



St. Brendan's Nursery Class Newsletter

May-June 2021



The Little Explorers Room

We have been welcoming new children into The Little Explorers room and helping them to settle into their new environment. The children have been exploring their local outdoor environment with walks to Baron's Haugh and the local swing park. This has helped to build upon their large physical skills and sense of adventure. The children will also be developing their communication and language skills through stories, games, rhymes and songs in our outdoor area. We are currently developing our home corner as the children are displaying an interest in babies and caring for them through role play.

The Little Adventurers Room

Pod 1 – The children will be learning about people who help us and the different roles these people play in our community. They will also be learning about 2D and 3D shapes and will have opportunities to take part in experiences which will encourage them to investigate and explore shapes as well as sort, describe and be creative with them. The children have taken an interest in rhymes and will be exploring the patterns and sounds of language through songs, rhymes and stories.

Pod 2 – The children will be learning to keep safe in a variety of situations both indoors and outdoors. They will also be exploring nature and learning to take care of their environment. All children will have opportunities to develop their pre writing skills using a variety of tools. They will be continuing to develop their counting and number skills.

Both pods will be preparing for school and practising a variety of songs to perform at our Graduation Celebration.

Peep Parent Sessions

Our Peep Learning Together parent sessions have been taking place through Webex every Wednesday morning. The sessions help and guide parents to recognise and support their child's learning and development through a range of topics. The sessions are informal and relaxed, which enables parents to be involved in discussions and enables opportunities to offer ideas, advice and support. So far parents have reported that the parenting sessions have been enjoyable and have been extremely beneficial. If you are interested in participating in these sessions please speak to Mrs Irvine or your child's key worker.

Sponsored Teddy Bears Picnic

To help raise funds for our end of term activities we are organising a Sponsored Picnic to Baron's Haugh. We plan on spending several hours at the nature reserve therefor snacks and sandwiches will be provided for the children to enjoy. The Little Explorers will have their picnic in the nursery garden.

Pod 1 - Wednesday 26th May

Pod 2 & The Little Explorers - Thursday 27th May

Transitions

Transition is when a child moves from one thing to another. There are lots of little transitions during the day, getting dressed, going to Nursery and getting ready for bed. All parents know that some transitions are easier than others. Other transitions are bigger, for example starting a new nursery or school. All children need help to prepare them for transition. As the end of term is near we hope you are looking forward to your child transitioning into their pre-school year at nursery or to next steps in school. Due to current Covid restrictions our nursery to school transition programme will look a bit different this year.

In North Lanarkshire, all Early Years settings and Primary Schools are working together on a big shared project using the popular children's story **The Everywhere Bear**, written by Julia Donaldson. More information on this will follow.

For children transitioning to another Primary School we have organised outdoor visits for a teacher from their feeder school to visit the children outdoors. Children who are transitioning to St Brendan's Primary will receive a letter detailing our plans in due course. Nursery staff have been preparing the children for these transitions and will continue to do so until the end of term. Children have been enjoying going to the gym hall and using the school playground and Muga. They are also confident at visiting the dining hall for lunch. Having these opportunities all help support their transition into Primary 1.

End of Term

We are hoping to plan a fun and exciting experience for the children to celebrate the end of term. We are in consultation with our parent fundraising committee on ideas of things to do. We are currently waiting for government guidance before confirming any details but we will keep you up to date as restrictions are eased.

Dates for Your Diary

Pod 1 Sponsored Picnic - Wednesday 26th May

Pod 2 & The Little Explorers Sponsored Picnic - Thursday 27th May

Public holiday - Friday 28th May - Monday 31st May

Nursery Sport's Day - Friday 4th June TBC

Nursery Graduation Celebration - Monday 21st June TBC

School and Nursery closes - Thursday 24th June

P1 induction - Dates to be confirmed

Nursery end of term activity – Date to be confirmed

Good Wishes

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to extend a huge thank you for all your invaluable support and the great work you have done alongside us throughout this most difficult of years. We are looking forward to giving our School leaver's a lovely send off and also look forward to the new term when we welcome back our younger children.

Thank you again for all you co-operation and support.

The Nursery team.