



# Dunblane Primary Nursery

## Newsletter September 2020



Thank you to all the families who took part in our Question of the month. Here is the wordle we have created of your words to describe the settling in or settling back process for the children.



Halloween's Coming.....

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October marks 'Dress up Week' at nursery.

During the week we will be playing Halloween games and learning some spooky songs, along with some other fun experiences.

## Our Forest Sessions

As part of our ongoing commitment to learning outdoors, we will be outside in the 'forest' for a session per week, from beginning 26<sup>th</sup> October for 5 weeks. We will have introductory sessions throughout the next few weeks and begin when we return from the October break.

We would appreciate if you could ensure your child is dressed appropriately, including wearing wellingtons or weatherproof shoes / boots and jackets, puddle suit each day as our sessions are working in rotation. We have a number of 'all in one suits' should you like to hire one from us for your child. We will offer these as pre-loved puddle suits for a small donation, please speak to your child's keyworker if you would like one.

### What is involved in 'forest sessions' and outdoor sessions?

- Children will 'sign up' and be committed to using the outside space as a learning environment, complying with the rules they themselves have identified.
- Sessions will follow / incorporate existing curriculum planning i.e. matching will be done with natural materials, language will be delivered through listening and storytelling, drama through role play etc. the difference being that children are outdoors.
- Each session will have additional 'forest' experiences (directed by the children) and will involve 'forest' skills' such as;
  - Transient art
  - Den building
  - Progressive use of tools - potato peeler, saw, knife
  - Making a fire



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### Lunch Menu

Stirling Council lunch menu for schools and nurseries has now been updated, please see the link below for choices available.

<https://www.stirling.gov.uk/learning-education/schools/school-meals-uniforms/school-meals-primary/?date=05-10-202>

Reminder - if you would like your child to have an additional snack at 4pm please can you provide this labeled 4pm snack.

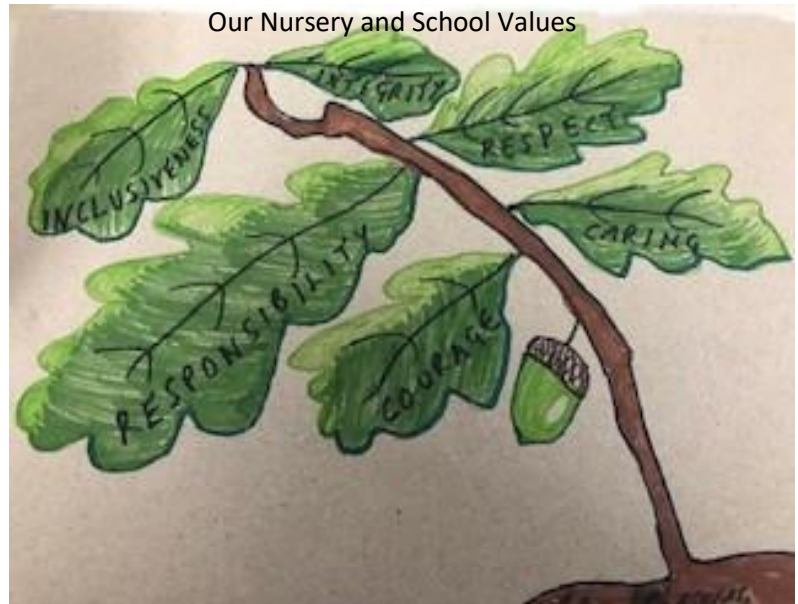
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### Our leading Library and Adventure Bags

After the October break we intend to reinstate our leading library. A safe system will in place to ensure the returning books are allowed 7hours laying time at least before being available again.

Our Adventure bags will operate a rotation system for families and again we will ensure the contents are cleaned following our risk assessment before being reissued.

### Our Nursery and School Values



### Mindfulness at home- Cosmic Kids

Following our 'Do be Mindful' whole school approach, some children have been enjoying yoga sessions in small groups. Below is a link for yoga at home you can try. Cosmic Kids offers a great choice of short programmes with characters suitable for all ages, there's star wars yoga, frozen yoga, yoga in the jungle and many more.

If you have a go at home remember to post a photo to us on Seesaw for your learning folder

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>



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Welcome back to our monthly newsletter. We hope all our families are safe and well.

With autumn approaching we are looking forward to exploring the changing season with the children outdoors as much as possible.

In this newsletter you will find lots of information about nursery life.

If any parents would like to write a column relating to parenting or nursery experiences, please get in touch to further discuss.

Many Thanks



### Our learning

Next month we will be issuing every child there individual learning grid, this will contain learning intentions/ goals we are working on together. Through play the children and educators have been working on some baseline activities to gaged where each individual child is on their learning journey. Unfortunately it has not been possible to arrange to meet for our normal parent's consultation however we hope the learning grids give as much information to highlight the targets and goals we are working on with your child. Once the grids are issued if you would like a telephone call with your child's key worker this can be arrange, please just ask.

We are continuing to work through our recovery programme with Emotions Works and have now moved on to the orange and green cogs looking at emotion language and feelings. Some children have created feeling pictures through natural resources and others have been exploring different words to describe how we feel.

Most children are exploring the outside environment daily and the children and educators have been making improvements to the nursery garden and the resources available within the two bubble spaces. Curiosity and engagement have been increasing inside and out as we have introduced more loose parts and treasures to the nursery environment.

### Up and coming dates for your diary

Curriculum Group meeting - 23<sup>rd</sup> November 9.15 am

Garden group planning meeting- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am

Fundraising meeting -Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am

Learning grids issued- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Nursery closure- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

If you are interested and can help in any of the above parents groups please email [dunblanenu@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:dunblanenu@stirling.gov.uk) and we will send you a google link to join the meeting.