



January – February Nursery Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to nursery after the Christmas Holidays, and a warm welcome to our new children who have joined us at Lochgelly South this term. It is lovely to see everyone settling in and joining our group of children in nursery.

Primary 1 Enrolment

P1 enrolments for 2023-2024 is now open and applications must be completed online by **Friday 15th March 2024**. For further guidance on P1 enrolment, click [here](#).



Keyworker Chats

Your child's keyworker will be getting in touch with the parents/carers of children who started with us this term to arrange a settling in meeting. This is a good opportunity to ask questions and discuss next steps.

Woods Visits

Once again, we are pleased to have restarted visiting the local woods on Thursdays for this term. We will run these visits for a block of 4 weeks until and restart them again in the new year.

Our children recently enjoyed finding and collecting natural objects, exploring the variety of different leaves and playing in the wooded space.



Stay & Play and PEEP Sessions

We would like to invite parents/carers or grandparents along to Stay and Play sessions, to join in with your child's play and learning in the playroom and garden area. One of these will be a PEEP session led by Mrs Dudzik. This is another opportunity for parents/carers to learn together with their child through themed sessions that include reading, singing and other activities.

We are offering morning visits on Wednesdays or afternoon visits on Fridays to accommodate everyone. Please see nursery staff to let us know when you can make it.



Stay & Play 1	Wednesday 7 th Feb at 9-9.45am or Friday 9 th Feb at 2.15-3pm
Stay & Play 2 with PEEP	Wednesday 21 st Feb at 9-9.45am or Friday 23 rd Feb at 2.15-3pm
Stay & Play 3	Wednesday 6 th Mar at 9-9.45am or Friday 8 th Mar at 2.15-3pm

Snacks in Nursery

At nursery, 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.



If your child has had any changes to their allergies or food intolerances, please speak to your child's key worker.



School Equity and Diversity Policy

As a school, we are reviewing and updating our **Equalities and Diversity Policy**. P7 have created a SWAY document of their own to share with parents/carers what equality and diversity means to them.

Equality and Diversity - Sharing, "I personally believe equity is very important because people get what they need not what they want." [Go to this Sway.](#)

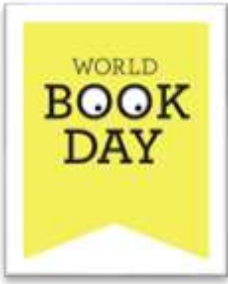
We are keen to gather your views on Equalities and Diversity to help inform our new policy. [Please complete this short Microsoft FORM to take part.](#)

Parent Council

We have a fantastic **Parent Council** group who have supported the school in organising and running the Halloween Disco and Christmas Fayre so far this year. If you would like to join the parent council, please get in touch at Lochgellysouthps.enquires@fife.gov.uk or come along to the next meeting. You are not expected to make every meeting, or attend every event, just **come along and support where you can!**

Our next Parent Council meeting of this session is on **Thursday 1st February, at 4.30pm** in Lochgelly South Primary School, Hill Road, Ballingry.





World Book Day

World Book Day falls on **Thursday 7th March 2024**. At school and nursery, we will encourage children to "**Cosy up with a book**," by coming to school with their **favourite book** and wear **pyjamas, onsies, dressing gown or costume**. Please note there is no charge to take part.

We are looking forward to sharing our favourite books and stories together.

Infection Control

The cold winter weather always brings more bugs and illness. A reminder that if your child has a sickness and diarrhoea bug, they are to stay off **48 hours** from the **last bout** of sickness/diarrhoea.

Dates for your diary

01.02.24 ~ Parent Council, at SKRCPS, 4.30pm, all welcome

07.02.24 or 09.02.24 ~ Nursery Stay & Play

14.02.24 ~ INSET Day, school closed to pupils

15.02.24 & 16.02.24 ~ FEBRUARY BREAK

21.02.24 or 23.02.24 ~ Nursery Stay & Play with PEEP

06.02.24 or 08.02.24 ~ Nursery Stay & Play

07.03.24 ~ World Book Day - Theme 'Cosy Up with a Book' - Onesies, pyjamas or costumes encouraged

27.03.24 - Easter Service at St. Serf's Lochgelly - time tbc

28.03.24 ~ End of Term 3

29.03.24 - 12.04.24 ~ SPRING HOLIDAY

15.04.24 ~ Start of Term 4



New Staff Members

For those of you who have not been introduced, we would also like to welcome our new team members. The ladies have already joined our team and are helping us to continually improve our provision.



Emma Arneil is our Peripatetic Nursery Teacher, who will be with us every second Tuesday – Thursday.



Kimberley Thorpe is a full time Early Years Officer, who will be with us right up until the summer holidays.

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

Kind regards,

The Nursery Team

