

Wallace Nursery Class

October Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe the first term of the year has passed already! What a great term it has been at Wallace. I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome and support they have shown me as I get to know the school and nursery. I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing October break, despite the weather!

Parental Survey

Thanks to all parents who took the time to complete our parental survey for the nursery. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive with 12 out of 13 questions having a 100% positive response. This is a reflection of the hard work of the nursery staff and the positive relationships they have built up with pupils and parents. Full results will be published very soon.



Foodbank Collection

Huge thanks to everyone who contributed to our whole school and nursery collection for Harvest. We were delighted to be supporting the local foodbank and thank you for your support. It was great to have the nursery children at the Harvest Service sharing their donations.

Reminders

Session times

Morning: 8.40-11.50am

Afternoon: 12.30-3.40pm

Please adhere to these times.



Shoes and Clothes

All shoes should be changed into slippers or plimsols before entering the playroom.

A spare set of clothes and gym shoes should be left on the coat peg.

The children will have access to outdoor play on a daily basis therefore appropriate footwear and jackets should be worn.

Snack /Activities Money

This is a donation of 50p per day. This should be paid at the start of the week or termly if preferred.

It is used to provide snacks for the nursery but also to supply extra resources, for example Halloween activities this week. This month we have also used it to fund the Playbus for the nursery children on Thursday 9th November.

Use of Toilets

We have children's toilets within the nursery and we kindly request that these are the only toilets used by children. When children are arriving or leaving the nursery we ask that they would still use the children's toilets and not the cloakroom toilet. Thank you.

School Improvement Plan

A big focus for our School Improvement Plan this year is to take forward reading across the school and nursery as we further implement the Renfrewshire Literacy Project.

Vision, Values and Aims

Another area for review in our School and Nursery Improvement Plan is to revise our vision, values and aims. Over the next month I will be working with staff and pupils to develop these. I would very much like to involve parents in the process as well and invite you to a focus group meeting to discuss this on Thursday 23rd November at 2.30pm. I hope you can spare the time to help us shape our school vision.

Scottish Book Week

We are looking to take forward Scottish Book Week this year, with a variety of ways to promote reading and reader engagement. We are planning an exciting and engaging week so mark Monday 27th November in your diaries when we are holding a parental event from 3.15pm, details to follow.



Zoolab

We had a great day on Friday with a visit from Zoolab. We enjoyed seeing all the different animals, these included a snake, a bearded dragon, a tarantula and many more.

The children were excellent and Wizard Owen explained all about the animals and how to care for them.



Dates for
the Diary:

19/11/17	PTA Bag Pack @ Asda
23/11/17	Parent Focus Group 2.30pm
24/11/17	Non uniform day for PTA Christmas Fair
27/11/17	Scottish Book Week Nursery and School Parent Workshop 3.15pm
29/11/17	PTA Christmas Fair 6pm
30/11/17	St Andrews Day Holiday
19/12/17	Nursery Nativity (AM & PM)
20/12/17	Nursery Party
20/12/17	Stop for Christmas Holidays

Finally, I would like to remind you of our open door policy. Please feel free to approach the nursery staff with any concerns you may have or to contact myself at any time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Susan Dalrymple
Head Teacher