



Greengairs Nursery Class

March Newsletter 2025



Learning in nursery: We have just finished our learning for January and February and there have been lots of celebrations, a book study and the lovely interests the children find daily.

Staff thought it would be nice to focus on the celebrations that are natural during the months of January and February; Robert Burns, Chinese New Year and Friendship Day, some of us call it Valentine's Day!

There were lovely experiences for Robert Burns with children dancing, listening the bagpipes, making tartan patterns and tasting new foods. We enjoyed haggis for our lunch with Tatties and neeps and some of us actually really enjoyed it. We cut out rows of coloured paper and tried to weave them to make a pattern although some of the children drew their own version of tartan too.

For Chinese New Year we listened to the story of the animals, learning how all the different animals had a race to make the Chinese calendar. We made lanterns and hung them on our ceiling for everyone to see and we made Chinese red lucky bags, cutting out the red paper and the staff put a golden chocolate coin inside but, we ate it! On friendship day all the children were involved filling a friendship jar with nice comments from all the children to let them know how special they are. We drew our friends on a love heart and it is now displayed on the nursery window.

The book we chose for our book study was 'The Stick man'. All the children really enjoy this story and engaged well. We made puzzles, had a matching game with all the characters, we talked about the book and drew our favourite part. We made lollipop puppets of the stick man, his lady love and children three. We went outdoors to gather twigs and some of the children helped to build the stick tree house then we made up our own stories using the Stick house and lollipop puppets.

We engaged in lots of literacy with listening and talking about the stories, instructions, and understanding. In numeracy we created patterns, learned about position and amount. And had lots of enjoyment and fun throughout our learning.

Safety and security:

It is important staff revisit all safety measures on nursery on a regular basis.

One of the safety aspects we spoke about and something that we feel we could improve is when parents arrive after the nursery gates closes at 9:00a.m.

To find a solution to this, we aim to keep the nursery gate open until 9:10a.m. Thereafter if you arrive the gates are closed, clerical will call to nursery so we can open the gate for you.

You will be asked to take your child into nursery to sign in and organise your child's jacket and indoor shoes. This will also give you the opportunity to catch up with your child's keyworker if you need to pass anything on.

We feel this has been an area we could improve for the safety of all children. A member of staff will ensure you can leave by the nursery gate and that it is locked again

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Diary Dates - March



6th March world book day.

14th March -Child smile fluoride varnish

18th March Personal Plan meeting/ Bumblebee group

19th March Personal Plan meeting/ Butterfly group

20th March Personal Plan meeting/Ladybird group

18th March Eco flag visit

24th March Stay and play week

31st March New start induction visit.

April

1st April Decorate an egg

2nd April Decorate a Bonnet/hat

3rd April School assembly Easter 9:30a.m.

3rd April Daffodil tea, sing-along. 1:45p.m. all welcome

4th April Easter egg hunt at Blacktongue farm

7th April Monday Nursery closed Spring break through to

22nd April Tuesday Nursery re-opens.

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at home

Staff training:

Staff continue to upskill their own knowledge and understanding in early years. This is continuous and benefits all children and is shared with all staff.

KeriJane has recently attended Realising the Ambition course with Alisha soon to upskill in this area too.

6th March Frances will be training Planning for

Stay and Play:

This term we are introducing an open-door style to suit parents and carers to choose a time and day over the week that suits them better.

This will be available over the full week, morning and afternoon. However, places are limited therefore it will be on a first come first served basis. Please be assured there is a space for everyone.

However, we feel this could be a better system for you to attend and engage in play and learning.

List will be available soon.



Weekly Contributions:

Your weekly contributions have been really appreciated this month. We have replaced the lunch table covers, we have purchased a variety of different snack for children and hopefully buy outdoor sand.

Your kindness goes a long way.

Parking: It is important you refrain from parking outside the school gate AT ANY TIME.

There is a designated parking area across the road, and it is important you keep the school gate free in-case of any emergencies and avoid unnecessary accidents.

Mobile phones: It is important to note it is NOT permitted for staff, parents and visitors to use their mobile phone in the playroom or nursery Garden. If you receive a call please and it is important you answer, inform a member of staff it is urgent and will show you a safe place to take your call. This is the guidance from North Lanarkshire Council. If you are seen using your phone staff WILL ask you to take it outdoors.

Fun day Friday:

We are hosting Fun day Friday on World book day on **Thursday 6th March** and feel this makes much better sense to change it for one month.

The theme for March Fun Day is to wear something with your favourite character. It could be a top, t-shirt, socks, hairband, joggers or dress up. We don't want you to go to any expense and ask you just find something you already have with a character on it.

Your £1 donation is always appreciated, and we find children love to dress up and it gives them the opportunity to find something THEY want to wear and it's not even Hallowe'en!

Act of kindness:

Children have been learning how to give a compliment through their kindness jars they made for each other, children also drew their friend for our flower display and painted roses as part of learning how to be kind.

We have introduced an 'Act of Kindness' basket, located at the main entrance.

You might find a jar or a tin or even pasta inside the basket. We want you to help yourself, and perhaps you can pay it forward by popping a tin or jar into the basket when you feel you have a little extra something that someone else could use.

If by the end of term or before and there are items left in the basket, we will donate these to the local food bank.

Children learn by our own act of kindness.

Summer fund raising event.

It seems no time at all we were fundraising for Christmas and here we are thinking about summer and ways we can celebrate and enjoy the good weather!!!

If you have any ideas, we would like to hear them, afterall the fundraising is always about the parents and families of our children.



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