

**Glenburn Pre 5 Centre Newsletter**  
**January/ February 2017**



**Welcome**

The staff at Glenburn Pre 5 Centre would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new children and their families. We can see that everyone is settling in well and getting to know their new environment and new friends. We hope that all returning children and families had a great Christmas and New Year.

**Transitions**

Some children are ready to move from the Sunbeams to the Butterflies room; part of this transition involves children visiting the Butterfly room for settling sessions so far these have been going fantastic, all children are settling well and are enjoying exploring their new environment. Transition paperwork needs to be completed for each individual child with parents/carers. If your child is due to move soon your child's Keyworker will arrange an appropriate time to complete this paperwork with you and your child.

**Playroom Updates**

**Tiny Tots**

The staff within the Tiny Tots room are still waiting for some parents emailing in photographs of their children and families to complete their little family books, if you haven't yet done this could you please send photographs in ASAP. It is important to us that all children get the opportunity to have a family book to support inclusion, respect and nurture.

Tiny Tots rhyme of the month is Humpty Dumpty; the children have been participating in many different experiences linked with this rhyme. The staff within the room have been focusing on communication and language development with their key children. We would like to encourage parents to continue this at home and ask that you speak to your child's keyworker for some activity ideas and tips.

**Sunbeams**

Some children are learning to use the toilet in the Sunbeams room and staff are giving lots of support with this, please remember to provide plenty of changes for your child if they are learning to use the toilet/ potty.

Children in Sunbeams room have been participating in many activities and experiences about Scotland. Burns day is coming up and we are hoping to extend this with more exciting experiences. The children will also be taking part in experiences about Valentine's Day and Chinese New Year.

**Butterflies**

The Butterflies children have been learning about emotions in the art area, they will be learning to talk about emotions and how to create a piece of art work that shows their emotions. In the block area they are learning about weight and length and how to measure this. At the games table children will be learning to use different skills including concentration to complete simple and complex jigsaws and puzzles.

Outdoors, children are learning all about pattern that can be created using natural materials.

Butterfly staff have also moved areas as follows

Group	Keyworker	Area - during session	Area at Group time
Purple	Jillian	Outdoors	Block area
Yellow	Danielle	Block play	Snack table
Blue	Cathy	Story corner, snack and games	Games table
Green	Lorna	Creative area	Creative table

**Learning library**

Reading to your child is proven to encourage wellbeing and literacy development. All rooms operate a learning library. Can we please remind all parents return books at correct time to ensure we can issue the next books? If you are unsure of when books go out and are due back, please speak to a member of staff within your child's playroom.

**Children's Supplies**

If your child wears nappies or pull ups please can you ensure that you check your child's box or tray regularly to ensure that they have enough nappies, wipes, nappy sacks and cream. Thank you.

**The importance of Outdoor Learning**

At Glenburn Pre five centre we value the importance of outdoor learning and would like to encourage these values to be shared with parents/carers. We have outdoor play every day. "There is a growing body of research that shows that young children's access to nature and outdoor play is positively associated with improved self-esteem, physical health, development of language skills and disposition of learning" (Davy, 2009). Please remember to bring appropriate outdoor clothing for your child to ensure they are warm and dry. We do have wet suits that children can wear but please supply your child with wellingtons, extra socks, hat, scarf, gloves and a change of clothing.

**Skoobmobile**

The Skoobmobile visited the nursery on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> January. All children who used the bus had a great time listening to stories and doing other literacy experiences. Promoting literacy is very important to Glenburn Pre 5 Centre and would like parents to extend this at home, why not read to your child more, visit your local library, or sing more songs and rhymes together. Remember "There is no App to replace your lap"

**Learning to Talk**

Our learning to talk Tip of the Term is "There is no App to replace your lap". As our society grows and develops I am sure you will agree children are spending more time watching programs, playing games and much more on televisions, Ipads, tablets, phones and computers.

