

## Nursery Play Experiences



Our new context for learning this month is 'Pets'. The children will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of different experiences which include listening to stories; looking at information books; using the internet to find more information; singing songs and rhymes and discussing pets and how to care for them. They will also be drawing pets; completing puzzles and playing games; using the Smartboard; completing graphs about favourite pets; sorting and matching animals; counting pets; participating in ABC Music activities and a variety of creative activities related to 'Pets'. The imaginative play area has been changed to a vet's surgery where the children will have the opportunity to use their imagination as they become involved in role play.



## Nursery to Primary Transition

To assist the children with their transition, we have been having snack in the dining hall on a monthly basis. The children all enjoy the experience and it always proves to be beneficial in supporting them in becoming familiar with the dining hall. Over the next few weeks, we will also be arranging brief, informal visits to Glengowan and St. Mary's for our children who will be starting school in August. These visits will take place during the normal nursery sessions and the children will be accompanied by nursery staff.

## Summer Outing

As our learning context this month is 'Pets', we have decided to visit Almond Valley for our Summer outing. If possible, we would like all children to have their own adult helper with them on the outing. The nursery will pay the children's cost of the bus and entrance fees to the park from nursery funds. The cost for accompanying adults is £10.00. We would ask that this amount is paid by **WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY** as we have to pay in advance. The outing for the **AFTERNOON CHILDREN** will take place on **WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE**. There will be **NO NURSERY** for the **MORNING CHILDREN** on this day. The outing for the **MORNING CHILDREN** will take place on **FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> June**. There will be **NO NURSERY** for the **AFTERNOON CHILDREN** on this day.

## NURSERY SPORTS

THE NURSERY SPORTS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE. MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW CLOSER TO THE EVENT.

## Glengowan Glow Blog

Please visit our school blog on

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

## Fairtrade Foundation

As you are aware, we recently held a 'dress down day' with the children wearing the colours of the Fairtrade logo to promote the Fairtrade message. The school and nursery raised £163.50 which the Foundation will use in the following ways: to assist farmers and workers to join Fairtrade, to support farmers to improve their crops, to support women farmers and to develop climate change programmes. Many thanks for your support.

## Tooth Brushing Programme

Karen, our Oral Health Educator, visited the nursery to read the children a story and to assist them in brushing their teeth. She was pleased with the progress the children are making in learning how to brush their teeth correctly.



## Big Pedal Fortnight

This has been running from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April. During this time, we have seen a marked increase in the number of children

who are cycling or scooting to/from nursery and it would be great to see this continuing. Please promote safety and security by reminding your child to wear a helmet and also to secure his/her cycle or scooter to the bike rack with a chain or lock. Many thanks for your support in promoting this initiative.

#### **Nursery Fundraiser**

As the cost of the buses and the entrance fees to Almond Valley for the children is paid for from nursery funds, we are intending to hold a nursery fundraiser on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May to assist with this payment. This will take the form of a sponsored obstacle course in the school gym hall. Parents are welcome to come along to encourage the children as they participate in this event. Sponsor forms have been issued along with details of the time for anyone who wishes to come along to watch. We would appreciate your support in ensuring this is a successful fundraiser. Many thanks.

#### **Parent Council**

Our Parent Council Chairperson, Mrs McIntyre, has recently resigned from her position. I'm sure you will join with us in thanking Mrs McIntyre for her commitment to the Parent Council over the past few years. The next meeting of the Parent Council will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June from 6-7 p.m. in the Community Room.

#### **John Wilson Photographer**

As you are aware, we have arranged for the photographer to return to nursery and take the individual photographs of the children again. These are the

photographs which included the rocking horse or the bike. The date for this is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **Graduation**

*The nursery graduation will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June. More details will follow in our next newsletter.*

#### **Sun Awareness**



*In good, sunny weather, please apply SPF 50 sun cream to your child before he/she comes to nursery. If you forget, we have sun cream available in the nursery cloakroom for you to use (Tesco Sensitive SPF 50). Long sleeves are also advisable on sunny days, as well as a sunhat and sunglasses. Please note, you may wish to keep a sunhat in your child's nursery bag. Thank you for your support in keeping your child safe and happy in the sun at nursery.*



#### **Diary Dates**

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Holiday
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> May	In-Service Day – closed to children
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Outing for p.m. children <b>(No nursery for morning children)</b>
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Outing for a.m. children <b>(No nursery for afternoon children)</b>
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Sports
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Graduation

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> June Closed for Polling - European Referendum  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup> June Close for Summer holidays

## **Glengowan Nursery Class**



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