

Ferryport Nursery Newsletter: April/May 2024



We are currently looking at Lifecycles and Growing - one of our caterpillars has turned into a cocoon and we are waiting in anticipation to see what's going to happen next! We have been noticing/observing changes in the garden/environment seasons. We have planted some peas in the garden and we have planned upcoming visits to the Community Garden.

There have been lots of discussions around healthy eating & foods amongst the children and we continue to try a variety of healthy fruits and vegetables during our snack time.

The lady from Child Smile came to visit to observe us brushing our teeth. She has left new **toothbrushing packs** which are available in our front hall for parents to help themselves to.

Our new nursery areas, which were created using both staff and pupil voice, appear to be working well and children are enjoying exploring the new areas.

There has been lots on interest in building dens both inside and out in the garden. If you feel you have any resources you no longer need, the nursery would greatly appreciate them to support their interest.



Sun Safety

With the warmer weather (hopefully) on its way we always have a focus on keeping safe in the sun.

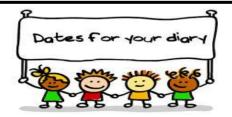
Please remember to apply a high factor sunscreen and provide a sun-hat for your child. Thank you.

Absence from Nursery

If your child is unwell please contact the Nursery office on the number below. Our Nursery playroom is always bustling and very active and if your child is feeling unwell, high levels of activity can cause distress. Please remember a minimum of 48hrs must have passed from the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea before a child returns to Nursery.

Parent Helpers

With visits to the community garden, school and to the shore taking place regularly each week, we are looking for support with walking to and from these settings. Please let a member of the team know if you are available to assist.



Monday 6 May – May Day Holiday. Nursery is closed to staff and children Thursday 9 May – In-service Day. Nursery is closed to children.





Our transition visits to the Sports Hall and to the P1 classrooms are set to continue on a weekly basis this term.

Our morning children visit on Thursday mornings and afternoon children visit on the Thursday afternoon.

These regular visits give your child the opportunity to become familiar and to feel confident with the school setting before starting school in August. As a result of these visits, children tend to settle in to the new school routines readily and happily when August finally arrives. This minimises anxiety for both our children and parents!

Buddies

Children from our P6 classes are "buddied" up with children from Nursery/playgroup. This means that when your child starts P1 in August 2024, they will have a P7 Buddy who will help to support them, particularly in the playground. Buddies will get a chance to meet each other over the coming weeks.

<u>School Information Evening and Transition Day</u>

A Primary 1 information evening will be scheduled for later this term in June. This will be held in the school where you will hear general "housekeeping" procedures for what to expect in August when your child starts P1. This will also give you the opportunity to meet with the P1 teachers and to see the P1 classrooms. P1 new starts will also be given a date in June when they will have an extended time in their P1 classroom. Further information will follow shortly.

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