

Maidens Early Years Centre

Term 3



HELLO AND WELCOME TO OUR
LATEST NEWSLETTER

NEW BEGINNINGS

We are delighted to report that all our children have settled back into the Nursery routines. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Cian and Rose who have joined us at our centre. They are responding well to their new learning environment and are continually finding new resources to explore. All the children and staff have welcomed our new friends and have been helping to make them feel part of our great nursery class. We also look forward to Aaron and Luca joining us on Monday 5th February. Over the next few weeks we will be encouraging the children to persevere and complete tasks. This will support the development of self-regulation skills required to cope with frustrations when faced with a challenge.



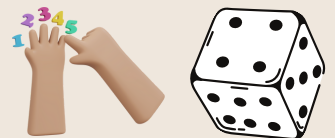
ABC Literacy

The children have been enjoying listening to a variety of stories. They have been sharing thoughts and feelings about them and other texts in different ways and will be given opportunities to talk about the events and characters within the stories.

We will continue to encourage the children to retell familiar stories that they know. This will be achieved in different ways, for example, role play, puppets and/or drawings.



Numeracy



Our play room has many resourced areas where the children can develop skills in recognising the number of objects in a group, without counting (subitising). They will increase confidence in counting quantities to 5 and beyond and identify numbers that come before and after.

These skills can also be developed at home.
Please share any learning that occurs at home with the nursery staff.
This will help when tracking Milestones.



Book Bug



Mrs Stewart has started our Book Bug sessions. They are held on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.00pm in the dinning hall. These sessions are a great way for you to engage with your child in the learning environment. During sessions parents can join in with songs and rhymes and help support the development of emotional, thinking, language and literacy skills. Please ask staff for any additional information you may require.



INTERGENERATIONAL LEARNING



MALIN COURT

It is well known that there are many benefits for an Intergenerational approach in Early Years. During visits to Malin Court, children will develop life skills, increase self-esteem and confidence, learn respect and empathy for the older generation, improve their patience and compassion, help develop resilience, improve their mental health and wellbeing and most importantly give them the opportunity to have fun ... Mrs Stewart organises and manages these visits. Our 1st visit will be on Wednesday 14th February with 1 visit per month from that date. The children will have fun with the residents and take part in craft activities, games and singing some songs.



Beach Visits

Miss Crane is planning for Outdoor Learning opportunities. The children will use our local environment at Maidens beach to build on knowledge and understanding of the world around them and to support learning across the curriculum. Miss Crane has been sharing dates with parents who are able to help us on these special days. Small groups of children will join in with the activities on a rotational basis. Beach visits will happen on a Thursday after lunch.



Play on Pedals

Miss Crane and Mrs McPhee will be delivering the Play on Pedals programme to the children in the near future. Dates will be arranged and shared soon. Play on Pedals will teach the children about the parts of a bike, how to fit a helmet correctly and the basics of looking after their bikes. They will also have opportunities to develop balance and control skills.





PATHS



Mrs McPhee has introduced the PATHS programme in the nursery. This programme is designed to facilitate the development of self-control, emotional awareness and interpersonal problem-solving skills. Evidence suggests that PATHS will provide opportunities for the children to develop social and emotional learning skills which will enable them to make positive choices throughout life. We now have TWIGGLE HELPERS. Twiggle, the PATHS turtle chooses a helper for special jobs in the nursery. Every child will have a turn to be a helper, each getting a sticker and a certificate. Other responsible jobs that the children are encouraged to adopt are Lunch Line Leaders and Safety Checkers. Mrs McPhee delivers PATHS on a Friday.



Assemblies

Pre-school children are accompanied by their Buddies to join in at Assembly time with the whole school. This takes place in the hall on a Monday afternoon. This is part of our Transition process. It is important that we support the children during these milestone events in their lives.

A full Transition Diary will be available in due course.



Miss Eaglesham our nursery teacher joins us on a Wednesday. She provides opportunities to develop skills in HWB, Literacy, Numeracy and Maths. She supports tracking of milestones within the EYC. The children have been learning new songs during music time with her.



PEEP with Shevon

Shevon will be joining us in March for 4 sessions. Nursery staff will liaise with parents to identify dates that suit everyone. These sessions are a great opportunity to have fun with your child, to join in with singing songs and listening to stories. Please come along and have some fun!!!



Burns celebrations

The children have been working hard to learn their Scottish songs. Everyone enjoyed listening to their renditions of Three Crows, Ali Bali Bee and Ye Cannae Shove Yer Granny Aff a BUS.



Maidens and Fisherton EYC's

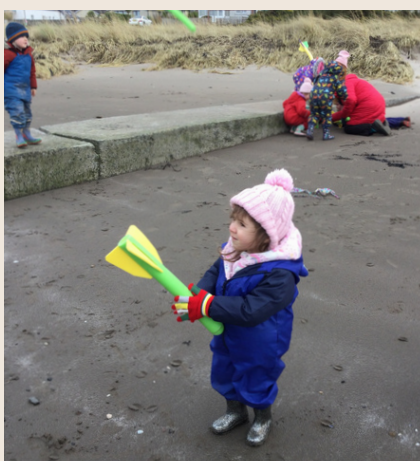
Fisherton Early Years children will be joining us on Wednesday 7th for a collaborative learning day of fun. We will all be in the playroom in the morning and enjoy exploring in the nursery garden. In the afternoon we will all visit either the beach or the play park.



Haggis, Neeps and Tatties



Beach Fun



Outdoor Learning

We discovered that water freezes.
Look at the shapes!!!



Our Visit to Malin Court



We had
such great
fun with
our new
friends.



Diary Dates

- Fisherton EYC Wednesday 7th February.
- Holidays Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th February.
- Book Bug Wednesday afternoons 2pm.
- Malin Court Wednesday 14th February. Once a month there after on a Wednesday.
- Beach Visits Thursday afternoons. Dates to be confirmed.
- PATHS Fridays.
- Play on Pedals To be confirmed.
- Assembly Monday afternoons.
- PEEP To be confirmed.

Thank you
for your continued support!!!