

Glenburn Pre 5 Centre Newsletter
August 2016



Welcome

The staff at Glenburn pre 5 centre would like to take this opportunity to welcome any new children and their families. We can see that everyone is settling in well and getting to know their new environment and new friends.

Education Scotland Inspection

Thank you to everyone who took part in the inspection process. The inspection report is now published and available on the nursery website, Education Scotland's website and also Care Inspectorates website.

Forest Adventures

Thank you very much too all the Pre-school children's parents that attended the Forrest adventures work shop. Clare and the butterfly staff are very excited to start our forest adventures programme again. You will receive a letter when your child is due to take part in the programme with more information.

Playroom Updates

Tiny Tots and Sunbeams

The staff members within the Tiny Tots and Sunbeams room are working closely with children to develop positive relationships with all the children and their families. To encourage positive relationships the staff would like to create a small book with photographs from home including parents, carers, grandparents, siblings, pets and any other important family members. Please speak to your child's key worker about this. We would be happy to give you our email address to email the photographs and we can print them here.

Tiny tots song of the month is Twinkle Twinkle little star.

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

Butterflies

The children are continuing to develop the outdoor area and are in need of your help, if you have any of the following items and are throwing them out please donate them to the nursery: Wellie boots, pots, pans, cooking utensils, old microwaves, old kettles and any other old kitchen items.

Please can we remind all parents and carers to provide their child with a change of clothes?

Sharing the Learning Sessions

Thank you to all parents/carers that have so far come along to meet with their child's key worker to have a coffee and chat and discuss learning.

Opportunities to share the learning with your child's key worker will continue, if you have not yet had the opportunity to do this please speak to your child key worker and they will be happy to book you in for a sharing the learning – coffee and chat session.

Our Improvement Journey

Butterflies

Staff will continue to use mind mapping techniques to support children in the planning process. The children's mind maps will be displayed outside the butterflies room please take a few minutes to take a look and find out about all the learning and skills children are developing.

Sunbeams

The snack routine within the Sunbeams has been changed; a new snack bar is now in operation, promoting good independence, literacy and numeracy skills for children at snack time. The children are now posting their own names and helping to select and prepare own snack.

Tiny Tots

The children within the room are enjoying having a rest and sleep on beds now, the sleeping routine is now more cosy, nurturing and peaceful.

Outdoor learning

Phase 1 of the outdoor area revamp has begun. The nursery is currently meeting with stronger communities to start a plan to involve the local community and schools within the project.

Our Vision and Aims

Thank you to all parents and carers who took part in the parent consultation about our Vision and Aims. Please see the "You said we did" wall at the front to see the outcome of the consultation.

Cooking group

Maureen is keen to get the cooking group back up and running. To allow for more parents to be involved, the cooking group may run on Monday first week in the morning and then next week in the afternoon, this will then continue to alternate. At the cooking group Maureen will help parents to gain new skills in the kitchens to help prepare wholesome home cooked meals for their families. If you would like to be involved in this group please speak to Maureen.

Parents group

We have arranged a coffee afternoon session to talk about the parents group and give people information. We are very keen to get our parents group up and running again this term. The parents group is a great opportunity to become involved with the life of the centre and contribute towards our ongoing improvement journey here at Glenburn. If you are interested in joining this group please come along the Coffee afternoon session to find out more.

Happy Halloween

On Monday 31st October children are welcome to dress up for Halloween. In all playrooms will have a fun filled Halloween themed day for the children who attend on a Monday.

Dates for your diary

September weekend – Nursery closed on 23rd and 26th September

In service – Nursery closed Friday 14th October

Photographer – Thursday 27th October 8.30am – 4.30pm

October week – All term time children should not attend this week

Halloween Fun day – Monday 31st Halloween

Christmas concert – Friday 16th December – more information to follow

Christmas parties – Monday 19th December – more information to follow

Parent group coffee session – Monday 24th October 2.30-3.30