

# MORTLACH PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY

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## Mortlach Nursery Newsletter March



### Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

#### February's Learning

The children have been so busy again this term and had lots of fantastic learning. The children have updated the nursery Song Bag, this has supported the rhyming activies and games that have been taking place daily. The children are also having a lot of fun planning how they are going to renovate the lovely dolls house that Mrs McConnachie's mum donated to the nursery. I am really looking forard to see what a wee bit of TLC and some technology skills will do to improve the house!

I hope you have your thinking heads on as we will be running out Family Easter Competion, this year it will be Easter Eggs – with the theme of nursery rhymes as we have been learning some new ones! Kirsry is helping to mod-roc the eggs throughout March!

The children are loving PE at the moment and having lots of fun outside on the bikes, and we are looking forward to our trip to buy some new helmets!

#### Halfords Trip

Hands up...I have made a big mistake in organising the trip to Halfords for the 13<sup>th</sup> of March...that is the day the school photographer is here....ooops. Many apologies, we will now be going to Elgin on the bus on THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH. Please hand in your Have Your Says by the 10<sup>th</sup> as planned.



#### Many Thanks!!!!



Huge thank you to Annie for organising the Landmark competition. She raised a phenominal £626 for nursery, which is amazing! Thank you to everyone that bought tickets and well done to Esme's family who won the tickets, it is lovely to see one of the children from nursery benefiting from such an amazing prize. We have also been given an anonymous donation of £260 from a parent, they have asked for no fuss but I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their generosity.

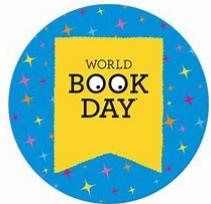
## Talk Boost



The nursery has just purchased Talk Boost Early, a programme that supports children with their listening, talking and turn taking skills and during the in-service in February the team went along to a Talk Boost training session. Talk Boost is a 9 week programme that children partake in small groups for up to 15 minutes 3 times a week. Not all children will require the intervention so the staff are currently working through the resources and gauging which of the pre-school children may benefit from taking part. As well as the 15 minutes of games, songs, rhymes etc. there are books which the children can take home and read with you. It is important that you find time to look at this books a couple of times a week and then return them to nursery. We will also try to upload a story telling session each week for ALL children to listen to. The aim will be in the future to implement the programme in term 1 & 2 so next year, the preschool children will begin the sessions in September. Mrs Shepherd (Mortlach School SFL teacher) came along to the training with us and she is keen to implement Key Level 1 Talk Boost next year, thus further continuing the programme into Primary 1. If you have any questions, please ask, we are just learning too, so you may have to bear with us!

## World Book Day

Thursday 6th March on World Book Day, children are welcome to come dressed as their favourite book character and bring their book to share in class. We will writing some helicopter stories, stories the children create themselves and perform. I'm sure you will look forward to seeing lots of photos on the Learning Journals!



## Invacuation Policy & Procedures



All schools in Moray are now required to have an Invacuation Policy as part of our Safe-Guarding Policy and Procedures. An invacuation is where it is deemed necessary for the children to remain inside the nursery, for example if they are outside playing and a grumpy dog is running around or there may be an incident outside that we feel the children may not necessarily need to be part of. You will probably be aware that a school in Moray had to implement their procedures last week due to a hoax. Therefore, it is important that the children practice for an invacuation, just as they do for a fire drill. We now have our procedures in place and plan to practice an "invacuation" in the coming weeks. If you would like to know more about the policy, please let me know and we can discuss further.

## Giving Tree

A wee reminder that next term the Giving Tree will be up and running for resources required for the kitchen, toileting or cleaning. If you feel able to support us by providing a few bits and pieces, we would be very grateful. A list of required resources will be provided next Term. Many thanks in advance.



## Bits & Pieces

Thank you to everyone who managed to come along to the parent meetings, it really is extremely helpful to spend that wee while catching up and updating paperwork, many thanks! We continue to spend long periods of time outside in the play area. The weather is improving but when the sliding door is open (which is most of the day), the classroom can become quite cool. Can I ask that your child is wearing a couple of cosy layers of clothing, it is easier to take a layer off than to be cold, thank you.

## Dates for the diary.

**13<sup>th</sup> March – School Photographer**

**20<sup>th</sup> March – Trip to Halfords**

**28<sup>th</sup> March – last day of Term 3**

**14<sup>th</sup> April – First day of Term 4**

**18<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday – nursery closed**

Mitch, Christine, Laura, Kristine, Emma & Rhona.

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**Nursery Manager**

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