

Westfield Nursery Class

April and May 2017



Suggestions, Concerns and Complaints

Please remember that you can make suggestions to the nursery staff using the suggestions board and box in the cloakroom, using the slip at the bottom of the newsletters or by speaking to a member of staff.

If you have any concerns or complaints you may also report these to nursery staff, Mrs Ellington or by following the complaints procedure on the cloakroom notice board. Thank you.

Open Door Policy

Please remember if you have any concerns or anything you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to approach your child's key worker or any other member of staff. Although it is not always possible to enter into discussions when all of the children are entering the nursery, the staff are usually able to discuss concerns once the busy period is over.

Mrs Ellington, Miss Reilly and Mrs Alston are also available by appointment if there is something you wish to discuss with management. Thank you.



Nursery Blog

Please remember to check the blog to find out what we are learning about, to download newsletters or to comment on photos of your child. The blog address is:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/WestfieldNursery/>

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P1 Induction

The induction day for all children who will be attending Westfield Primary School in August 2017 will be held on Wednesday 17th May at 10.15am. Morning session children can drop their children at nursery as normal and staff will take them to their Classrooms. Afternoon session parents should bring their children with them and access the building using the main school entrance.

The children will have the opportunity to meet their Class teacher and their upper school buddy. They will take part in some activities in the classroom and will use the playground (weather dependent).

Lunches will be offered at the end of the induction day. Please return the slip to indicate whether your child will be staying for their lunch, this will help the kitchen prepare sufficient food.

Pre-school children are invited to attend the Summer Disco on Thursday 15th June (times will be provided at the induction day). A responsible adult must remain with your child for the duration of the disco.

Thank you.

Topic

We will be learning about 'Cafes and Restaurants'

Thank You

Thanks to all of the parents and carers who volunteered and to those who helped out on our trip to the Musical Safari at RSNO. We hoped you enjoyed the experience.

Birthdays

The nursery provide birthday cakes for your child on their birthday. We are unable to accept cakes from parents due to allergies.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Nursery Trip

The nursery will be going on their annual trip on Friday 16th June. All children are invited to attend the trip even if they don't normally attend Friday sessions.

A survey was conducted to find out if the parents and carers wanted to go to the Tall Ship or Summerlee. 21 people chose the Tall Ship and 36 people chose Summerlee therefore the nursery have booked Summerlee. We will take payment of £1 nearer the time. Thanks.



Dates for your Diary

Holidays and In-service Days

- **Monday 1st May, Bank Holiday
- **Thursday 4th May, In-service Day
- **Friday 26th and Monday 29th May
- **Wednesday 28th June, early finish, reduced session

Events

- *P1 Induction Day, Wednesday 17th May, 10.15
- *Pre-school children invited to Summer Disco, Thursday 15th June (evening)
- *Nursery trip, Friday 16th June (full day)
- *Nursery assembly, Thursday 22nd June (ante-pre and pre-school parents, carers and families invited to attend)

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Profile Feedback

Thanks to all of our parents and carers for taking the time to come to nursery to discuss your child with their key worker or Mrs McClure. If you still have to make an appointment please speak to a member of staff. Thanks also to those who filled in the profile feedback inside your child's folders. Below are some comments from parents and carers.

'Loved seeing how well my child is coming on'

'I'm glad my child is making progress'

'Very informative with great photos'

'She loves nursery'

'Its lovely to see how much our child enjoys nursery'

'Very encouraging seeing our child progress since joining nursery. The profile is a great way to discover what he does for 3 hours each afternoon'

'Thank you for all your hard work, we can see good progress in our child'

'I loved seeing what she is up to and hearing her version. She really enjoyed talking about it'

'Lovely to look through and see what she does when we are not there. Very well presented'

'Enjoyed looking through the profile, I am glad our child is growing in confidence'

'It is very well presented and set out in a way that shows he is progressing'

'Likes to tell me the story of what he is doing in the photos. Get to see what he does at nursery and the fun that he has'

'We love it so much. She remembers doing the things in it even from the start of the folder. We laugh at the photos together and her detailed memories'

'We love to read the things she says which are written down and look at how her confidence has improved.'

'Love it. As our child's speech develops he is beginning to tell us more about nursery but still missed out a lot.'

'The photos prompt him to talk more about the things he has been doing – Great'

'It is nice to see him interacting with other children and participating more'

'The folder is excellent at showing the stuff that our child does every day at nursery'

Building the Ambition and How Good is Our Early Learning and Childcare

Two of the documents that the nursery staff use to guide and support early learning in the nursery are 'Building the Ambition' and 'How Good is Our Early Learning and Childcare.' Staff have read these documents as part of their professional development, have attended training sessions with other nurseries to explore different ways that the documents are being used and complete annual evaluations with Mrs Ellington to ensure we are delivering a good service.

In order to gain a more holistic view of our nursery we would like to extend the questions to our parents and carers to help us evaluate the establishment and improve the service that we offer. In each newsletter we will pose a question to the parents and carers. Responses can be filled in on the tear off slip, emailed to Mrs McClure at lmccclure@westfield.n-lanark.sch.uk or written on a post it in the cloakroom area.

This month we are looking at the nursery curriculum and how we use the Experiences and Outcomes and share them with children, parents and carers.

Are you happy with the way that we share your child's learning of the Early Level Curriculum? Do you think that your child is developing a positive attitude to learning? Do you feel we involve the children sufficiently in evaluations of their play experiences and learning?

i-Pad and Lending Library Feedback

Thank you for participating in our i-Pad and lending library and for giving us suggestions and feedback to improve for our next run. The feedback was mainly positive. Please find below a summary of the comments from our Children, Parents and Carers.

LENDING LIBRARY

- the folder is a great idea
- the parent prompt is helpful for suggestions for things to talk about before, during and after the book
- lots of children were excited about getting a new book
- it's a good way to get young children interested in books and reading
- a good way to involve parents
- some parents found the books too young or too old for their children
- some parents requested the books more often
- some parents preferred the books to the i-pads

In order to tailor the books to the children's interests and abilities we would like to ask for the help of parent / Carer volunteers. If you are able to help out please return the slip at the bottom of the page.

I-PADS

- some parents liked seeing the educational apps available
- Children like to share success on apps with families
- some parents have since bought the apps their child enjoyed for their own tablets
- some children weren't too bothered with the i-Pad
- some children were frustrated that they couldn't continue as the free apps are only tasters

As a result of feedback we are hoping to do a small fundraiser to allow us to buy the full version of the apps. The smallest amount per i-Tunes gift card is £15. As a result of a nomination of Westfield Nursery from a family to a Car dealership we received a £100 donation, this would leave a further £155 to raise to fund the purchase of 17 i-Tunes Cards to upgrade the most popular apps. We will arrange fundraising to ensure that the i-Tunes Cards are bought and i-Pads upgraded before the pre-school children leave for school. We will use the nursery i-Pads during our transition visits to P1.

Lending Library Volunteer Slip

Child's name:

Parent or Carer name:

Days and times available to help: