



Tollbrae Nursery Class

December 2016 Newsletter



What are we learning about in Nursery this month?

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas in Nursery this month. The children will be spending time learning about Christmas traditions in Scotland and why we celebrate Christmas. We are learning lots of Christmas songs and we are looking forward to performing them for you at our show.

Our Book of the Month is *the Nativity Story* and our Rhyme of the Month is *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*. We will be thinking about the moon and the stars and encouraging children to do some 'stargazing' at home.

This year, we are working towards our Fairtrade 'FairActive' award. The children have been introduced to the Fairtrade symbol and we have been learning about what Fairtrade means. As our Advent calendar is Fairtrade, we watched a short film about how a day in the life of a Fairtrade chocolate farmer. We are also making sure that we use Fairtrade products at our Christmas events where possible.

We were fortunate to have a visit from Sarah McFadyen from ABC Music last week. The children really enjoyed exploring the percussion instruments and acting as conductors for the rest of the group. A range of instruments are available in the Nursery playroom and, inspired by Sarah's visit, children have enjoyed choosing them to play with.

Opening up learning

Opening Up Learning afternoon

Thank you to all parents and grandparents who attended our Opening Up Learning session in November. Since then, we have introduced Sid and Shanarri to the children and have begun to share their stories. If you haven't completed and returned a SHANARRI wheel, I have attached a copy to this newsletter. Please see a member of staff if you have any questions.

Our next Opening Up Learning session will be in February. The focus will be Early Literacy and the Scottish Book Trust Book Bug Bags.

Follow Me Folders

This term's Learning Stories will go home at the end of term. After the Christmas break, we will send home your child's Follow Me Folder for you to look through. These are available in the playroom for you to look at any time – please ask a member of staff if you wish to do so.

Christmas Events

We have lots of Christmas events and celebrations going on in Nursery this month. Can we thank you in advance for your continuing support, it is much appreciated.

Rhyme of the Month for December – Twinkle Twinkle

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.
How I wonder what you are.
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.
Twinkle Twinkle Little Star,
How I wonder what you are.



Hi 5 for Fruit Bags

Thank you to all parents who have been supporting us by buying the Hi 5 fruit bags – it has been a great success. We are having a break over Christmas and will begin selling fruit again in the New Year.

New Nursery building

The new Nursery accommodation is almost finished. We are waiting for the outdoor area to be finished and then we will be able to move in. We will keep you updated as we hear more.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 8th December - Nursery Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 13th December – Nursery children will watch P2 & 3 children in their Nativity performance

Thursday 15th December - Nursery Christmas Nativity

Tuesday 20th December – Nursery Christmas dinner

Wednesday 21st December – outing to Cumbernauld Theatre for Christmas production for all children during our morning session – 8.40 – 11.50am (there will still be an afternoon Nursery session available on this day)

Thursday 22nd December - Nursery Christmas Party and last afternoon session

Friday 23rd December – Friday 6th January inc. - Nursery closed for holidays.

Monday 9th January 2017 – Nursery re-opens

Week beginning Monday 16th January – enrolment for Tollbrae Primary School new intake of Primary One children

Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th January – Nursery children visiting Rooms 1 & 2 for transition activities

Thursday 9th February – Opening Up Learning afternoon (details to follow)

Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th February – Nursery closed for February weekend

Wednesday 15th February – Nursery closed for staff INSET day

