



# May 2024 Nursery Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 4 is already upon us, and we have been enjoying learning and playing outdoors more than ever due to the warmer weather. Please find below some updates for the rest of the term.

## Transition

For children moving on to Primary 1 in August 2024, we will be starting our Primary 1 transition programme this term. A letter has been shared outlining when parent/carer meetings will be as well as the dates for visits to meet new classmates and the Primary 1 class teacher. These are also shared in the table below for your reference.



For children staying on with us at nursery, we will also be in touch with parents/carers with more information once we have received final confirmation on our return date to Lochgelly South Nursery.

As we begin our transition to both Primary One and back to nursery, we will take children for community walks during our outdoor learning time to observe the changes to the Lochgelly South school and nursery each week.

<b>Visit 1</b>	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May at 2.30pm	Children & parents/carers Stay & Play at Sunflower Annex, MacGregor Avenue, Playroom 2
<b>Visit 2</b>	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm	Children visit to Sunflower Annex, MacGregor Avenue, Playroom 2, parents/carers tea & coffee in the family room
<b>Visit 3</b>	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm	Meet Primary 1 teacher at Sunflower Annex, MacGregor Avenue, Playroom 2
<b>Visit 4</b>	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June at 1.45pm	Final Parent/carer information session and children to Playroom 2 with Primary 1 teacher

\*In response to requests from parents, we are hoping to arrange a visit to a local P1 classroom. Although this won't be our own school, it was felt this will be useful for children to see the set up of a typical P1 classroom. This will be arranged during the nursery day and as part of our regular walks in the community, parents will not be required to attend this visit.

## Sharing Learning and Parental Engagement

### Bookbug Week

We would like to invite parents/carers to a PEEP/Stay and Play session during Bookbug Week to take part in activities connected to stories we have read in nursery. This is a busy term with transition events as well as our usual Stay and Play sessions, please do not feel pressured to attend these if you are already part of the transition dates listed above. If you are able to join us, PEEP/Stay & Play will be on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 2.15pm**, with a sign-up sheet available in the nursery room.



### The Big Hoose Project

We have been fortunate to receive donations from The Big Hoose Project, which is based in the Cartmore Industrial Estate in Lochgelly. We have mainly sourced toiletries and household goods and we are looking to regularly restock. Items are available to parents/carers free of charge and if there is anything in particular you would like to see added to the offering, please let a member of staff know and we can look into sourcing it. Feel free to help yourself to items at reception.



## Science Technology Engineering Maths Learning



Our staff and children have been taking part in the Lochgelly Nursery Cluster STEM Project. This has been a focus for the Sunflower Nursery Improvement Plan and we have been learning a lot by working together on this. Our STEM learning has focused on what plants need to grow. The children have enjoyed learning about this topic and how they can nurture plants and living things using the right tools and equipment. These skills will help the children develop an appreciation for nature and how to nurture plants. Please take a look at our outdoor noticeboard in the nursery garden to find out more about what children have been learning through STEM.

## Sun Cream

As we come into the warmer months of the year, at long last, it is important to remember the importance of ensuring children come to nursery with sun cream already applied. Living in Scotland, we are too familiar with how quickly the weather can change, so being prepared (and hopeful) for the sun coming out, will prevent the potential of sunburn, even on cloudier days. Please be assured that on sunnier days, sun cream will be reapplied at nursery with the support of staff. Nursery will be using Nivea factor 50 sun cream, however, if you would prefer your child to use a different brand, please send this with your child for staff to label and store for them. If you have any queries, please contact a member of the nursery team.



## Outdoor Learning



Children will continue to take part in weekly Outdoor Learning sessions on Thursdays at our local woods or through community walks. These sessions will still be planned with children split across a morning or afternoon outdoor visit.

With the changeable Scottish climate, children should be prepared for all weather types on outdoor learning days. Please continue to send a waterproof suit or jacket, wellies and a sunhat. Children will also require a change of clothes for their return to nursery; in case they get wet or muddy while outdoors. Please let us know if you need access to Nursery waterproof clothing as we have a limited supply of our own clothes and outerwear if required.

## Learning Wall

We have enjoyed exploring our local community, going for lots of walks and talking about what we see in Lochgelly. We had lots of discussions about our homes, how we get around and what we spot on our journey to nursery. Our learning wall shows off all the fun learning and experiences we have had together.

## Term 4 Diary Dates

- Wednesday 15.05.24 – Whole School Family Time at SKRCPS 10-10.45am
- Thursday 16.05.24 – PEEP/Stay & Play Session at 2.15pm
- Friday 24.05.24 ~ P1-7 School Sports Day at Lochgelly Albert (weather permitting)
- Tuesday 28.05.24 ~ Nursery Sports Day at 1.45pm (weather permitting & venue TBC)
- Monday 03.06.24 ~ Bank Holiday, school & nursery closed to pupils and staff
- Wednesday 19.06.24 ~ Summer Assembly for Nursery-P7, at SKRCPS (time to follow)
- Wednesday 26.06.24 ~ Moving on Ceremony (Nursery & P7 Parents/Carers) at St Serf's Church, Lochgelly at 2pm
- Friday 28.06.24 ~ End of Summer Term
- Wednesday 21.08.24 - Start of term 1, pupils return to School and Nursery



## Child Protection

The care and welfare of our pupils is our top priority. Mrs Taylor (Headteacher) is our Child Protection Officer, with Mrs Campbell (Depute Headteacher) taking on this role, should the Headteacher be unavailable. If you have any concerns at all about the safety and wellbeing of any of our pupils, please do not hesitate to contact us or phone Social Work directly. In an emergency situation you should contact the police immediately.

## Infection Control

Bugs and illness are still with us even in the slightly warmer weather. If your child has a sickness and diarrhoea bug, they are to stay off **48 hours** from the **last bout** of sickness/diarrhoea. We also have some cases of head lice within the nursery. Please check your child's hair, even if they have not been itching. The local pharmacy can provide head lice treatments on the Minor Ailment scheme for which there is no charge.

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

Kind regards,  
*The Nursery Team*

