



Parents Newsletter

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Hello everyone and welcome to 2022, we are hoping this is the year of positive change for us all. Please take the time to read our monthly newsletter which will keep you up to date with what is happening in the playrooms and what to look forward to. Remember to look at your emails and twitter for more information, photos and videos of your children's learning.

COVID-19 Update

Please remember to follow the guidelines for social distancing rules when approaching the nursery entrance.

- Follow staggered start and finish times.
- Wear a face covering.
- Maintain 2 metre distance at all times.
- One adult per child to drop off and collect.
- The car park is for staff only.
- Please inform us if you are returning from abroad.
- Please be vigilant for symptoms of COVID-19 at all times.
- Please ensure contact details are up to date and you are contactable by phone.

IMPORTANT

If there is a positive test in your household then children can still attend nursery IF they are not showing signs or symptoms. Any person with a positive test or showing signs and symptoms should not enter nursery grounds. If a child develops any signs or symptoms at home they should not attend nursery and have a PCR test or isolate for 10 days (we cannot accept lateral flow results)



Rainbow Room

Our returning children and new children have all settled back into the nursery routines. We are learning about the winter weather with sensory experiences such as ice in the water and making winter pictures using a variety of different textures and tools. Children have also been spending time exploring textured snowballs in the posting box. Our story of the month is 'Winter' by Ailie Busby and song of the month is 'Snowflake, Snowflake'. We are also enjoying exploring outdoors on the climbing frame, sandpit and rolling, throwing and kicking balls of different sizes

Room news



Sunshine Room

The children have been busy exploring the weather, outdoors, looking at the snow, frost and ice. They have been taking part in a variety of winter activities both indoors and out. The children have enjoyed caring for our wildlife and feeding the birds in our nursery garden, looking to see what birds come to visit. They have enjoyed our story of the month 'Winter' and singing 'Here we go round the mulberry bush' as well as taking part in ring games like 'There was a princess long ago', dancing, singing and doing the actions.



Butterfly Room

The children have loved being back at the nursery seeing all their friends. We have been learning about winter & the changes it brings, the seasons, weather, months of the year and days of the week. We have been talking about how the changes in the weather makes us feel and what our favourite season is. We have been reading the story 'Storm Cats' and for Burns day we will be reading 'There was a wee lassie who swallowed a midgie'. We are inviting all children to wear a little bit of tartan for our Burns day celebrations on the 25th Jan. We will be tasting Scottish food, singing Scottish songs and dancing a jig.

Craig and Fiona will be speaking to parents of returning children over the next few weeks about nursery places for 2022/2023.

If you have a child or know of a child who is eligible for a 3-5 nursery place from August 2022 to March 2023 you can collect an Early Years Application form from the nursery. We ask that you complete this form fully and return it to your first choice centre before the 31st February. Please speak to a team member for more info.

Front door Buzzer

Can you please buzz the front office and SLT office before trying the playrooms?
Children could be sleeping or having quiet time and it can upset our little ones.

Thank you.



Phone calls

Your child's keyworker will make regular calls to you to keep you up to date with their progress and discuss their next steps in learning. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

Big Garden Bird Watch -

We are taking part in the big garden bird watch, our children will be recording the birds they see in our nursery garden from 28th-30th Jan. You can join in by following the instructions in the leaflet you will be getting home this week and return to the centre to do your bit in looking after our local wildlife.



rspb.org.uk/birdwatch



School Transitions



We are in regular contact with our local primary schools and are discussing how we can best support your children as they move on to P1. We will keep you up to date with any visits and information as we receive them.
(COVID restrictions permitting)

Spare Clothes

The children participate in lots of sensory and messy activities both indoors and out. With the winter weather approaching please remember to provide outdoor waterproofs, wellies and a change of clothing. This can be left on your child's coat peg.



Bookbug

Our Bookbug sessions now take place in the Auchmountain Halls every Tuesday and Thursday. Please speak to Angela, Family Support Worker for information if you would like to come along for singing and rhyming fun!!



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 25th Jan - Burns Day

Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th Feb - Term Time children on Holiday

Wednesday 16th Feb - In-Service day All children off

Session Times

Model 1 - Monday to Friday 9am - 3pm (Term Time)

Model 2 - Monday/ Tuesday 8.10am - 17.45pm and Wednesday 8.10am - 13.05pm (50 Weeks)

Model 3 - Wednesday 13.25- 17.45pm and Thursday/ Friday 8.10am - 17.45pm (50 Weeks)

Model 4 - Monday to Friday 8.10am - 12.55pm (50 weeks)

Model 5 - Monday to Friday 13.00pm - 17.45pm (50 weeks)

Please follow your session times to ensure the nursery and your child's day can run as smoothly as possible

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