

MORTLACH PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY

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Mortlach Nursery Newsletter 2 September/October 2025



Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

August Learning

It is lovely to have the children back and amazing to see them all settling and happy in their learning. We have had a very fun packed few weeks! The children have loved painting their slates for the fence and they look amazing. They are also working hard on putting together some pieces of art for the Dufftown Flower Show later this month. We have also been designing the children's cushions for nursery and, all going well, we can start using the sewing machine to put them together next week. There are some beautiful designs, watch this space!

Everyone has settled into the new routine and are working on keeping themselves safe and healthy. There are lots of super handwashing experiences taking place and some very accomplished tooth brushing too! Lunches are going very well, with the children able to self-serve their own meals.

Learning journals



Everyone should now be able to access the Learning Journals. At Mortlach we use the Learning Journals as a way to convey all information to you, as a parent. This includes, newsletters, parental appointments, sharing information from Health or other agencies as well as the most important thing...updating you on your child's week.

The children and the team take great care in selecting which experiences they are going to post each week. It is lovely if you can reply with a "like", but we would appreciate either a comment or for you to download things from home, from time to time. This makes the Learning Journals a much better tool for sharing information.

If you are struggling to access the journals or are unsure of how they work, please talk to a member of the team, we are happy to help!

Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP)

Last year the team went to a fantastic training which supports a listening and talking programme called "Talk Boost". The Nursery team were astounded by the difference the programme made to the listening and talking skills of all the children that took part. We are going to continue with Talk Boost again this year but want to extend this by looking at all areas of literacy, including pre writing and pre reading skills. We will be seeking your views and sharing our learning throughout the year. Our other area for development within the

Sip will be looking at Self-Evaluation. It is important that we consistently review our practice to ensure we are meeting the needs of all our learners, our families, our partners and the staff team. Watch out for lots of Have Your Says! Your involvement is crucial in making any improvements meaningful and worthwhile!

Halloween

Lots of notice, so plenty time to consider your Day...this is still in the planning stages and we plan!



costumes! We will be having a Halloween will keep you informed once we have a

Fund Raising

As we no longer charge snack and social fund fees, we are looking at ways to raise money for trips and experiences for the children. We have decided we are going to do a lucky square with the prize being a 4 tickets to HMT Aberdeen to the pantomime, Cinderella. As this fundraiser will be open to the general public, we ask for your support to promote the fundraiser as we hope to sell 150 tickets at £5 each. All monies will be profit once the initial outlay for tickets are recompensed, so we have the potential to raise £600, this money will be used to help pay for snack and extra curricular trips and play equipment. More details to follow.



The Giving Tree



The team will be posting a list of required items on the Giving Tree before the end of term. There is no obligation to provide any of the items and we are very grateful for any items you can provide. Keep your eyes on the Giving Tree on the gate.

Bits and Pieces...

Can we please ask that you contact the nursery if your child is off ill or has an appointment 01440820065. We have a duty of care and it is our responsibility to check that the children and families are safe and well. A wee reminder that the Nursery also has a closed Facebook page, just for parents as well as a Facebook page where we share information, often via the Dufftown Speirins.

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



Mitch Fraser

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Nursery Manager

DATES FOR THE DIARY

10th October- Last Day of Term 1

27th October – First Day of Term 2

31st October – Halloween Celebrations!

10th & 11th November – Inservice Closures

19th December – Last Day of Term 2

5th January – First Day of Term 3