



Nursery Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We wish to welcome our new children and parents, and a warm welcome back to all our returning children and parents. We look forward to working closely with you over this year and supporting your child in the nursery.

Transition to the Sunflower Annex

Children have settled quickly and are enjoying the new playroom and garden. Lunchtime has a new feel to it, with a café style set up in the dining space. We have brought some familiar items with us from the South as well, and children continue to enjoy the choice of cereal, toast, fruit and a drink in the morning.



At present in the nursery, we are learning about rules, routines and friendship. We want to ensure all children are aware of the expectations and new routines that have come with our new surroundings at the Sunflower Annex.



Parent Chats

Between now and the end of term, staff will arrange suitable times with you for parent chats. These can be done in person, but a phone call can be arranged if that is more convenient.

Learning Wall and Floor Book

To support our new children in making friends, we are learning about friendship. On our learning wall, children are sharing ideas and experiences about, "What makes a good friend?" and "How do we make friends?"

In our floor book, we have started a Community section, including our recent trip to the Library. We will add to this as we visit more places in Lochgelly in the coming weeks.

Please share images or experiences with us of your child playing with friends outside of nursery or out and about in the community. Also, please feel free to look at our learning wall and floor book to aid discussions with your child about their nursery experiences when you are in the playroom at drop off and collection times.



Snacks in nursery



Lunches are provided for all nursery children free of charge. Children are adapting well to the new routine of ordering their meal for the following day when they arrive in the mornings. Thank you to parents/carers for supporting children with this.

In addition to lunch, children are provided with a healthy snack each morning and afternoon. Snack money donations are used to purchase this food, it also helps us to buy treats for special occasions and to buy new resources for nursery. The suggested amount for snack contributions is £1.50 per week. You can choose to pay this weekly, monthly or termly.

Fruit, water and milk are available throughout the day. We politely request that no snacks are brought in from home. If your child has any allergies or food intolerances, please speak to your child's key worker.

Donations and Thank You!

We would like to thank the parent for their generous donation of a large box of wipes and other parents for donating tissues. These donations go a long way and are always gratefully received.



Outdoor clothes

Please can parents/carers ensure their child has a pair of wellies and an outdoor suit at nursery for the garden. We have been enjoying the tail end of some pleasant summer weather, but we would like all children to be prepared for rainy days outdoors as well and the fast approaching cooler days.

Woodland Visits

We plan to take groups of children outdoors to make use of our local woods. There is an expectation that we provide frequent and regular opportunities for children to explore and learn outdoors as part of our core curriculum in Fife. The woods have been carefully risk assessed to ensure they are safe spaces with lots of opportunities for exploration and fun. More information on our woodland visits will follow in the coming weeks. We would welcome parents/carers to join us on our visits. Please let a member of staff know if you are interested in volunteering.



Seesaw



Seesaw is our main form of communication with parents and carers. We will share photos of your child and any relevant information about upcoming events. Please share your child's journal with them and discuss their learning in nursery.

Stay and Play

This term we are delighted to be able to welcome parents/carers to a Stay and Play session. This is an opportunity to share in your child's learning in the playroom. This will take place on Tuesday 19th September and Thursday 21st September at 2.15-2.45pm. We are offering 2 dates to accommodate everyone and there will be more dates next term to follow. Please confirm with staff if you are able to attend this session.



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 19th September - Stay and Play, 2.15-2.45pm
Thursday 21st September - Stay and Play, 2.15-2.45pm
Thursday 28th September - Parent Council Meeting, 4.30pm, all welcome
Friday 29th September - McMillan Coffee Morning
Friday 6th October - End of Term 1
Monday 9th October - Friday 20th October - October Holidays
Monday 23rd October - Start of Term 2
Monday 20th November - Nursery Photographer
*Woodland Visits dates to follow.



Please do not hesitate to speak to staff if you have any concerns about your child.

Kind regards,

The Nursery Team

