



November 2021 Newsletter



The boys and girls have been enjoying all the seasonal changes and making great use of our nursery forest and our outdoor area. They love to collect leaves, sticks, chestnuts and acorns and have been making good use of them as loose parts.



Hallowe'en

Many thanks to those who took time to help your child decorate their pumpkin and send it in. They were fabulous! The boys and girls enjoyed using pumpkins in their play, making scary slime, dressing up, playing games, making crafts and decorations.



This week is **Scottish Book Week** and the children have been excited as on their arrival at nursery they can cast their vote for their favourite book from a selection. We have been reading all their favourite books throughout the day!



Diaries

We hope you are enjoying our new daily dairies enabling you to find out more about your child's day at nursery. We believe our parental partnership is very important and would like to hear about what your child is interested in at home, and what you think about the dairies too. Please share your views with Miss Laird and the nursery team.

Winter Weather



It is definitely much colder and some boys and girls are beginning to bring in their own hats and gloves. This is a great idea as we are unable to share the nursery's winter clothes. If possible, could you write their name on all personal belongings.

As the weather becomes wetter, we are reintroducing 'indoor shoes'. Could you send in a pair of indoor shoes for your child to change into when they arrive at nursery. Many thanks.

Tree-Mendous



We enjoy celebrating the children's achievements, including those from activities and clubs out with nursery. Showing our commitment to developing the whole child and promoting good wellbeing, we like hearing about their growing independence at home too.

So that we can recognise this within the nursery we will provide the children with a small leaf which when returned we will celebrate and display on our Tree-Mendous tree.



Christmas Funtime

At the beginning of this session we all hoped that Covid Restrictions would be easing and we would be able to welcome our parents back into nursery, but unfortunately that is not the case ... yet, and with positive cases still consistently over 2000 it is unlikely to change in the near future. We have had to plan our Christmas events ensuring that we follow our current guidance, risk assessments and mitigations, but feel that this year we are able to welcome parents into our nursery playground. Please

be patient with us, as all events will be weather dependent and you might need to attend with a brolly.

Christmas Jumper Day/Community Walk – children can wear a Christmas jumper, Santa Hat or any festive accessory. Each class will go on a local walk around the community and more details will follow nearer the time.

Christmas Fair – after the success of last year we will be hosting a Christmas Fair for the children. There will be fun stalls, games, raffles, tombola, food stalls and an opportunity to buy and make crafts. We are looking for donations for the children's raffle, tombola and chocolate tombola. There will be a donation dress up day on Friday 26th November to hopefully remind everyone to bring in a donation for the fair.

Christmas Extravaganza – after much thought and discussion we are excited to invite parents into the playground for some outdoor festive singing from the classes in the morning and an exclusive outdoor premier of our Supported Classes Nativity Film in the afternoon. Please come along and join in with a little festive cheer. We will issue two tickets to each family and will be following social distancing and asking all adults to wear masks.

Nursery Nativity –Our Nursery nativity Whoops A Daisy Angel will be showcased in the nursery outdoor space. We have been practicing super hard and are really looking forward to welcoming everyone.



HMIe Thematic Visit

We are having a visit from HMIe on Monday 29th November to showcase our excellent outdoor learning. The visit will involve speaking to children from our ECO and How Good is Our School Groups, staff and parents. Classes will also be visited including our nursery. We are delighted to have been selected by South Lanarkshire Council for this thematic visit.

Dates for your Diary

DATE	TIME	EVENT/ACTIVITY
Friday 19 Nov		Scottish Book Week Celebration
Monday 22 Nov	All Week	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 26 Nov		Dress up and bring a donation for the raffle
Monday 29 Nov	All Day	HMIe Visit
Wednesday 1 Dec	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day – Community Walk
Friday 3 Dec	All Day	Christmas Fair
Friday 10 Dec	9:30 – 11:00	Christmas Extravaganza
Friday 17 December	Morning	Nursery Nativity
Tuesday 21 December	Afternoon	Nursery Christmas party
Wednesday 22 December		School closes at 2:30 pm for Christmas Holiday