



Glengowan Nursery Class

April 2021 Newsletter



Happiness Honesty Teamwork Respect

Outdoor Play Experiences

In line with current guidance to minimise the risk of transmission of coronavirus, we have been making great use of our outdoor area, as well as the woods and astroturf. The 1140 Early Years expansion recognises the value of outdoor learning experiences for all children and young people, and our early learners love it!



The Lifecycle of a Butterfly

The children have been learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly and they have engaged in a wide range of play experiences to further their learning. They are really enthusiastic to come into nursery and observe any changes which are taking place.



Sun Safety

We are hoping that the warm, sunny weather will return soon, after its brief appearance recently. Please keep your child safe in the sun:

- apply sun cream before your child comes to nursery
- encourage your child to wear a suitable hat with good coverage
- long sleeves provide good sun protection

We have recently reviewed the suncream we have for 'top-ups' during the nursery session, following difficulties sourcing the previous one we used. We are now using **Boots Soltan Sensitive SPF50+** as this is rated as 5 stars for UVA/UVB protection. Please do not provide us with sun cream for your child unless he/she is unable to have this applied for a 'top-up'. You will appreciate that storing and applying several different brands of sun cream for individuals takes up space and can be very time consuming for staff.



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Sensory Play

There are lots of benefits of sensory play experiences, including:

- the development of motor skills
- building nerve connections within the brain
- supporting language development
- encouraging problem solving
- encouraging discovery and independent thinking
- providing mindfulness opportunities

We provide a wide range of sensory experiences and our early learners have recently enjoyed mark-making whilst engaging in their play. Many of these experiences are also quick, easy and inexpensive to recreate at home and they keep the children focused and engaged.



Physical Active Health

Many of our children are choosing to spend time on the balance bikes and pedal bikes, which we have available. Some have progressed so well that they have enjoyed using the larger space of the AstroTurf. We have also noticed an increasing number of children travelling to and from nursery on their bikes or scooters, which is great! We encourage this active travel for the positive impact on children's physical and mental health. We recommend that children who cycle or scoot to nursery, wear a helmet and bring a chain for parents to secure their bike or scooter to the cycle racks. Please note, we are unable to accept liability for bikes and scooters on nursery and school premises.



Coronavirus Contact Tracing - UPDATE

There has been a change to the process when communicating information to families of children and young people identified as close contacts of positive Covid-19 cases in schools and nurseries. If a positive case occurs in the school or nursery that your child attends, the school or nursery will be in contact to ask for children to be collected. Following risk assessment, Contact Tracers from NHS Test and Protect will then be in touch with you directly with advice for close contacts, and not the school or nursery as was previously the case. Wider community letters will continue to be issued following positive cases but direct contact for close contacts will be made by NHS Test and Protect.

DIARY DATES

Thurs 6th May
INSERVICE - CLOSED TO PUPILS

Mon 10th May
PARENT COUNCIL MEETING 6 P.M.

Fri 28th May
HOLIDAY

Mon 31st May
HOLIDAY

