

MORTLACH PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY

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Mortlach Nursery Newsletter April & May



Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

March's Learning

We hope you all had an amazing Easter Break, the weather could not have been nicer...it makes such a difference when the sun is out!

Where did March go... we had an amazing trip to Halfords and bought an amazing range of bike accessories (actually paid for by a very kind gentleman) and the children continue to enjoy their Friday afternoon bike sessions. We also bought 6 new helmets with monies donated by Forsyths, a huge thank you to them for their very generous donation. We also visited the Elgin Library for a Book Bug session and had a delicious lunch at MNM café, lovely sandwiches and a cake too!

I would like to say a huge "Thanks" to Annie Shaw who raised a further £375 for nursery, what a boost to our funds, we will make sure the money is spent wisely!

On a sadder note Mrs McConnachie will be out of action for a while after having a fall in the last week of term. We will miss her dreadfully and I am sure she will be "climbing the walls" having to rest and recuperate but we hope she is enjoying the sunshine and being pampered by her family and look forward to having her back once she is fully fit. Whilst Mrs McConnachie is off, Ms Megan Davison from Tomintoul Nursery will be supporting Mortlach Nursery, hopefully 3 days a week and Ms Emma will increase her hours to fill most of the other hours....hopefully all will work according to plan. Due to the changes in staffing, you may see a reduction in observations being posted over the coming weeks, hopefully we can get into a routine quickly and we can continue to run as smoothly as possible.

Talk Boost



The children who are taking part in the Talk Boost programme will continue to do so over the next 6/7 weeks but we may miss this week until staff are into a routine. Luckily, Ms Davison has experience of delivering the programme at Tomintoul so she will be working with Mrs McConnachie's group until she returns.

Easter Eggs

A wee reminder that your decorated Easter Eggs have to be returned to nursery by Tuesday 15th April so we can start displaying them around the village. We can't wait to see your creative designs!



Giving Tree



Now that we no longer ask for snack fees, it was agreed that a "Giving Tree" will be implemented from this term. I will be popping a list of required resources onto the Learning Journals next week and if you feel you wish to help nursery by donating a few items, we would be very grateful. There is absolutely no requirement for you to donate, only if you feel you can.

Science Centre



As part of our SIP this year we have been getting to know the curriculum technology experiences and outcomes in a greater depth. The children have loved having opportunities to use tools, use digital technology and construct a dolls house.

With all this learning, we thought we would round off the year with a trip to the Science Centre in Aberdeen on Thursday 19th June. We will share a bus with Tomintoul. Bus costs to the centre are reimbursed by the Scottish Government, which is a massive saving. We are in the planning stages but it looks like we will leave Dufftown at around 9am, visit the Science Centre and then go to Marshall's Farm Shop Café for lunch. The Marshall family have very generously agreed to feed all the children a hot lunch and a drink for free! I am sure you will all agree that this is a very generous donation, and we are very grateful to them. We would then arrive back in Dufftown about 3pm.



I appreciate that a bus to Aberdeen is a long journey and if you have any concerns about the visit please talk to myself or Mrs Anderson. Consent forms will be going out in early June.

Bits & Pieces



Now that the weather is improving, can I please remind everyone to bring in a bottle of suncream (Factor 50 minimum) for your child. This will be kept in their tray for their sole use. Can I also ask that, when the weather is fine, that all children come with suncream on in the morning and staff will reapply suncream after lunch.

A wee reminder that this is Scotland as we can have glorious sunshine and snow in the same day, so please still bring in a jacket each day and ensure your child has a change of clothes with them, just in case! Please remember to bring back any wellies/shoes/bags that were sent home before the end of term, many thanks!

Dates for the diary.

14th April – First day of Term 4

18th April – Good Friday – nursery closed

29th April – Eye test for those who consented.

5th May – May Day Holiday

15th May – Childsmile visit

2nd June – Occasional Holiday

19th June – Science Centre Trip

Mitch, Christine, Laura, Kristine, Emma & Rhona (and Megan).



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