



St. Augustine's Nursery Class

Newsletter Nov- Dec 2023

The Nursery Team were so happy to welcome our children and families back to nursery following our October break. We have achieved a lot since we returned including our Halloween Party and Sponsored Walk.

SPONSORED WALK

The children had a lovely adventure on our sponsored walk week in October. Many thanks to the parents / carers who accompanied us on our walk. We are delighted to announce that we raised £781.00. That is a wonderful sum of money. We thank everyone for their generosity.

PARENT CONSULTATION

Keyworkers are looking forward to meeting parents on the week beginning 20th November to discuss your child's progress. Parents should have already booked their appointments and should come to the main School door shortly before the appointment time.

Monday 20th , Caterpillars

Tuesday 21st , Butterflies

Wednesday 22nd , Dragonflies

Thursday 23rd , Ladybirds

Friday 24th , Busy Bees

STAFF TEAM

This term we welcome some additions to our Nursery Team. We are pleased to be joined by the following students and new members of staff. A huge thank you to our staff team for supporting a number of students who are undertaking studies to begin a career path in early education. This session our staff team is complemented by the following staff;

Miss Leah Miller – Foundation Apprenticeship (Frid)

Miss Chelsea Clive - Foundation Apprenticeship (Frid)

Miss Elise Torrens – HNC Childhood Practice

Miss Cayla Gillick - HNC Childhood Practice

Miss Rebecca McCabe - HNC Childhood Practice

Miss Leah Kiernan – NC Childhood Practice

Mrs Michelle Docherty - NC Childhood Practice

They will join our current Nursery Team:-

Mrs Michelle Baillie – Early Learning Practitioner

Mrs Louise Collinson – Early Learning Practitioner (Mon – Wed)

Mrs June O’Neill – Early Learning Practitioner

Miss Sophie Chisholm – Keyworker

Mrs Caitlin Laird – Keyworker

Mrs Nicole Gilmartin – Keyworker

Mrs Tracey King – Early Learning & Childcare Support Worker

Mrs Nicole Muircroft – Early Learning & Childcare Support Worker

CHRISTMAS ENTERPRISE

The children will be working hard over the next few weeks to create some wonderful Christmas crafts which will be available to purchase in support of nursery funds the week beginning the 11th of December at welcome and goodbye times. Bags will cost £2 each.

Monday 11th, Dragonflies

Tuesday 12th, Butterflies

Wednesday 13th, Caterpillars

Thursday 14th, Ladybirds

Friday 15th, Busy Bees



SNACKS/LUNCH

Children continue to enjoy lunch and a healthy snack each day. The lunch menu follows the NLC Nursery menu which is posted weekly on the school blog and twitter page.

We appreciate there are times when children will not like the hot food that is on offer and would like to reassure you that staff strive to encourage your child to try new things while explaining the importance of eating a hot lunch. Please be sure however, that if your child does not eat the hot option there is always a choice of sandwich therefore there is no need to supply a packed lunch.

Please let your Keyworker know of any dietary requirements and fill in the appropriate paperwork where applicable

To ensure the safety of all children in relation to food allergies and intolerances, we ask that children do not have food or sweets in pockets when attending nursery. Thank you.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Outdoor play is a key aspect of the children's day that presents a wide variety of learning experiences for all. We take part in the daily mile each morning to prepare children for their busy day of learning and children have the opportunity to access the nursery garden. Please ensure that your child has suitable clothing based on the weather for outdoor learning. May we kindly ask that a change of clothing is placed in your child's bag that remains on their peg. Your support in this regard would be most appreciated.

TOILETTING

The staff will continue to support children in using the toilet if necessary, ensuring they comply with Health Protection Scotland guidance for hygiene etc. whilst also encouraging independence skills. Good hygiene practices including handwashing will be encouraged throughout the nursery session.

If your child requires additional support in using the toilet, please let us know. We will support your child's needs including a shared approach to toilet training when you feel your child is ready. Please follow the link for support and guidance.



[How to potty train - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Please do not allow your children to bring their own toys to the nursery as these may be lost or damaged causing distress to the child. The nursery is fully equipped with a wide range of suitable toys that the children enjoy playing with on a daily basis.

We would like to remind parents / carers to please bring at least one spare change of clothes for your child's bag in case they require to be changed for any reason.

We also ask that you clearly label your child's clothing so that they may be easily identified if misplaced.

NURSERY FUND

This is a reminder that our nursery fund is 50p per day or £2.50 per week. This money can be paid weekly, monthly or termly. This should be placed into the container located next to your child's sign in sheet.

This money is used to fund snacks, baking materials, resources, Christmas, Graduation and resources that meet responsive interests of the children. We thank you for your continued support.



CHILD ILLNESS

Please can we ask that your child does not attend nursery if they have a raised temperature, a severe cough or lots of sneezing. Children can come to nursery with a mild cold as long as they are fit enough to play and do not require medication. If your child has diarrhoea or vomiting please keep them away from nursery until they have been clear of symptoms for 48 hours. Please always contact the nursery if your child is absent for any reason, particularly if they are unwell.

COMMUNICATION

We will continue to provide various methods of communication to keep you up to date with all of our latest news. We will continue to use St. Augustine's Twitter page to share

photographs of the children enjoying fun learning experiences. If you have any queries that cannot be shared at drop off and collection times, please contact the nursery via telephone where a member of staff will be happy to help.

Contact Details

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School Blog: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/staugustines>

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Nursery In-Service Day – Mon. 13th Nov (nursery closed to children)

Week beginning 21st of November will be parents' consultations.

Monday 20th , Caterpillars

Tuesday 21st , Butterflies

Wednesday 22nd , Dragonflies

Thursday 23rd , Ladybirds

Friday 24th , Busy Bees

Thursday 30th November, St. Andrews Day



Saturday 2nd December, School and Nursery Christmas Fayre 11am – 1pm

Friday 8th December (am), Nursery Christmas Show (More information to follow)

Wednesday 20th December, Nursery Christmas Party

Friday 22nd December, Nursery closes 1:30pm for Christmas holidays.

Nursery returns Monday 8th January 2023.

The nursery team thank you for your continued support throughout the year and wish all our families a wonderfully happy Christmas holiday.

