

Gibshill Newsletter

November/December 2021

Sponsored Walk

Thank you to all who raised money or made a donation to our Fundraiser. The children enjoyed going for their walk.

The money raised will go towards Christmas presents, parties & special treats throughout the month of December.

Thank you once again for your kindness.

Hallowe'en

We enjoyed dressing up & taking part in lots of spooky activities. A video of our Hallowe'en parade is on our Youtube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFVdZBj58s4>

Staffing Update

We welcome Jenna Hemphill as our new Depute Head of Centre. We hope Jenna will enjoy working at Gibshill Children's Centre.

Before the holidays we said goodbye to Lorraine in the Smillie Room. We are hoping to have a new Early Years Support Worker joining us soon.



Parents Group

We try to have a meeting once per term to discuss events in the nursery.

If this is something you are interested in please let us know. We are always keen to hear your ideas and suggestions.

Due to the restrictions in place we will arrange the meeting to take place virtually.

Children Going to School in August 2022

We will produce a leaflet during November with advice & strategies for preparing your child for school. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child starting school please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Christmas & Christmas Crafts

We will keep you updated about parties as the weeks go on. It looks like December will be a little bit different for us again this year due to restrictions & guidance we must follow. If anything is to change, we will let you know.

Throughout the month of December your child will have the opportunity to make cards, crafts & pictures. Watch out for the glitter because I am sure there will be lots of it!!

Weekly Contribution

Thank you very much for your continued support & putting pennies into our Rainbow banks. This money assists with the 'extra' treats at nursery & for events such as Hallowe'en & other celebrations.

Communication Questionnaire

You should have received a link through your email to complete a questionnaire about the level of communication we have with you. As with lots of things, we have had to change how we communicate with you & how your child's keyworker communicates with you. Please complete this questionnaire & offer any suggestions you feel we could implement. Remember we can accommodate you in a safe way if you need to speak to any staff member or your child's keyworker.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQctawUZKaH9cZvee1ZEoUqNonCDFM1UNzA2TFBDSEqwVVRVzhOQklVUFQyUFIXNy4u>

Drop Off & Pick Up Times

As you know we are following Scottish Government advice & staggering the drop off & collection times for children. This is to assist with social distancing. Please try to keep to these times as best you can as it also assists in the smooth running of the nursery.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning, buying raffle tickets, making donations. It is greatly appreciated. You helped to raise a total of £229.05

Book of the Block – Rainbow Room

We choose a book & rhyme for every block of learning. This enables us to resource our playroom & choose learning experiences, which are related to the story or rhyme. The current story is Room on the Broom & the nursery rhyme is Incy Wincy Spider.

Please look at our Thinglink page by visiting <https://www.thinglink.com/scene/1509895061360345091>

This is very interactive & your child will enjoy watching Room on the Broom movie.

We will also be learning about Children's Rights over the course of the year. This block we are learning about Article 7 - We have the right to a name

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Article 8 - You have the right to an identity
We are encouraging our children to identify themselves by having their own peg & self-registering as they arrive at nursery each morning.

Community Grant

Before the summer, we were awarded £1000 from Inverclyde Community Fund. This money has helped to enhance the learning opportunities we can provide for our children. We spent some of the money on a fire pit & cooking pots & utensils for cooking outdoors. Our children have thoroughly enjoyed this experience.

Outdoor Clothing

Please remember to dress your child for the weather. There are opportunities to play outdoors every day in all kinds of weather. Can we also ask that you provide us with a set of waterproofs & wellies for your child.

Morrisons Its Good to Grow

We have registered our nursery for this initiative. For every £10.00 you spend in Morrisons you will receive a Grow Token to donate. The tokens donated will allow us to buy gardening equipment.

More information can be found at

<https://my.morrisons.com/blog/community/good-to-grow/>

Morton in the Community – Rainbow Room only

Coaches from Morton Football Club will be visiting us every Wednesday throughout November. They will be helping the children to develop new skills through their physical literacy programme. We have been working with Paddy & his team for a number of years now & the children thoroughly enjoy participating in this programme.

Family Photos – Smillie Room Only

Can you please provide us with a family photo for our wall. We are talking to the children about their families. A familiar face also helps the children to feel secure & they enjoy pointing out the people who are in their family unit.

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Please visit our Youtube page
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to listen to Hilary reading the story.

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DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday's PM's throughout November - Micro
Morton Sessions

Wednesday 22 December - Nursery closes

Thursday 6 January - Nursery re-opens



