



Chapelgreen Nursery Class



February Newsletter 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Can you believe it is the 10th of February already? How quickly time has flown by. I hope you are as impressed as I am with the nursery provision we provide for your child and that we do our best to involve you in your child's education. You are your child's first educator and we want to build on that and further develop that partnership. I am delighted with the hard work and care that the Nursery Team provides. We would be happy to hear your views, including how you think I manage the nursery or if there is anything else you would like me to do. You can give this information face-to-face in the nursery or to myself, in an email (ht@chapelgreen.n-lanark.sch.uk), in writing, or by phoning 01236794836 and asking to speak to myself or the nursery staff.

Kind Regards

Siobhan McLeod
Head Teacher

Summerlee Visit 23.2.17

We are looking forward to taking our nursery children to Summerlee Heritage Park in Coatbridge on Thursday 23rd February. The children have shown a great interest in building with construction and will get to take part in 'A Wee Engineers' workshop, followed by a ride on the tram. The nursery is going to subsidise this outing paying for the workshop, tram ride and contributing towards the bus. The Nursery Staff spoke to a number of parents/carers who said they would be happy to contribute to the cost of the bus. We ask then that you contribute £4.00. Thank you very much.

Parent/Carer Support Sessions - Working in Partnership

The nursery staff will be consulting with you about the type of information/workshops that would be helpful to you. We are doing this to make sure that we are offering something of value to you rather than following a set programme. Mrs Henderson is liaising with 'High Five for Fruit' and the nutritionist, so one of the sessions is likely to be about making healthy but fun snacks. There will be a session on "Play on Pedals" and one on Health and Wellbeing, in particular looking at children being Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included. This is often called SHANARRI. Other options can include Toilet Training, Managing Behaviour/tantrums, Eating, Shopping etc. The first one will take place on 17th February at 11am in the school hall.

Stay and Play

We have been offering a number of opportunities for Parents/Carers and other family members to come into the Nursery and play with their child. This provides the chance for you to see how your child interacts with others as well as giving your child the opportunity to share their learning with you, show you the resources/toys that they play with and show off their skills and new-found confidence. These have been very well-attended and we hope you have found this to be useful too. Staff will display some of the photographs taken and ask you for a bit of feedback/comment to display next to your photos. These photos and comments will then be put in your child's profile/learning story.

Literacy

Staff have been using a three-read approach to stories. Children are grouped according to ability, level of activity required. All groups read the same story but have a different level of support in terms of questioning, the number of props and visual aids being used and their understanding. This has been very successful at meeting the needs of our learners.

Achievement Tree

A number of parents/carers have added their child's achievements at home to a leaf for the achievement tree. After this has been celebrated and displayed, it is then stored in your child's Learning Story. We would welcome new achievements being added now. This would be something personal to the child, for example, managing to be dry at night, sleeping in their own bed, going to bed or staying in bed etc. *Please add to our tree.*

Queenzieburn Village Park

You may be aware that members of the community have applied for funding to revamp the village play park. They have requested that our Nursery children and some school pupils walk to the park on Monday 27th February for 10.30am. The local newspapers will be there and some photographs will be taken.

Staff learning update



All staff will attend further training on 'Building the Ambition' focusing on Attachment and how we can support children to grow into resilient, confident little learners. Mrs Henderson has attended a course called 'Five to Thrive' which looks at 5 steps of interaction with children to help them feel secure and supported. Mrs Warnock and Mrs Miller will be attending training on "Play on Pedals" which will help them to support children as they go through stages of balance on wheeled bikes and the safety aspect of wearing a helmet. Mrs Henderson is also on the waiting list for Forest Kindergarten Training which is a three-day course about using the environment and natural resources to build camps and fires. So fingers crossed a space becomes available! *Are you happy with the quality of the staff at Chapelgreen Nursery? We would be delighted to have some feedback about what you think.*

Feedback would be welcomed: