Stars parents will be able to Stay & Play in term 2.

Cuppa Chats (via telephone or in person) - Week beginning 25th September

End of term - Friday 6th October

OCTOBER HOLIDAYS - Monday 9th October to Friday 20th October

Back to nursery - Monday 23rd October

*Thank for you continued support
The Nursery Team*