



## Greengairs Nursery Class

### November Newsletter 2024



**Learning in nursery:** We have been very busy in in all areas of the nursery watching Dr. Claire Warden telling us all about Rocks, Stones and Crystals and have followed her ideas outdoors and indoors. Some of our experiences included collecting stones and rocks, washing, and painting them. We learned all about transient art and now know we do not need glue to create a fabulous picture.

We explored science as we mixed up different chemicals, (wash up liquid, cream of tartar and vinegar) and poured it into the volcano and saw it erupt! We have been building towers and designing buildings.

We investigated a very old fossil thousands of years old with patterns on the sides.

We were learning literacy through listening, talking, and drawing, sharing our thoughts and ideas.

Numeracy was everywhere! We looked at patterns and shape, we counted the stones we found, we used positional language to line up the stones, first next, beside, and last.

We have also been learning a lot about the season and the changes in the weather and leaves. We see the wind, feel the rain, and know it's Autumn.

#### **Communication:**

We aim to keep everyone informed as best as we can through a variety of different platforms.

Please check for information on our Nursery Teams page, the newsletter, and parents notice board in the changing area. You will also find information on:

X (Twitter) @GreengairsNC

#### **Diary Dates - November**

1<sup>st</sup> First Friday ... Crazy hair day!

8<sup>th</sup> Child smile dental visit

15<sup>th</sup> Children in need... colourful clothing!

18<sup>th</sup> In-service training day-nursery closed

19<sup>th</sup> Pre-school only-Orthoptic visual screening (PM)

#### **Thank you.**

To all our families for the support you give us in nursery. We appreciate your time coming into play during our Stay and Play week. Your donations have been beneficial to the experiences we provide for the children. It has helped us to purchase a selection of different snacks for your child to enjoy for breakfast and afternoon snack. We have also bought resources for Halloween, a mini cooker to make playdough, and resources for messy play.

We would especially like to thank our parents who came into our nursery garden during the October holidays and moved our play hut and build a range of fabulous outdoor furniture and games, which the children are thoroughly enjoying daily. We aim to be the best and deliver a package of learning experiences for your child to explore, investigate and wonder, what if?

#### **Change of clothes**

Please remember to keep checking your child's bag, for clean socks, pants, and bottoms. Can you please check your child's wellies if they still fit or if they are leaking. We need to be ready for all weather.

*Alfred Wainright wrote "There's no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing" (1973)*

### Adventure Bear:

Lorna will be leading our Adventure bear home link backpack. Inside the backpack you will find a soft toy, Buttons the bear, Cuddles the dog and Giggles the lamb. There is a toothbrush and a face wipe provided to help your child understand the importance of selfcare skills. We do use water, soap, or toothpaste on our cuddly toy, just use the facecloth and toothbrush dry.

Please share your bears adventures at home through Teams or on your child's learning journal. Engaging in conversations builds confidence, self-esteem, and stimulates imagination. Giving all children a voice and independence to be successful achievers. You might take your backpack to the park, the cinema, the shops, anywhere but we cannot wait to see all your adventures.

### **New staff:**



Welcome to Lindsay Crawford to our team. Lindsay is our new lunch cover member of staff and will assist and support staff and children throughout lunch time. She will join in all aspects of nursery. Lindsay will also be our toothbrush champion and help to support your child every day to brush their teeth.



We are  
champions.

### Contact and follow us on

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### Sign in sheets:

Our sign in sheets have changed a little, we ask you to sign your name at drop off as it is important, we know who brings your child to nursery. There is no need to add a time as nursery is non-compulsory and these are your hours. However, a wee phone call if you are absent is still necessary to keep us updated. This is just part of safeguarding and hope you understand.

### **Stay and Play:**

We had a fabulous turn out for our first stay and play event. Parents played with the doll's house, had tea in the house corner, painted in the art studio and played hide and seek outdoors. We even saw a dad dressed up in a witchy hat.

We understand you are very busy and appreciate what time you can give to attend these sessions. We are delighted some of you took the opportunity to come along to our catch-up day on Friday

### **Nursery improvements.**

It is important to us you *feel* the improvements for which we are aiming. We are looking at new ways to engage the children and make it more stimulating for their interests. If you have any ideas, please talk to a member of staff, or jot it on a piece of paper and pop in in our suggestion box.

### **Wellie Walk.**

We have now completed our fundraising wellie walk. Thank you to the volunteers who came along to help escort our children. We used a scavenger hunt sheet to look for horses, ducks, chickens, clouds, cars and even a grassy car. Thank you for all your support.