

MORTLACH PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY

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Mortlach Nursery Newsletter 2
September 2023



Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

August Highlights

We are very pleased to have welcomed new families to the nursery and it is lovely to see the children settling in so well.

It has been a very busy three weeks and the unexpected visit from Care Inspectorate on Wednesday was to say the least an eventful day. Firstly I want to thank the 12 parents who returned the Care Inspectorate questionnaires, that was a phenomenal amount of responses and we thank you for your comments. The day went very well but as the report is only in draft form, I can't say too much other than we are all happy with the feedback. The report will take at least a month to be published but as soon as it is we will share the details on how you can access it.

All the children have settled in so well and getting to know the routines. The children are working hard to make entries for the Flower Show, very creative! We have also started to redecorate the slates on the fence. These will be completed by the newest group of children who started in August. The older group are creating new cushions for the story corner. We have had a lovely start to the term!

Learning Journals

Just a wee reminder that it is great to see your comments on the Learning Journals and it is fantastic when you post something from home. The Care Inspectorate loved the two way information sharing, so keep up the good work. Due to assessing our feedback at the staff meeting on Thursday, we have not been able to post as many observations as usual. We will make up for it next week.

Nursery Improvement Plan.

This years improvement plan will include

Leadership at all levels – we shall look at how we can help the children to have a greater say in what they want in nursery and build their independence and resilience skills. We will also look at how staff can make the most of their time to provide the best outcomes for all. We will also be asking you how you want to engage as part of the nursery team.

Tracking & Monitoring – assessing how gathering information that can be shared during transition and ensuring children progress at a pace that meets their needs.

Curricular Development – looking at how we ensure a breadth and depth in all curricular areas.

You will be given the opportunity to Have Your Say on how these improvements will impact on you and your child...look out for the questionnaires!

Community Larder

Mrs McConnachie has chosen to champion supporting the Community Larder this year. She has organised that the children can pick up the donations from the Co-op on a Friday morning and then stack the Larder shelves within the Legion. We would welcome parent helpers to support Laura and accompany the a small group of children to collect the donations. If you are interested please let us know. We will be looking for support from next Friday (8th September). Many thanks in advance.

Children's Focus Interest Sheets

Next week will see the first of the children's interest sheets be given out. Half of the class will get an interest sheet to complete with you at home. Please complete the sheet which asked for two things that your child is interested in and information about any special events happening in the next month. The staff will then use the information from the interest sheets to extend the childrens learning. At the end of the focus period, parents will be asked into nursery to discuss progress. The second half of the class will then begin their focus child period. If you have any questions, please ask a member of staff.

General Information

Please remember to inform us if your child is going to be off nursery for any reason. This can be by phoning the nursery or contacting the school. If your child has been nauseous or has had diarrhoea, then please ensure that they remain at home for a full 48 hours.

Please ensure your child has a jacket with them everyday as the good old Scottish weather is so very unpredictable. Can we ask that your child has a couple of changes in their bag, we have had a lot of fun splashing in the puddles which means a lot of changing!

We thank you for your continues support

Mitch, Christine, Michelle, Laura & Kristine.



Mitch Fraser
Nursery Manager

DATES FOR THE DIARY

6th October- Last Day of Term 1

23rd October – First Day of Term 2