Nursery News

It is hard to believe that we have had our midterm break and Spring is fast approaching. We hope you and your families enjoyed the break and made the most of the magnificent weather. Unfortunately a chill has once again descended upon us and we would like to remind you of how important it is to dress your children according to the weather. As mentioned in previous newsletters, your children are outdoors daily and need to be dressed appropriately to gain enjoyment from this experience.

We have had a significant number of children and a staff member absent with various viral infections. We would like to remind you of the protocol of telephoning us of the absence and providing a letter on return. Please could you also ensure that children are fully fit when they return to nursery in order to limit the spread of infection. Should you have further questions on this matter please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

In November we had an unannounced visit from the Care Inspectorate; the findings have been published and can be found by following the link below as well as in a paper copy which will be displayed in the nursery foyer. .
http://www.careinspectorate.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7644&Itemid=489&bereNextPageId=ReportDataDetails_action.php&action=displayReport&repId=CS2003016084

Letters were issued last week telling you that Mrs Alison Falconer is reducing her working week and will no longer be working a Wednesday. This will be reviewed in June. Mrs Judith Warren, a qualified ECP and Pupil Support Assistant in school, will take over Mrs Falconer's group of children and she will be the first point of contact if you have any questions on a Wednesday. Mrs Howgate will cover Mrs Warner's PSA duties.

Our next Open Day is 30 March 2015 at 9.00 – 10.00 am and 2.45 3.45 pm. Our topic for discussion will be "**Setting the Table - Nutritional Guidance and Food Standards for Early Year's Childcare Providers in Scotland**".

This guidance celebrates the contribution that childcare providers can have in shaping the future eating patterns of young children in Scotland. Implementing this guidance will:

- show the importance of a well-balanced diet and positive choices both with children and their parents
- help families who face the biggest challenges in providing a healthy diet for their children
- highlight the importance of food as a tool for social development and learning.

There will also be an opportunity on that day to support you further with how to complete and contribute to your child's purple folder in lieu of the recent developments.

Thank you all once again for the continued support you all give to your children and staff at Craigie

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Callum Watson, Primary 6, read two humorous Scottish poems at the Birnam Institute event Happy Highlanders Burns Supper. This was enthusiastically appreciated.

Brandon Haggarty, Primary 5, has achieved the John Muir Discovery Award in recognition of Awareness and Responsibility for Wild Places.

Primary 7 had 3 girls shortlisted for the William Soutar Writing Prize which took place in the A K Bell Library at the beginning of February. Freya Stephen & Molly Graham were commended and Freya Murray was highly commended. Well done girls.

Nursery Pupil Isobel Menzies and her younger sister Evelyn had their long hair cut and donated the hair to Little Princess Foundation, who make real hair wigs for children who have lost their hair.

Next Thursday, 5 March, is World Book Day! To celebrate this special reading day, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or book cover! On this occasion there is no cost.
Please look out for the World Book Day voucher which will be coming home soon!

Kind regards

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