



Parents' Evening



Our next Parents' evening is on Thursday 7th March and all families should now have their appointment times. If you are unable to attend, please speak with Mrs Moran and an alternative arrangement will be made. Parents' evenings are a great way for our team to share more information about your children's strengths and next steps as well as learning more about how your children are getting on outside of nursery.

PEEP

Our first four week block of PEEP Literacy sessions have been completed and Miss McKendrick and the team would like to thank all the families that came along for their enthusiasm and commitment. Miss McKendrick really enjoyed leading the sessions and the feedback from families was really positive. Miss McKendrick will be running another four-week block of PEEP sessions next term and will send a letter out, nearer the time, for families to sign up.

Payment Benefit

On 15/02/21 Social Security Scotland launched a Scottish Child Payment Benefit for some children under the age of six. To check if your family is eligible visit mygov.scot or telephone 08001822222.

Please also see the Cost of the School Day section on our school website for further supports.

Useful Website

Play Scotland have some excellent play ideas for families, please have a look at their website if you are looking for some inspiration.

Jump Start Johnny

Jump Start Johnny is coming to our school to help us raise some funds and more details will follow!

He is a firm Kirktonholme favourite who has visited us before and supported our school by sending motivating virtual messages during the pandemic. Jump Start Johnny is coming to visit on Friday 22nd March. The staff team and children are all very excited as we often use his online dance classes as part of our P.E. programme.

There are some free dance routines on Jump Start Johnny's website, so feel free to try a few out at home.

To us it feels like a superstar is coming to lead us in a day of high energy fun! Very exciting!



Stay and Play

Our stay and play sessions this month (please see dates below for our groups) will be led by Mrs Watt. Mrs Watt has had special training related to learning outdoors and she will be leading sessions around a fire pit. We are really looking forward to these and hope that as many families as possible can join us. The sessions will be outdoors, so please dress appropriately for the weather conditions.



World Book Day

On Friday 8th March we will be celebrating World Book Day and everyone is invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book, as always, this is optional. Our Primary Five and Six pupils are looking forward to coming into nursery to share their favourite stories with our children. On Thursday 7th March we will be having a special lunch.

Speech and Language Therapy

If you have any concerns related to your child's communication development and would like advice from the NHS Lanarkshire Speech and Language Therapy team, their helpline number is 01698687606 and their email address is slt enquiry@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk

Spotlight on Vocabulary

horse goldfish cow pig
sheep dog cat rabbit



ELC/Primary One Transition

As part of our transition programme, for all children moving to school in August, our Primary One teachers will be visiting our nursery every Friday for the next eight weeks. Our teachers will be leading some literacy and numeracy activities and getting to know our children.

Summer Outing



Our annual summer outing is planned for Friday 17th May. We are going on a bus to Dean Castle for a day of fun. One adult per child is invited to come along with us. The provisional cost is £20 per child, no cost for adults.

Robots in Nursery

We had a visit from John from Computer Explorers last week and the children had a great time programming robots and using technology to make cars move.



Focus

Our new focus is Spring with links to new life and growing.



Achievements

If your child does something fabulous outside of nursery remember to let us know so that we can also celebrate their successes.



Morrison's

A huge thank you to our local Morrison's supermarket who have kindly donated baking ingredients and biscuits to our nursery. Thank you also to Mrs Watt for forging this community link.



Easter

Easter bonnets and having an Easter bonnet parade with Primaries 1-3. There may even be a chocolate surprise for the best creations.

Family Friday

We hope that you are enjoying coming into our playroom to collect your children on Fridays.



Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 6th March Coffee Morning 9-10am

Thursday 7th March Parents'/Carers' Evening

Thursday 14th March Green Group Stay and Play

Friday 15th March Orange Group Stay and Play

Monday 18th March Blue Group Stay and Play

Tuesday 19th March Red Group Stay and Play

Wednesday 20th March Yellow Group Stay and Play

Thursday 28th March school closes for Spring break at 14:30

Monday 15th April School reopens

Friday 17th May Summer trip to Dean Castle

Thursday 30th May Nursery/Primary One parent and child transition event 09:30-11:00

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