



March/April 2017

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. Type in the link below
<https://blogsdownload.org.uk/nl/forgewood>



Sponsor a Fence Slat

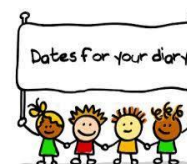
Thank you to the parents who have already sponsored a slat with their child's name. This will allow us to buy the wood needed to support us in developing an area of school ground within Braidhurst High School to support children having more access to green space during their nursery session. This involves building a secure fence around the identified area.

We are very lucky to have the support of David Caldwell Joiners who will be giving us their labour in erect the fence free of charge. A BIG Thank You David on behalf of all the staff, children and parents at Forgewood Family Learning Centre.

Why not **SPONSOR** a fence slat and we will scribe your child's name on it for just £2.00.



For your child's safety please ensure that you close the 3-5 garden gate when entering and leaving the nursery.



Diary Dates

Spring break

Monday 3rd-18th April 2017

In-service day: Thursday 4th May
2017

May Day Holiday's 26th & 29th
May

Graduation Day- 23rd June 2017



We had special visitors in the nursery on Tuesday 7th March as children from the Annexe visited Fife Drive to take part in our Three Read stories to support transitions for our children in the 2-3 playroom.

Paul Kelly Deputy Leader of North Lanarkshire Council and Gerard McLaughlin, Head of Services also chatted with staff about the nursery new build which is due to be completed by August 2018. You can find a short video of the visit on North Lanarkshire Council Facebook

page. 

**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 Acting Child Protection co-ordinator being Jackie Fulton. 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

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



To celebrate spring break we are raffling a delicious spring hamper filled with lots of goodies including an Easter egg. Money raised will go towards buying the children a little spring gift. All donations are voluntary. Raffle tickets at £1.00 a strip will be on sale from Wednesday 15th March 2017 in both the Annexe and Fife Drive.



Please note the Annexe entrance door will not be opened until 8.40am and 1pm and then again 11.40am and 3.50pm. Please be patient as good security is often frustrating and your child's safety is of paramount importance
If you wish to collect your child before these times just let your child's key worker know.



Children in the 3-5 playroom take part in the Three Read Programme which promotes their early literacy skills. This takes place every day at 9am-9.20am & 1.20pm - 1.40pm. Please ensure your child arrives on time at the start of the nursery session (8.40am & 1pm) as late arrivals disturb your child's **Three Read Groups**.

Donations are GREATLY appreciated!



To comply with NLC audit procedures we will now be collecting toy/snack donations on a Monday and Wednesday morning and afternoon. Anne and Heather our Clerical staff will be in our 3-5 playroom collecting donations.

Please tell us how you think we are doing?
&
How could we make it better?



Children from our 3-5 playroom will be visiting Park Springs Care Home for spring celebrations over the next few weeks.

We have created a:

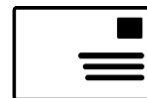



**Tell Us
what
YOU
Think**

If you wish to contact the nursery details below:

Fife Drive: 01698 274909

Annexe: 01698 522706



Wall for you to share your thoughts and ideas. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. The information you share with us will help us make Forgewood Family Learning Centre an even better place for your child to learn and develop.

Have you moved home or changed your telephone number please ensure we have your up to date contact details.