



# Parents Newsletter

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Hello everyone and welcome to our February newsletter.

Please take the time to read this 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.

- 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 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

We are learning about animals and nature, our story of the month is 'Dear Zoo' and 'Old McDonald' is our song of the month.

The children are enjoying taking part in action songs and musical experiences such as 'Jungle Boogie' & 'Down in the Jungle'. The children are learning new language, the names of unfamiliar animals and learning the sounds that they make.

The children are enjoying 'Bookbug' sessions and some of the older children are joining in with the words and actions.

The children are also exploring the outdoors, playing with water in the mud kitchen and pouring water and balls down the guttering. Some children are showing a keen interest in the passing traffic, the birds flying overhead and the sounds that they hear.

Please remember to provide clothes suitable for the weather. Wellies can be left in nursery.

## Room news



## Sunshine Room

The children have been busy exploring natural environments by exploring the nursery grounds and walking to the Glen. They have been linking this to the story of the month which is 'We're going on a bear hunt'. We have been looking for the bear but we haven't found him yet!! We have been making a den outdoors and children have been retelling the story and acting as the characters. (Pictures are on twitter) We have been making pizzas which have been helping us to develop our fine motor skills by spreading and picking ingredients to place on, we have also been exploring taste, textures and smells with the yummy pizzas too. We have a wall display for our family pictures, we use it to encourage the children to talk about the people in their lives. Can you provide or email in a picture of your family. Thank you.



## Butterfly Room

We have been learning all about what's 'Under the sea'. Our focus stories have been 'Bright Stanley' & 'Tiddler' which have sparked lots of conversations about friendships and what's under the sea? We have enjoyed learning about new creatures and their habitats. We have been looking after the Sunshine room's goldfish and learning how to care for them. We are promoting recycling and discussing how it helps our environment and sea life too.

We have enjoyed lots of outdoor play, experiencing a variety of weathers and the elements. Please remember to come suitably dressed for the weather and bring a change of clothes, just in case. We will be celebrating world book day on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Children can bring their favourite book and dress as their favourite character on this day. We will have some costumes for dressing up too.

### Angela- Family Support Worker

**Monday:** All Day Drop In: Angela is available for a chat and a cuppa. Only one parent at a time due to COVID restrictions.

**Tuesday:** Bookbug: 10AM

**Wednesday:** 1 on 1 cooking classes.

**Thursday:** Bookbug: 1.15pm

Am: walking group - 9.30. Pm: TBA please let Angela know if you are interested.

**Friday:** Food share



### Toothbrushing

You will be glad to hear that our tooth brushing programme has started again. We are working with the staff in the 'childsmile' team to make sure this is done safely and effectively. You will have already received a toothbrush pack and information leaflet on healthy snacks.

If you have not got yours please let us know, as always any questions, please ask.



### 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)

If you have any concerns or questions about your child going to school please speak to your keyworker.

### 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.

### Spare Clothes

The children participate in lots of sensory and messy activities both indoors and out. 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

Spring Holiday Mon 4<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> April.

*Only Model 1 and Term Time children are off (see session times below)*

Easter Holiday Fri 15<sup>th</sup> - Mon 18<sup>th</sup> April

*All Children off*

May Day & Training Day Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> - Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

*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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