



## Diary Dates

- Open day Friday 6th: morning times between 9am-11am, afternoon 1:30pm-2:30pm
- Nursery closed September long weekend Friday 27th and Monday 30th
- October week—Nursery closed Monday 14th  
October—Friday 18th. Reopen Monday 21st.

## Upcoming events

### Nursery - What to expect - everything you need to know

As we welcome our new families and the return of our existing families, we will be running an informal group session talking about a day in the life of the nursery. This informal group will support parents in how to become involved in your child's learning journey, what to expect at nursery and support you and your child during their time at nursery.

**This group will be running at 9:15am Monday 2nd September. Please add your name to the eform following the link on the app, should you wish to attend.**

### Visits in our community

With the extended day now in place we are trying to make use of the local amenities within our area, this includes going into Biggar on the local public bus. All parents will be asked to complete our EV5 permission forms to allow us the flexibility to go at any time throughout the year. We may look at visiting Lanark in the future.

### Sponsored Bike ride/Scoot

As we begin our new term we thought it would be an excellent opportunity to raise some additional funds for our year ahead. In small groups the children will be going on a cycle/scoot around one of the blocks within the village. Our event will take place on Thursday 10th October. Sponsor forms will be issued within the next couple of weeks. All funds raised will go towards our Nursery funds which helps support curricular activities, contribute towards the cost of our online learning journals and much more! We will not be having any dress down days for donations, however we may have some dress up/down days just for fun!

### Quote of the month

*"The first five years have so much to do with how the next 80 turn out."*

*Bill Gates Sr.*

# Our Learning Term 1

We begin our term with the children showing an interest in the wider world. We have been talking and thinking about creatures within our local environment and thinking about the jobs that people do. The children have been using our imaginative area taking on the role of Doctors, nurses and midwives along with caring for animals.

In response to this we will be planning to visit one of our local pet stores and vet.

Over the next couple of months Mrs Cowan will be recording the children's learning and development for creativity. The children have been creating bees and talking about other creatures within our gardens. Mrs Cowan is hoping to create honey biscuits with the children and learn more about bees and honey through the process.



Miss Shillan will be taking the lead with Health and Wellbeing this term. The children have been regularly using the gym hall and having open access to active learning outdoors. This week Miss Shillan has been supporting the children in decorating their wooden spoon for self registration in our sessions. Watch this space!

Mrs MacPhail will be focusing on communication until October. Mrs MacPhail will be following the children's interest in books and developing their creativity through drama and storytelling. Mrs MacPhail and Mrs Miller will be running Bookbug sessions throughout the year for each group.



## Learning with our younger children Term 1

### 2-3

Mrs Wilson is currently the green group's keyworker. The children have all settled quickly back into routine and mixing well with our older children within both playroom. Some of the children were part of a visit to Biggar where they attended a Bookbug session within the library, followed by a play at the Gillespie centre. The children are making full use of the opportunities to play indoors and out.

Over the next few weeks we are planning more walks and outings in our local area. We'd love to see more parental contributions from home, enabling us to share in their life outside of the nursery. Over the next few weeks we will be offering home visits for our parents before they transfer to our 3-5 room.



## Home links - coming soon

Starting in September we will be sending out our library bags on a weekly basis. These will be going out on a Wednesday and we would ask that you return them on a Monday. Inside each book you will notice some helpful info for example some questions to prompt some further thinking or you may wish to do some of the suggested follow up activities. These are entirely optional for you, but are there should you wish. If you decide to do some follow up experiences, we'd love you to share on the learning journal.

The children of last term had a surprise visit from an alien (toy!) who they named Olivia. Olivia will also be going home for visits this year starting in September. Olivia will be sent home in her very own special bag with the story Beegu. Please record the time spent with Olivia on the learning journal. The aim of Olivia is for the children to teach Olivia about our world.

## Parental Involvement

It would be wonderful to have some regular parental involvement not just Mums! We are looking for Dads, Grannies or Papas. Within the nursery, is there anyone who would like to be a helper? This would involve a disclosure check (PVG) If so please see Mrs Miller.

## Learning Journals

Within Tinto we use online learning journals, these allow you to directly share experiences and achievements from home, along with following the individual learning and development of your child. In addition to this your child has their own folder within the nursery, supporting them in leading their own learning. The children use these to collect work they create, photographs etc.

Your child will have a minimum of 1 observation/learning story on their learning journal, you will receive an email when your child has a new observation/story.

Last term we had some wonderful parental contributions from home, these can also help spark interests within the nursery. This can be done on your child's own learning journal. Ideally we'd love to see 1 parental contribution a week.

# Nursery Fund

**Our nursery fund for term 1 is £21**

## Staffing

We welcome back Mrs Kirsty Bowden back as our nursery teacher. Kirsty will be in the nursery on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday morning and all day Friday. Miss Katie Shillan has taken on the roll of keyworker for our new yellow group. Mrs Cindy Bryce will be keyworker for the Blue group every Friday. With the extended hours being piloted this year we have been an additional staff member on a part time basis, to support the children we welcome Mrs Caroline West as an Early years worker.

### Parking

Please remember the car park at the school is for use of staff or those who hold a disability badge. The car park can be used by the public out of school hours to access the MUGA.

### New hours

The nursery now opens at 9am. Please discourage your child from pressing the button before 9am. Our collection times are 11:45am, 12:30, 1pm or 3pm if your child is staying for lunch. At drop off times please remember to daily highlight the lunch sheet & note the time of pick up.

### School App

Please remember to news feed and messages on a daily basis.

## Clothing

Please ensure that you leave a change of clothes everyday in the nursery for your child should they need changed for any reason. We have a limited supply of clothes within the nursery. Please remember that living in Scotland we still need to be prepared for the weather at times needing hats, gloves etc.

**Should you wish to need to contact the nursery for any reason please do so on 01899 308279 or via email:**

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