

MORTLACH PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY

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Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

Term 2 Learning

Well...we are ready to party our way through December!!! Sharon Henderson school of dance, has been fantastic fun...the children have absolutely loved it (the staff too!!). The children are expertly listening and following some amazing dance moves, being really active, using up lots of energy and being really creative too, making up their own dance moves. We can't thank Sharon enough for her input, it has been well worth the additional costs.

Our visit to Stickman at Eden Court was amazing, the children thoroughly enjoyed the performance, they were enthralled with the dance, singing and acting of the very familiar story. A great time was had by all, and I for one was so glad we went on the Tuesday and not the next day after seeing all the snow on Wednesday morning!

All these extra's have been paid for by fundraising activities, a massive thank you to Annie Shaw for organising the Pantomime Draw, which raise a phenomenal £354, and well done to Rhona Henderson for winning, she will love taking her grandchildren to the theatre...oh yes she will!

The children have been so busy both inside and out this term, the snow fall last month was fantastic fun (for a few days 😊). The children enjoyed digging, making snowmen and just plootering in the snow. A lot of time inside has been spent on crafts, creating items for the Aigen Court Advent Calendar. The children have been listening to the Advent story and their creativity in re-writing it has been astounding, with their knowledge of the story being one of the best I have seen, well done staff team and children, can't wait to see the story being performed later in the month...this leads nice to our December calendar.

Christmas Madness starts here...

1st December - visit to Aigen Court to deliver Advent Calendar

11th December - Christmas Lunch - Christmas Jumpers please!

16th December 2pm - Parent Carol Concert - please join us!

18th December - Visit to Aigen Court in the am

*Christmas Party in the pm. Please come along
at 2.30 to meet Santa!*

19th December - Christmas pyjama and movie day.

Reverse advent calendar

We continue to support the Community Larder each Wednesday and we like to do a wee bit extra for those in need over Christmas. We usually hold a REVERSE CALENDAR event to boost the supplies at the larder. We would be very grateful for any donations for the larder to make Christmas a wee bit easier for those families struggling during this seasonal period. If you would like to donate, please bring your donation to nursery by Friday 12th December. Thank you in advance.

Ideas:-

Tinned items such as soup, fruit, beans, veg etc.	Soap
packets of cereal or porridge oats.	Shampoo
Biscuits	Bubble Bath/Shower Gel
Pasta	Deoderant
Sauces or condiments	Wahing up liqued
Dried goods such as lentils, broth mix or dried fruit.	Hankies
Jelly	Cleaning Materials
Coffee/Tea/hot chocolate	Washing Power
Sweets.	Toothpaste and brush

Staffing



We are sad to inform you that Mrs Milne will be leaving us at the end of the term. She has decided that it is time to put up her feet and retire. I am sure that she will enjoy the extra time to look after her family and get some time to do her garden and read. The children will miss her help over lunch time but we hope she makes the most of her retirement.

We are now advertising for a 10hr post for a Early Year Support Worker The advert is within the My Job Scotland website [Early Years Support Worker \(MOR11330\) - MOR11330 | Moray Council | myjobscotland](https://www.myjobscotland.co.uk/jobs/11330). Please share with anyone who you may be interested. No qualifications are required to begin with, as long as they are kind, nurturing, hard-working and willing to learn as they go, we would love to hear from them!

Talk Boost

Due to snow days, children's absences and staffing, Talk Boost is not on track to finish by the end of Term 2, therefore we have made the decision to stop the sessions now and restart next term. This only affects the children moving to school in August.

Winter Bugs, Absences, Handovers

A wee reminder that if your child is ill, that you contact the nursery on 01340 820065 to inform the staff team that your child will be absence. Alternately you can email Mortlach Primary, admin.mortlachp2@moray-edunet.gov.uk, and let Mrs Thain know, she will then pass on to us. Can I please ask that you do not contact staff directly as this can cause confusion. We have a duty of care, and we are duty bound to call you if your child does not attend nursery.



We are just coming up to the time for winter bugs, if your child is vomiting or has a tummy upset, the minimum period they should be off is 48hrs.

Can I also ask (sorry)...that children are handed to a member of staff at the gate, safety is paramount and we need to make sure everyone is inside the gate and have been seen by an adult.



New Windows

We are at the early planning stages at the minute but at some point in February, we will be decanting from the nursery into a classroom within the school for 2 weeks when the workmen will be putting new windows into the nursery. Over the coming weeks, I will be putting together a plan of what this will look like for our children, parents and staff. I'll keep you posted!

Bits and Pieces...

Please make sure your child is suitably dressed for the weather, we want to make the most of the snow days when they are here.



Mitch, Christine, Laura, Emma, Kristine & Emma!

Mitch Fraser

Nursery Manager

