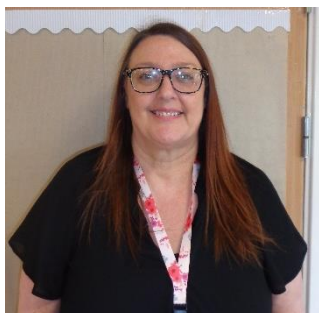




August 2023 Newsletter



The Nursery Team



Miss Alison Laird
Team Leader



Mrs Niki Mc Cullock
Early Years Practitioner
Butterflies



Mrs Sara Bano
Early Years Practitioner
Bumblebees



Mr Dillan McMahon
Early Years Practitioner
Caterpillars



Mrs Maria Leggate
Early Years Practitioner
Ladybirds



Mrs Moira Sullivan
Early Years Support Assistant



Mrs Steph Ashbridge
Early Years Practitioner
(Monday, Tuesday, and
Wednesday AM)
Dragonflies



Mrs Nicole Stewart
Early Years Practitioner
Dragonflies
(Wednesday PM, Thursday
and Friday)



Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to both our returning and new families. We are delighted to be back and have been enjoying catching-up with the boys and girls.

A huge thank you to all our parents and guardians for your continued support. The atmosphere in the nursery has been amazing with a real buzz of excitement, and the children have settled in well.

To have more detailed or confidential discussions, please indicate to a member of staff that you would like to speak in the parents' room, or a telephone call and we will be happy to oblige.

Staffing Update

We are in the process of recruiting 2 new members of our team, one full-time and one part-time. We will keep you updated on our progress.

Contexts for learning

Children learn best when actively involved and consulted on their learning. We plan responsively to take into account children's interests and establish clear goals for learning that are designed to meet the needs of individual children. We provide a caring, happy and stimulating environment that provides children with good opportunities to access and benefit from a wide range of experiences.

Personal Plans

This term we will be discussing your child's personal plan. The personal plan has been devised by South Lanarkshire Council in partnership with the Care Inspectorate and this will be completed during a meeting with your child's Keyworker. We will contact you within the next two weeks to arrange a suitable appointment time and to have a chat about how your child is settling in and what we can do to support your child's wellbeing.

Settling in

We have been getting to know all our new boys and girls and their families and catching up with all the children after our summer holidays. Here are a few photos of our children learning through their play.





Stay. Play and Learn

As part of our continuous partnership with parents, we intend to have 'Stay, Play and Learn' dates again. We aim to have a date every month. We understand some of our parents and carers work different days of the week, so we always alternate our days so that you have an opportunity to attend. During this time, you can take part in all the learning activities that are on offer throughout the nursery. Your child's keyworker will be on hand to chat with you, and you will be able to see our floorbooks.



Forest School

We are looking forward to continuing with our forest school sessions this term. They will take place on a **Monday morning** with our forest school teacher and your child's keyworker. All protective clothing such as wellies, waterproof jackets and trousers will be supplied by the nursery. The dates for your child's group session will follow shortly.



Sun Protection

We are hoping to continue to experience more warm, sunny weather, so we are asking that you supply a sun hat and apply sunscreen to your child before bringing him/her to nursery.

Thank you to everyone who has already supplied a bottle of sunscreen, this will be labelled, boxed, and stored in our medication drawer and applied throughout the day.

Twitter @ChatelheraultPS

Please join us on Twitter! We will be posting regular snapshots of your child's nursery experiences as soon as we have received all photo permission slips.



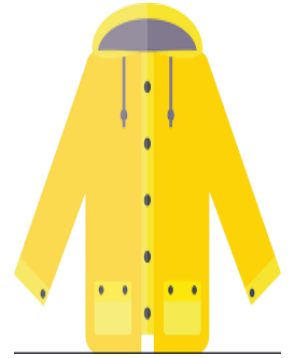
We also have pages on the school website where we post regular updates including lots of pictures.

<http://www.chatelherault-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk/wordpress/index.php/classrooms/nursery/>

Personal Belongings



Please send a change of clothes in a bag to leave on your child's peg, for any changes after water play or toilet accidents. We are also following government guidance by increasing ventilation. In the nursery both sets of garden doors will be open for the entire session so wearing a



cardigan or a jumper is advisable. **Please ensure your child's name is on all personal belongings.**

Packed Lunches



Packed lunches are always welcome however, they should not contain chocolate, fizzy juice, sweets or crisps, due to Setting the Table guidelines. Further information on Setting the Table can be found at:

<http://hub.careinspectorate.com/media/177298/nhs-setting-the-table.pdf>

We would also ask you to **include a cool pack** to ensure food is kept at an appropriate temperature.

Any food containing nuts, including peanut butter, Nutella and cereal bars containing nuts should not be brought to nursery.

If you are looking for ideas for healthy packed lunches, Eating Well: Packed Lunches for 1-4year olds is a great source for ideas. This can be found at:

<http://hub.careinspectorate.com/media/257953/eating-well-packed-lunches-for-1-4-year-olds.pdf>

If you require support or advice on the contents of packed lunches, please speak to your child's key worker or Miss Laird.

Tree-Mendous

Once a month we will send home a leaf for our Tree-mendous Tree.

Please ask your child about things they would like to share. This can

include helping make their bed, getting dressed by themselves, riding

their bike without stabilisers, earning a badge at Tae-kwon-do...anything they would like to be shared with nursery friends.



Medicines



Please note that any medicine that is expected to be administered by the nursery must be properly labelled from a pharmacy and in date before it can be signed into the nursery, thank you. Please let us know if your child has received medicine before attending nursery to allow staff to support and monitor your child.

Periods of vomiting and/ or diarrhea should be followed by a 48-hour exclusion from nursery after the last episode, following NHS guidelines.



Parent Helpers/Volunteers

Would you like to help in the Nursery and our outdoor area for a few hours here and there? If the answer is yes, please contact Miss Laird for a PVG form as we require this to be completed before you can volunteer.

Parent Council

We are looking forward to working together with our Parent Council next session for the benefit of all our children. Please join their Facebook page to keep up to date with all activities and if you can join a meeting as we really do need you. Please check the parent's noticeboard for the date of the next meeting.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Time	Event
Mon 28 th Aug	9.00am	Nursery Forest School (More information to follow)
Tues 5 th Sep	9.15/1.45	Stay, Play and Learn
Fri 15 th Sept	All Day	Whole School Sponsored Event
Wed 20 th Sept	2.00pm	Parent Focus Group (more details to follow)
Thurs 21 st Sept	3.00 pm	Nursery closes for September Weekend
Tues 26 th Sept	9.00 am	Nursery children return