



BLAIRMORE NURSERY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

November/December 2021



Dear Parents

We can't believe how quickly the term is passing and how close we are to Christmas. Thank you so much for taking part in our sponsored sing at Hallowe'en. We have not had a fundraiser for two years and really appreciate your generosity. We have raised £1186.74 so far. If you have sponsor money at home please send it in. This money will help us buy Christmas presents and provide treats, food for the party and pay for the entertainment.

STAFF NEWS

There has been a recent change to our staffing. Claire McGarrity has left us to take up a new post in another establishment. We wish her well in her new post. Bernadette McArthur will be working full-time and will have the white group until the post is filled.

ST ANDREW'S DAY

We will be celebrating St Andrew's Day on Tuesday 30 November. There will be lots of activities, party food and a ceilidh. Your child can come to nursery wearing something tartan if you have something at home. Please don't go out and buy something as we have lots of tartan sashes that the children can wear.



CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

Our Christmas trees (all 3 of them!) will be going up on 1 December and then we have a fun-filled few weeks of Christmas festivities. The children will be having a few busy weeks in nursery preparing for Christmas. Although Christmas isn't quite the same this year the children will be having a great time. Sadly, we cannot have parents in the nursery this year. We will record our Nativity Play and send out a link so you can watch it at home. We're sure you will enjoy it! We will also send home a Christmas craft bag for you to have some fun at home with your child. Please email us some photos or tweet them of your child using them at home and we can add them to your child's floorbook.

COMPASSIONATE INVERCLYDE

This voluntary organisation collects food for "Back Home" boxes which are distributed through Inverclyde Royal Hospital to people who are returning home alone.

They are currently running low on donations and we thought it would be nice if we could make up some boxes to send to the hospital. Every year the children make Christmas cards that are distributed in the hospital. We will be having a pyjama day on Tuesday 2 December and would be grateful if you would donate one item for the food box. They are currently looking for crackers, long-life milk, tea, coffee, sugar, jam, biscuits, cup a soup, tins of meat, tins of pudding and small individual breakfast cereals.



Here is a diary of events over the next few weeks. We hope to make this a really special time for the children.

Thursday 2 December	Wear your pyjamas to nursery today
Tuesday 7 December	Christmas movie day with hot chocolate and treats
Thursday 9 December	Wear a Christmas colour - something red, green, sparkly or a Christmas jumper
Tuesday 14 December	Millie the pony will be visiting today
Thursday 16 December	Christmas movie day with hot chocolate and treats This is also the day when the children will have their Christmas dinner.
Friday 17 December	We will be recording our Nativity - watch this space!
Tuesday 21 December	Christmas Party We have booked an online treat for the children "The McDougalls in Toyland" There will be lots of singing and dancing. We will have party food and Santa will be along with lots of presents.

We realise that this has been a very difficult year for so many families both emotionally and financially. At Christmas some families hand in presents for nursery staff, we would like to request that you do not do so this year as we know what an expensive time Christmas is when buying presents for your family.



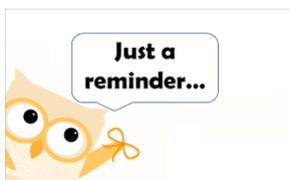
COVID UPDATE

Please do not send your child to nursery with a cough, high temperature or change or loss of taste/smell.

Please help keep all of our families safe by following the rules set out by the Scottish Government. We are unable to accept lateral flow tests if your child has a cough or temperature and request that you arrange a PCR test or self-isolate for 10 days. Please send us a copy of your result by email to let us know if your child's result is positive or negative.

CHILDREN'S LEARNING JOURNEYS

We hope that you have enjoyed receiving your child's learning journey this term. We really love to hear your feedback so please drop us an email to let us know what you think if you haven't already done so.



A FEW REMINDERS

Please ensure that your child has a spare set of clothes in nursery. Also, as the weather is becoming colder, please send in a hat and gloves for outdoor play.

Please put your child's name on all outdoor clothing, jumpers and nursery sweatshirts. We have had several mix-ups recently but it is much easier to sort if names are on all items of clothing.

Please ensure that your child comes safely in the door of the nursery before you leave the school grounds.

Please wear a face covering in the school grounds and follow social distancing rules. We appreciate your help in keeping everyone safe.

The nursery closes early on Wednesday 22 December, pick up times are as follows:

3-5 ROOM	NORMAL PICK UP	PICK UP ON WEDNESDAY 22 DECEMBER
Blue, orange and pink	2.45	1.45
White, purple and yellow	2.55	1.55
Green and silver	3.05	2.05
2-3 ROOM	To be arranged with your child's keyworker	

The nursery re-opens on Thursday 6 January.