



Dunblane Primary Nursery

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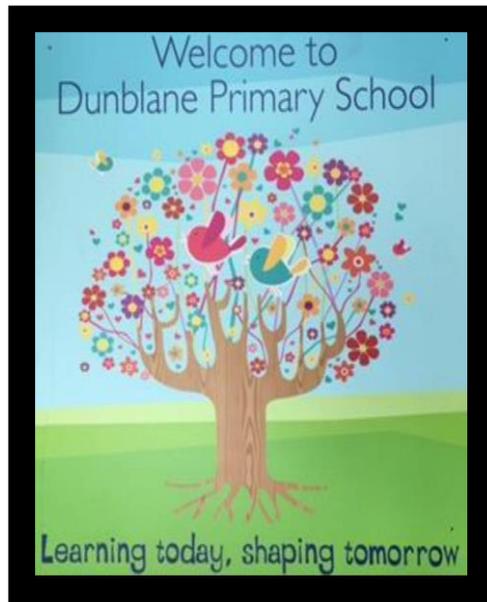


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In this newsletter you will find lots of information about nursery life.

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

Most of the children are now familiar with the rules and routines of nursery and the choices they can make and are beginning to take their learning forward. As an ongoing context, we will continue to work on the Emotions Works programme and practice our Do be mindful strategies during the day. Most children are now using the calm code on arrival to nursery and throughout the day and we have been revisiting conflict resolution and engaging with our new fix it folder to help us with these skills at times when needed.

Up and coming dates for your diary

Nursery Christmas Party-

Wednesday 23rd December 10-11.30 am and 1.30- 3pm, if your child doesn't attend nursery on this day please speak to your child's keyworker, we would love everyone to come along.

Curriculum Group meeting - 23rd November 9.15 am. If you wish the link for the meeting please email Mrs Gallivan - gallivans28s@glow.sch.uk

Garden group planning winter planting meeting- Thursday 3rd December at 9.15am

Fundraising group meeting -

Monday 7th December -9.15am

Learning grids issued- Monday 7th December 2020

Nursery closure-Nursery will close on 24th December and Reopen on Tuesday 5th January 2021

If you are interested and can help in any of the above family groups please email dunblanenu@stirling.gov.uk and we will send you a google link to join the meeting.

All children have loved exploring the change in season and outdoor play and learning continues to be a huge part of our day. The children's emerging interests are leading us to establish and begin some learning and focus groups working together to further explore interests and learn and discover more things. Our current planning learning is called 'We Care' the children have been looking into different aspects of this and thinking further about caring and how we can care for ourselves, our families and friends, our community and our world.

Miss Tilley is leading an introduction into global goal experiences were the children are discovery more about learning for sustainability.

From the beginning of December we will begin our Christmas countdown and we hope to explore celebration from around the world, learn about what Christmas may be like in other places. If you and your family would like to share how your celebrate Christmas together we would love to hear you story. Please send us a message via Seesaw or email and will can arrange a telephone call to discuss your celebration to share with the children.



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Staff Changes

We all wish Mrs Kinnaird and Mrs Stewart the best of luck on their new adventures ahead. As we say goodbye to them we also welcome Mrs Wilma Watson to the team until the posts are recruited, alongside this Miss Tilley will rejoin the butterfly bubble. Some children may change key group during this time and we are working with all families to make this transition as smooth as possible. All children involved in a change of keyworker should have received a letter letting you know about the changes and plan. If you have any questions about this transition please speak to a staff member and we can further discuss.

Here is a reminder of the staff in our bubbles
Bee's bubble

Miss Jackie Rae, Mrs Robin and Mrs Murru

Butterflies

Miss Tilley, Mrs Wilson, Mrs McKeown and Miss Moran

We hope everyone has now found some kind of normal in the new way we are operating in our bubbles. Should you have any questions we are here to listen and discuss anytime.

You can contact us on

01786822518 or

dunblanenu@stirling.gov.uk

REMINDERS

Please if possible arrive to nursery drop off and pick up wearing a face covering.

Our team are trying to limit direct contact with adults including passing items, where possible can we please ask you place lunch bags down and we will pick up or encourage your child to carry their belongings in.

It really helps a lot if all belonging are labelled included drink bottles, bags and jackets.

4pm optional snack. If you wish your child to have a snack at this time please let a staff member know you have provided it and we can label it if needed. We would encourage a healthy snack choice please.

Please remember to bring your waterproof clothing to nursery as we are out in all weathers. If you do not have waterproofs or need a new size we do have a collect of pre-loved items we could donate to you, just ask a member of our team.





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Parental Involvement and Family Learning

Our Seesaw App

Seesaw is our way to communicate with you and it's also your way to communicate with us too. We would love to read more comments and see learning and achievements that are going on at home. Our children love to see their photos from home and share them with their friends at nursery, please post to us.

Family involvement is a challenge during these restrictive times. Our nursery team are looking for ideas of how we can include family learning opportunities for our children. If you have any idea please drop us an email or give us a ring.

The SMT have been looking over the last few months at the way parents use Seesaw. We have found that almost all our parents see the Seesaw posts however less than half of our parents comment on the post. We would like to encourage families to use Seesaw as a means of sharing their thoughts on posts and using it as a way to communicate to educators since that face to face contact is currently limited.

Developing Fine
Motor Control





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Thank you so much to everyone who took part in our Survey Monkey this month. 50% of our families replied to the survey. We really appreciate your feedback.

Here is an over view of the results to the questions from other families.

Question 1- Are the extended hours offered by the 1140 expansion suiting your lifestyle and your child's needs?

83.33% SAID yes

16.67% SAID no

From the comments we can see some families are still not assessing the flexibility they would like, if you can email us we can look into a change in your nursery session or add you to the current waiting list.

Question 2-Any comments on strengths or development areas with 1140 delivery at DPN.

Your comments included many strengths, comments included great for working parents, additional hours support development and learning further, prepares children for transition to school. Development areas include offering more flexibility across week in line with school hours 9- 3pm daily and allowing funding for children whose birthday falls after September before January.

We are delighted so many of our families are happy with the new hours and will discuss the comments for development with our Early Years links officers as these issues would require to be considered at a local authority level.

Question 3 -Does your child take about Mindfulness at home?

Yes-58%

No-42%

Our yes percentage has increased by 31% with indicates to us some children are now more aware of mindfulness within their routine. We will be adding 'Do be Mindful' activities every 2 weeks to our Seesaw activities available for families to use at home, alongside our ongoing 'Do be Mindful' experiences offered to the children on a regular basis at nursery. If you participate in any of mindfulness activities at home we would appreciate it if you share them on Seesaw.

Question 4 and 5 asked you to collect your children's voices and views for what they particularly enjoy or don't enjoy at nursery. We are delighted to hear so many positive and happy children's voice talking about their nursery experiences.

The children shared a wide range of experiences they enjoy and the main themes included stories, playing outside, playing with friends and painting/playdough.

Question 6 asked for you words to describe the 1140 expansion delivery at Dunblane Primary Nursery. We have added a Wordle at the bottom of the page to capture your views.

Many Thanks again to all of our families who took part, your views and opinions are so important to us in shaping a nursery delivery that is right for you.

