



Nursery Newsletter



September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to welcome everyone into our new nursery setting at Lochgelly South! We wish to extend the warmest of welcomes to our new children and parents, and a special welcome back to all our returning children and parents. We are looking forward to making our new playroom and garden our new home. We are getting to know the school building and everything the playground has to offer.

Returning to Lochgelly South Nursery

Children have settled in well and are enjoying our new and fantastic garden. We have been getting to know the school kitchen staff and all children have enjoyed trying school lunches. We love our walk over to the dining hall to see Jodie, Megan and Heather.

In nursery, we are learning about rules, routines, and friendship. We are learning how to treat our friends and our lovely new surroundings with kindness and respect. Children have also been busy writing labels and signs for the different nursery play areas and adding to our Learning Wall.



Learning Wall and Floor Book

In nursery we love to learn and share our learning. We do this through our Learning Walls and Floor Books. These display learning and rich experiences for children, parents/carers and give an insight into what we do in nursery. Currently, our Learning Wall is all about our families. We have added our family portraits and we will continue to add to this display throughout the term.

Be sure to visit our Learning Wall when you visit next and ask your child to tell you about our learning.

Parent and Home Communication

Your child's keyworker has been in touch to arrange your first parent chat of the new year. This should be taking place before the end of term. Thank you to everyone for completing and returning the "All About Me" sheets for your child. These are an important part of your child's Personal Learning Journey (PLJ folder), children enjoy looking through their own folder and sharing these with their friends and staff.

We have an open-door policy and welcome parents/carers into nursery anytime. We especially enjoy welcoming parents/carers in for our pre-arranged Stay and Play sessions this term. Children enjoyed making their family portraits which are displayed on our Learning Wall.





MacMillan Coffee Morning

The MacMillan Coffee morning is returning this year, to raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Support and will be organised by Primary 5. This is taking place on **Wednesday 2nd October** from **9.15am** and is open to pupils, families and the wider community. **All donations for the cake stall, shop bought or home baked goods would be gratefully received the day before or the morning of the event.** We look forward to seeing you there!



The Big Hoose Fife Project

The Cottage Centre have an agreement with [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk) which sees multi-million pounds worth of household goods distributed to children and families across Fife. Their project, The Big Hoose Fife Project works in partnership with the local community and schools to enable thousands of families access to items such as bedding, kitchen items, towels, toilet roll, nappies, rugs and other household furnishings and goods. Moving forwards, an inventory list will be displayed in the nursery reception for parents/carers to indicate what they require and we will request this on your behalf. A selection of items will be made available each week and we would like to encourage all families to help themselves free of charge. If you would like any more information on this, please speak to a member of staff.



Proud Cloud

Our Proud Cloud has reappeared in our new playroom and we would love to hear about any achievements that your child has out of nursery. This could be football, dance, learning to ride their bike or trying something new for the first time with nursery staff. We can then display this success on our Proud Cloud.

Snacks in Nursery

Lunches continue to be provided for all nursery children free of charge. Children order their lunch with staff in the mornings for that day. A picture menu will appear in the coming weeks and this will be introduced with children to support them to order lunches more independently. Children are also provided with a healthy snack each morning and afternoon in the snack area. Children can enjoy milk, fruit, crackers, toast or cereal.

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.



Outdoor clothes

As the season is starting to change, 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.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 1st October - Parent Council Meeting at LSPS, 4pm, all welcome

Wednesday 2nd October - McMillan Coffee Morning from 9.15am

Thursday 3rd October - Harvest Assembly (pupils only)

Friday 4th October - End of Term 1

Monday 7th October - Friday 18th October - October Holidays

Monday 21st October - Start of Term 2

*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



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