



St. Catherine's Nursery Class – Busy Bee Room Newsletter April 2016

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Five to Thrive - Walking group

Thank you to all of our parents/carers that joined Mrs Kissell on our first outing of the year. The feedback was very positive. Please keep an eye on our notice board for the date of our next walk. All are welcome, just add your name!

Walk a Mile

Every day our children will begin our session by walking a mile this has been piloted in many schools across Scotland and is said to have a positive impact on children's fitness, behaviour and concentration. Please ensure that children are dressed appropriately each day for this and that in the warmer weather sun screen is applied before nursery.

Welcome

Welcome to all of our new children and Parents/Carers. We are delighted to welcome you to St Catherine's Nursery Class and look forward to working with you.

Open Day

Thank you to all of our Parents/Carers that attended our recent open day. It was great to see such a good turn out and the positive comments left in your children's special books and from the returned evaluations were very encouraging. Please remember that events such as this are published in our newsletter, website and on our parents notice board.

Stay and Play

Thank you to all of our Parents/Carers who have joined us or who are planning to come along to one of our Stay and Play sessions. It has been lovely to have so many Parents/Carers joining us for a morning/afternoon. The feedback has been very positive and we look forward to doing this again next session.

Donation

Thank you to all who very kindly donate. This month your donations have paid for materials for outdoor learning.

Tesco Bags of Help

We are delighted to say that St Catherine's Primary won the Tesco Bags of Help Campaign an incredible £12000! Thank you to you all for your votes. This money will allow us to improve our playground and outdoor learning provision and we are hoping to create a secret garden area for our nursery children with part of this money.

Transition

This term our pre-school children will be taking part in a transition programme. As part of this programme our children from primary 6 will be joining us in the nursery to participate in a team building challenge. Our Parents/Carers are invited to attend an induction meeting on Wednesday 11th May in which we will give you all the information you need about your children starting P1 there will be a further induction day on the Wednesday 18th May in which your children will go straight to their class and Parents/Carers have the option to stay and have a tour of the school from our Pupil Council. Parents/Carers will receive a posted letter with further information in the coming weeks.

Fund Raising

This term's fund raising event is a pyjama day on the 31 March 2016. This is a favourite with our nursery pupils. The cost of this is £1 per child and it will go towards our nursery funds. This is of course as always voluntary, thank you for your continued support.

Learning Experiences

This term your children have been having fun learning about Spring. They have been enjoying being outdoors and planting bulbs. If you have anything that you could bring to this topic please speak to one of our nursery officers and let them know your ideas!

Celebrating Success

As learning is a two way process, we would love to know of anything your child has achieved outwith nursery. It could be anything from doing something more independently to an achievement at dancing or swimming. Please complete and return the attached achievement slip if you have something exciting to share with us. Keep your eyes peeled for your child returning home with a Star of the Week Certificate or an achievement sticker these can be awarded for many reasons such as good listening, good ideas and trying very hard.

Parent's night

In the coming weeks you will be asked to make an appointment with a key worker to discuss your child's progress this year. Appointments will be available on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th May.

Summer events

Information regarding Sports Day, our Summer trip and Nursery Graduation will be contained in next month's newsletter, see dates below.

Thank you
Mrs Henry

Diary Dates

March

31 Pyjama day

April

1 School closes at 2.30pm
18 Pupils return to nursery today
Librarian visit – story telling
20/21 Photographer for
individual/groups/families

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May

2 Holiday
5 School closed (Scottish Parliament
Elections)
11 P1 Induction Day
18 P1 Induction Day
26 In-Service Day (Pupils do not attend)
27 Holiday
30 Holiday
24/25 Parents night

June

10 Sports Day
14 School Trip – Heads of Ayr Farm
Park
17 Graduation

Achievements

We encourage your children to tell us about their achievements out with school we are sure that we do not know about lots of things however big or small, for this reason we would like your help. If you feel your child has accomplished something for the first time, improved in something or has achieved an award please let us know by completing the slip below. This will be shared with all the children during welcome time and added to our achievement records.

I would like (name) _____

To be recognised for his/her achievement in _____

He/She _____

Parent/ Carer signature _____

Date _____
