



### Diary Dates

- Individual photos with school photographer  
Wednesday 23rd October
- Inservice days Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th.
- Nursery Fluoride varnish Wednesday 20th
- November 22nd Christmas fayre 2pm-4:30pm  
Whole school event
- Christmas Nativity Thursday 5th December  
10:15am

## Upcoming events

### Community race night - Friday 25th October

Please join us at Symington football club 6:30pm-8:30pm. This is a great night, fun for all the family.

£1 for all bets

£5 entry per family. Also on the night there will be 20p sweetie slide and £1 Gin slide (just for the adults). Funds raised will be used to support the school and nursery the year. See you there!

### Halloween Disco - Tuesday 29th October 4:30pm - 6pm

Dress up for the Halloween party and disco. It's sure to be lots of fun! £3 entry (£6max per family) Cost includes drink and crisps.

### Buddha Bairns

We are super excited to be starting Yoga this Thursday 24th and every Thursday (except 31st Halloween) until 21st November. Gemma Wilson of Buddha Bairns will be coming into work with us over the next four weeks to help the children develop their gross motor skills, become aware of their own health and wellbeing all through having fun! We have been able to buy Gemma in for these special sessions using the nursery fund.

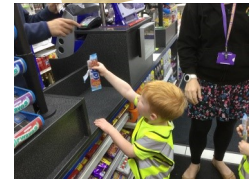
Could we ask that for the next four Thursdays the children come in comfy, flexible clothes that will be suitable for them to take part. Thank you.

### Quote of the month

The marks on children's clothes, the pockets filled with sand, the paint in hair-these are the indicators of architects, artists, and scientists in training. If we worry too much about wet or dirty clothing we can place a real damper on the spirit of learning and self discovery.

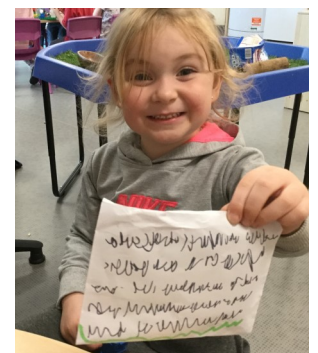
LET THE CHILDREN PLAY

# Our Term 1 Highlights



Term 1 is now behind us, but we can now reflect on the learning and development that happened over the last term. We responded to the children's interests in weddings setting up an old suitcase with wedding props for the children to explore. This led onto our fantastic ceilidh which finished off our term. With the extended days in place we have been able to access the community with visits to the library, the shops and Biggar museum. Towards the end of the term we responded to the children's interests in block play and have now created a much larger space for the children to use, this allows for the different stages within block play. Did you know there are 7 stages in block play? Ask our team if you would like to know more.

Over the coming term we will provide opportunities for the children to develop & extend their own ideas through block play, creativity and drama. We are now well into autumn and will be using this as a possible line of development (PLOD) to build on children's own knowledge and experiences in Health and Wellbeing, Numeracy and Literacy along with other curricular areas.



## Sponsored scoot/bike success

Well done to all of the children and families for raising our Nursery so much money! Our incredible total so far is **£661.75**. We are absolutely thrilled and it's still coming in. It was wonderful to have so many parents help get involved in the event itself, the children clearly had great fun too. With the funds raised we are planning to invest in some money for outdoor learning, small world play - Playmobil, Grimms wooden toys for our block play area, independent learning resources such as creative materials and health and wellbeing equipment for baking.



## Nativity

Our Christmas nativity is scheduled for **Thursday 5th December at 10:15am**, followed by a Christmas raffle and tea/coffee and mince pies. We will begin collecting items for our Christmas raffle at the start of November.

## Staffing

On Wednesday 23rd we welcome HNC Childhood Practice student Charlotte Murphy. Miss Murphy will be with us every Wednesday and Thursday.

## 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.

## Coo Clayton

Last term the children had the opportunity to meet with Scottish children's author Coo Clayton author of Maggie's Mittens and Maggie's monsters.

# Nursery Fund

**Our nursery fund for term 2 is £22.50**

## 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.

## Wellbeing & Nurture Newsletter

**Our next issue will be out mid November.**

## School App

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

## Nursery Halloween

On Thursday 31st children should come dressed up. The P7's will be hosting a Halloween party for the nursery, with lots of fun and games. The children are asked to bring £1 and the funds they raise will go towards their end of year leavers trip.

Please bring in spare clothes with you in case your child wishes to change or participate in normal nursery experiences such as messy play.

## Flu

If you wish your nursery child to have the vaccine please contact your own medical practice.  
Thank you.

## Lending Library

Lending library bags will restart Wednesday 23rd. Please return books on a Monday to allow us to organise the bags. Thank you.

## Christmas Fayre

Our annual Christmas Fayre will be on Friday 22nd November 2pm –4:30pm. Enjoy this event with your child and family, there will be lots to see do, eat and of course spend,, spend, spend! Happy shopping.

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