



Sgoil Àraich Tollbrae

October 2016 Newsletter



What are we learning about in Nursery this month?

As we continue to explore travel and journeys, we will be taking the children out into the community visiting Brownsburn Park, Airdrie Library and going on a train ride to Coatdyke station. In the playroom, children will create simple maps and records of these journeys and learn to use maths vocabulary to describe position and direction e.g. up, down, near, far, forwards, backwards.

In Sgoil Àraich, children will continue to develop their understanding of vocabulary and learn more simple Gaelic songs and games. To encourage children to use more spoken Gaelic within the playroom, we will introduce a simple system for children to record their progress. This will be celebrated in the playroom and shared with home.

Our 'Leabhar a' Mhios' (Book of the Month) is *Leum Suas air an Sguaib/Room on the Broom*. We will use this story as a stimulus for learning about all things spooky and magical. If you have any old (child friendly) Halloween dressing up costumes or accessories that you have finished with, we would be grateful if you would send them into Sgoil Àraich for us to use.

If you have a particular skill or interest in our Journeys topic and would be willing to work with the children, please let us know.

Opening up learning

Bunsgoil Chondobhrait

Over the next few weeks, P6 children from Bunsgoil Chondobhrait will be visiting Sgoil Àraich Tollbrae to learn and play alongside our children. These children will act as Buddies once the children move up to Primary 1. After the October break, we have planned for our children to visit Sgoil Àraich Chondobhrait as we begin the Nursery/Primary transition process. Our Tollbrae Buddies will continue to work with the children too.

Stay and Play Days

Thank you to all parents who joined us for Stay & Play sessions this week. There are lots of photographs on Twitter if you would like to take a look @TollbraePS

Parental feedback has asked for us to organise a particular theme for these visits, as we had for the P1 – 7 Opening Up Learning afternoons. So next term, we have organised dates for more Stay & Play Days with a focus on Wellbeing and children's Personal Plans. We hope you can join us.

Tollbrae Parents' Group

We were delighted to welcome some new Nursery parents to our Parents' Group in September – and we would love more. We meet in the main building on the last Wednesday of the month at 7pm.

We welcome any feedback or comments on the Nursery in general. Please contact a member of Nursery Staff or a member of the School Management Team if you have anything to discuss.

Òran a' Mhios/Song of the Month for October - Damhan-allaidh Spàgadh (Incy Wincy Spider)

Damhan-allaidh Spàgadh,
A' streap suas a' phìob.
Sìos leis an uisge,
Is thuit e dhan dìg.
Mach leis a' ghrèin,
Is thiorraich i an t-uisge.
Damhan-allaidh Spàgadh,
A' streap suas a-rithist.

Some BIG changes to Sgoil Àraich Tollbrae

We have now had it confirmed that, in the New Year, our Nursery will be moving to a new school building. This is so that work can begin on our new joint campus with St Enoch's. The new nursery will be housed in Rooms 9 and 10 (the last two classrooms in the main building, near the Biggar Road gate). We will keep you posted as we make any changes. Any member of our team.

Nursery Flexibility questionnaire

Please return your completed questionnaires this week to the nursery cluster next week to discuss how we might better respond to your needs.

The English version

Incy Wincy Spider
Climbed up the water spout.
Down came the rain
And washed the spider out.
Out came the sunshine
And dried up all the rain.
So Incy Wincy Spider
Climbed up the spout again.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 5th October - Bunsgoil Chondobhrait Buddies visiting Sgoil Àraich Tollbrae

Thursday 6th October – Sgoil Àraich Tollbrae visit to Airdrie Library

Week beginning 10th October - Sgoil Àraich/Tollbrae P5 Buddy joint event during morning session

Wednesday 12th October - Sgoil Àraich Tollbrae train ride to Coatdyke Station and Dunbeth Park

Monday 17th to Friday 21st October – Closed for October Break

Friday 28th October - Sgoil Àraich Tollbrae Halloween Party

Thursday 10th November 10.30 – 11.40am - Sgoil Àraich Tollbrae Opening Up Learning session on Wellbeing and Personal Plans and opportunity for parents to Stay & Play

Thursday 15th November – Parents' appointments during morning and evening

Monday 21st November - Sgoil Àraich Tollbrae closed for in-service day