

Forgewood Family Learning Centre November/December 2016

Newsletter

Nursery BLOG

Please remember to check our BLOG for an update on the learning and teaching as well as updates on what's happening the week ahead. From January 2017 you will be able to access all future Newsletter from the blog. If you require a paper copy please contact the office.

Type in the link below

<https://blogsdownload.ora.uk/nl/forgewood>



Christmas Parties

2-3 Room Party times: all children to attend morning party

Start 9am- 10.30am in Fife Drive

At 10.30am parent/carer to collect children from Fife Drive and take them to meet Santa in the Community Centre. **All children must be collected at 10.30 and accompanied by parent/carer to Community Centre**

3-5 children Party times

*Party will take place in **Forgewood Community Centre***

Morning Party – Start - 9.15 am - 10.45am

10.45am parents arrive at Forgewood Community Centre where children will sing Christmas songs awaiting Santa's arrival at 11am

Afternoon Party – start - 1pm-2.20pm

2.20pm parents arrive at Forgewood Community Centre where children will sing Christmas songs awaiting Santa's arrival at 2.25pm

Diary Dates

The months of November and December are very busy times so here are a few dates for your Diary

- Monday 28th & Tuesday 29th November - Photographer will be in Fife Drive
- 1st & 2nd December Visits to Muir Street Primary
- Wednesday 7th December - Visual Screening in the Annexe Building
- Thursday 22nd December - Children's Christmas Parties

Christmas Holiday

The nursery will be closed on Monday 26th December and will reopen for children who attend the Annexe on Monday 9th January 2017. For children in our 2-3 room at Fife Drive they will return on Wednesday 4th January 2017.



In Fife Drive we have recently had a beautiful new carpet laid. Therefore can we ask parents to ensure their child has soft indoor shoes to wear while in the playroom? Can parents also ensure that they use the shoe covers provided before entering the playroom? This will support us in keeping the environment for children clean.



We would love to hear what you think of the changes to our playroom environment within Fife Drive over the past couple of weeks. Please share your thoughts with us. We will be displaying our findings on the "Thinking Tree" within the playroom.

Sponsor Read



We recently asked you to take part in a Sponsor "Read a Story a Day". This aims to raise funds to allow us to buy children's Christmas presents this year. We ask that you read a story to your child every day for a week. There is an array of research that identifies the interactions young children have with literacy materials such as books which are read to them by adults are the building blocks for language, reading and writing development.



Within the Annexe we recently asked you to share your thoughts on how the environment has changed over the past term. Thank you so much for all the positive feedback. We have displayed your comments on our "Thinking Tree" within the playroom, please have a look.

Please continue to use the "Thinking Tree" to share your comments. We value your continued feedback as this helps us to improve the service we provide.



Could we please remind parents/carers to label their child's belongings in order to ease confusion.





We are sad to say that Julie and Danella are leaving us to continue their career journey at the end of term. Also Christine is retiring after 18 years of service within Forgewood Family Learning Centre. I am sure that she will be sadly missed by all staff, parents and children.

We wish you well ladies and will miss you.



We will be holding our yearly Christmas Hamper & raffle and are looking for your support with donations. There will be a Christmas box placed in both buildings.

It's everybody's responsibility to make sure I'm alright

Protecting children from harm and abuse is everybody's responsibility. Within the centre we have very clear Child Protection roles and responsibilities, with the Child Protection co-ordinator being Gillian Horne. However, if you see or hear anything which you are concerned about regarding a young person's wellbeing in or around the nursery, please speak to Gillian or Jackie in her absence in the first instance or indeed contact the local Children and Families Team, Scott House, 73/77 Merry Street, Motherwell, 01698 332100



Within the nursery we have been discussing with the children their favourite stories and asking them if they have been having a bedtime story. This has shown that some children within the nursery have a bedtime story most days. Research tells us that a bedtime story has long been known to foster parent-child bonds and prepare children for sleep. But lately researchers have attached other powers to this night-time routine. They say *"while you and your little one are sailing with Max to the land of the Wild Things or sampling green eggs with Sam, you're actually boosting your child's brain development. These gains range from improved logic skills to lower stress levels. But perhaps the most profound benefit discovered in recent years is the way bedtime stories can rewire children's brains to quicken their mastery of language"*.

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

We can't wait to hear all about the stories your child has been read at bedtime.



MUIR STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parents of children who will be attending Muir Street Primary in August 2017 are invited to an informal walk around of the school with your child on:

Thursday 1st December 2016 at 9.30am

Or

Friday 2nd December 2016 at 1.15pm

Please contact the school on 01698 274980 if you will be attending

600hrs Early Learning & Childcare for 2 year olds

From August 2015 the criteria for free places changed to benefit more families. You or a family member's child could be entitled to almost 600 hours per year free early learning and childcare under the new criteria. Your 2 year old may be eligible if one of the following apply. You are in receipt of one of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income based job seekers allowance
- Any income related element of the Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and your income is less than £16,010 per year
- Maximum Child Tax Credit and maximum Working Tax Credit and your income is less than £6,240
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Or they are:
 - Looked after
 - Under a kinship care order
 - Live with a Parent Appointed Guardian

For more information on how to apply speak to Gillian, Jackie or you can speak with NLC support staff on 01236 812281 For more information visit:
northlan.gov.uk/familyinformationservice or earlylearningandchildcare.scot

Thank you for your continued support and from all the staff we wish you

