

Westfield Nursery Class

March 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.



Stay and Play Days

The nursery will be welcoming parents and Carers to play in the nursery for a three week block, beginning Monday 6th March. Please use the sign up sheet in the cloakroom area to indicate which day you will be joining us. Thank you.

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Childsmile

The Childsmile team will be visiting the nursery on Tuesday 14th March. Orange letters will be issued to check for changes in your child's health since the last visit or since you filled in the permission slip. Please return this if the details have changed. Thank you.



Topic

Our new topic is 'New Life.'

Musical Safari

The nursery have been given the opportunity to visit the Royal Scottish National Orchestra at the Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow. All responses so far have confirmed that the parents and carers are happy to change the session time to allow the children to attend. We will also be looking for a small number of parent helpers on this day. A sign up sheet will be put up in the cloakroom for volunteers, the staff will ballot the names if we receive more than the seating allows for.

Session times will run from 9.40 – 12.50 for the morning children and 10.15 – 1.25 for the afternoon children. Please remember to notify the person dropping off and collecting your child. Thank you.

Comic Relief

The nursery will be joining in with the school Red Nose Day celebrations on Friday 24th March. On this day the children can wear pyjamas or onesies, style their hair 'crazy' and bring £1 to buy a red nose.

Wellies

The nursery are looking for donations of old wellies for a planting activity. If your child has outgrown their wellies the nursery will happily accept donations. Thank you.



World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March the children can bring their favourite book with them to nursery. Mrs Ellington has organised a storytelling session for the children on Friday 3rd March.

Thank you

We would like to thank Mr & Mrs Gibson for nominating the nursery for a donation of £100.

Dates for your Diary

Holidays and In-service Days

- **Monday 3rd April to Monday 17th April inclusive
- **Monday 1st May, Bank Holiday
- **Thursday 4th May, In-service Day
- **Friday 26th and Monday 29th May

Events

- **World Book Day, Thursday 2nd March, bring a book to nursery
- **Parents' Appointments** -Afternoon and Evening of Thursday 9th March, from 4.10 onwards
- **Childsmile Visit, Tuesday 14th March
- **Red Nose Day, Friday 24th March
- **Musical Safari, Tuesday 28th March

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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 sheet in the cloakroom area.

This month we are looking at the nursery environment and if it is a suitable learning environment. We appreciate any feedback to help us improve our service.

Do you find the nursery playroom and outdoor area a positive, nurturing environment? Do you feel our learning environment support different types of learning? Is your child happy / comfortable to approach an adult to talk about their learning or experiences?