

# November 2020 Newsletter



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We thought that we would introduce our groups again as we have had some new children joining us.

### Meet our groups

**LADY BIRDS** Keyworkers AM Donna (Mrs Waddell) & PM Katrina (Mrs Mitchell):-

Sam, Shanice, Laicey, Daisy, Arthur & Alyssa.

**DOLPHINS** Keyworkers Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday AM Susan (Mrs Pate) & Lorraine (Miss Hunter) Wednesday PM, Thursday & Friday:-

Abel, Sophie, Cameron, Marissa, Jacob, Dawson, Karis, Sienna-May & Lexi.

**FROGS** Keyworkers Monday, Tuesday & Wed Kate (Mrs Neilson) & Laura (Mrs Miller) Thursday & Friday:-

Aicha, Tilly, Maiya, Yasmin, Georgie, Alfie, Eddie, Dani, Caoimhe & Charlotte.

**TIGERS** Keyworker Louise (Miss Tobasnik):-

Aaron, Ayesha, Lucas, Lily, Rozalia, Fallon, Lauren, Amelia & Marley.

### Weather appropriate clothing

If you could please make sure your child/children are dressed for the weather when coming to nursery. New government policy says that children should be out in all weathers every day. Therefore on

Rainy days they should wear waterproofs and have wellingtons on.

Snow days they should wear warm clothes, hats, gloves scarves, wellingtons and waterproofs/snowsuit.

Sunny days they should wear sun cream (if possible applied before coming to nursery) and sun hats.

Please make sure all of your child/ren's clothes are labelled with their names.

Please provide your child/ren with indoor and outdoor shoes and also a change of clothes in case of water play, paint, gardening or accidents. If any parent has concerns with any of the above please speak to a member of staff.

**The frogs and tigers are out from 8.50 so can you please ensure they are dressed ready to be outdoors.**

Please return any borrowed nursery clothes as we do not have a lot of stock thank you.

### Learning Journals

All new children have been added to the learning journals. Please check your spam mail in the link has been sent there. If any parents need their login reset please let a member of staff know.

## Parent's meetings week beginning the 19<sup>th</sup> of October

We had a great turn out for our recent parents meetings. Can any PLP's be returned as soon as possible to staff. Please ask staff for an evaluation form as your opinions are helpful for future meetings.

## Loose parts

Thank you to those who donated loose parts, the children have been very productive in their play from creating buses, ramps for scooters and obstacle courses. We are very lucky that Laura (Mrs Miller) upcycles and has created many wonderful things for the children to play with in the garden. We are still looking for guttering, funnels, pipes, pots, pans, spoons, guttering and cable drums.

## Fundraisers

On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December we are having a wear your Christmas jumper day. Please wear something festive and donations of a £1 for cash for kids would be gratefully accepted.

On Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December we will be participating in a santa dash in aid of Strathcarron hospice. This event will be sponsored and sheets will be sent out in a few weeks. Every child will receive a santa hat for the event.

To boost nursery funds to get new resources we are having a drive thru movie showing in nursery on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> Of December, the children will decorate cardboard boxes into their favourite mode of transport and sit in them whilst watching the movie they will have popcorn, a drink and a wee treat. Donations of £1 would be gratefully accepted.

## Pantomines

We have booked not one but two pantomines as we know the children have missed out on so much. **The Wizard Of Oz** is an interactive panto which will be shown in the hall. Our second panto is **Cinderella**, this is an online event and will be shown in the nursery class. The school/nursery will be subsidising both these events but we do have to charge £5 per child as the costs are high. Staff will provide you with an envelope to put payment in. Can you please give to staff by the 4<sup>th</sup> December.

## Help

We understand that the pressure on some of our families is even greater this year. If anyone is struggling please get in touch as we can and want to help. Requests for help will be treated sensitively and confidentially.

## Social media

We have been posting photos of the children on the school face book page please have a look.

## Playroom 1/outdoors Ladybirds and dolphins

Our children have been showing lots of interest in the story 'The Gruffalo'. We have had lots of opportunities to read the story and the children have been encouraged to re tell it from their point of view. This has led us to discuss how all the different characters may have felt and in doing so talking about our own thoughts and feelings. We have therefore now introduced our emotional check in board that the children all participate in, to discuss their feelings.

Throughout our playroom we have been participating in a range of Halloween activities from painting pumpkins, witches and bats to using our imagination in our own 'witches cave' where they have been creating lots of spells in our cauldron.

Whilst outside we have been enjoying the rainy weather, jumping in puddles and getting very muddy now our speciality! We have thoroughly enjoyed using our imagination in our mud kitchen and having been doing lots of investigating in our water play by transporting the water from our puddles to other areas of the garden including watering our plants.

## Playroom 2/outdoors Frogs and tigers

The children have been learning about babies and are participating in role play by taking care of them, feeding them, changing their nappies, taking them for a walk, putting them to sleep and holding them very carefully. At the art area the children have been very creative. They made a variety of Halloween characters using materials such as glue, glitter and paint. To celebrate bonfire night, they made brightly coloured sparkly pictures using black paper and glitter.

The children have been enjoying energetic play outside, running and playing on the scooters. They have turned the half tunnel into a see saw. We are sure that you are aware that the children are really enjoying being outdoors digging and playing in the dirt.

## Health and safety

Can we please remind parents/carers to wear masks in the school ground's. If you are exempt can we ask that you wear your exemption lanyard. When you enter the school yard can you please follow the white arrows which take you round to the nursery gate. This is to prevent nursery parents/carers/children from crossing over into the school children bubbles.

## Peanut Allergy!

It is very important that you do not allow your child to bring in any food to the nursery containing peanuts.



If your child will be unable to attend nursery for any reason please telephone the school on **01236 794828** to let us know. If you know in advance that your child will be absent for any reason please inform nursery staff.

## Nursery Fund

Your £2.50 weekly snack money is very much appreciated and is vitally important to the service we provide for your children. This allows us to provide healthy snacks for the children, provide new resources and to give them a gift at birthdays and Christmas time. Without your donations we would have to provide a limited snack and also the children would not receive a gift at Christmas Please remember to put your money in the yellow envelopes provided and place them in the box.

## Dates for the Diary

Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of November In service day children do not attend

Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> December Christmas lunch

Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December Christmas jumper day

Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> December Santa dash - sponsor sheet

Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> December Cinderella Panto

Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> December Wizard of Oz Panto

Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of December Drive thru movie

Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of December Christmas party

If your child does not attend nursery on a Monday but you would like them to join in for the party please speak to your child's keyworker or any member of staff.

## Birthdays

On the day/week of the children's birthdays they can bring a birthday cake. This cake has to be shop bought and within its original wrapping please due to NLC guidance.

**We would like to wish the following children a Happy Birthday in November:  
Alfie**



**Thank you for your continued support now and in the future, from all the nursery staff.**