

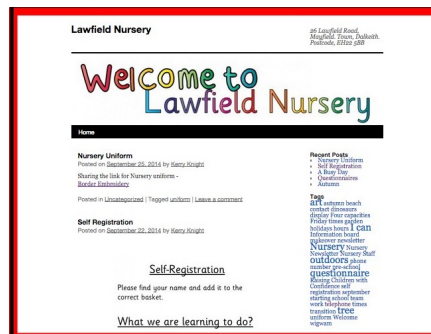


## Welcome

Welcome to our October newsletter. We would like to thank you all for patience with the self-registration stones and hope you can appreciate the benefits for the children. This term we will introduce sign in sheets for each group. As you enter Nursery you will be asked to sign your child in and add the name of the person collecting. This is another important step towards keeping our children safe at Lawfield. We would like to remind you to please phone the Nursery if your child is going to be absent. We would also appreciate if you can keep us updated on changes of address/phone numbers etc. The Nursery now has a direct line allowing parents to speak to nursery staff our new number is **0131 271 4621**.

## Nursery Blog

Throughout the year we will upload our planning, news and useful links to our Nursery blog. The blog is easy to find with a direct link from the school website. If you have a facebook account you can also request to join our school group.



Nursery Website: [blogger.mgfl.net/lawfieldnursery/](http://blogger.mgfl.net/lawfieldnursery/)

## Information Board

We are in the process of changing the orange parents information board. To allow us to update the board more regularly we have ordered a magnetic whiteboard. Once the new board arrives we will share weekly plans, staffing, snack and other Nursery news.

## Times

We would ask that you collect your child within the following times to allow staff time to setup for the next session:

Morning collection - 11.20am - 11.40am

Afternoon collection - 3.15pm - 3.35pm



### Group Time

Group time is an important part of our day at Nursery but in line with recommendations from the Care Commission and other Nurseries across Midlothian we have adopted a 'soft start' approach to the day. Soft start allows the children to develop independence as they choose their own activity as they enter Nursery. Group time will now be timetabled slightly later in the session. We will post details of our group time on the blog and information board later in the term.

### Clothing

Outdoor play is important for the children's development and features strongly in our planning. We operate free flow play for large parts of the session, which allows children to choose whether they would like to play outside or inside. In view of this please make sure your child wears clothing and footwear that is appropriate for the weather. Your child will be using paints, glue, dough, water and other materials that may possibly stain or mark clothing. Although we have protective clothing, please do not put your children in clothing or shoes that you will mind getting dirty. In line with school policy we also ask that you do not send your child in football tops.

### Staffing

Mrs Pauline Firth our Learning Assistant is leaving us in October to start a new job within Midlothian. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all her hard work and support. Good luck with your new adventures Mrs Firth!

### Thank You

A HUGE thank you to everyone who has taken time to complete the recent pre-school questionnaire. It is very helpful for staff to hear your thoughts and to consider your feedback as we plan the year ahead. We hope to share the results very soon however it is not too late to return the questionnaire if you haven't already.

A questionnaire will be issued very soon to all our new children to allow them to share their views on settling into Nursery.

Thank you for your continued support. 😊