

APRIL 2021

# THE NURSERY NEWS

DUNBLANE PRIMARY NURSERY



“THERE IS A GROWING BODY OF RESEARCH THAT SHOWS THAT YOUNG CHILDREN’S ACCESS TO NATURE AND OUTDOOR PLAY IS POSITIVELY ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROVED SELF-ESTEEM, PHYSICAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENT OF LANGUAGE SKILLS AND DISPOSITION TO LEARNING.”

DAVY 2009- FROM MY WORLD OUTDOORS(CARE INSPECTORATE

## OUR LEARNING

### BUTTERFLY BUBBLE - MISS KERRIDGE

Last term the butterflies have demonstrated a particular interest in learning about building and construction. Starting as an interest in building a shelter with Lego for the Lego characters, it developed into a fantastic garden DIY project (complete with sewage works), a prison for the 'bad guys', making concrete from sand and water, and an obstacle course for their friends to complete, to name but a few. Teamwork, critical thinking, problem solving, and fine/gross motor skills have all been put to the test with the most wonderful results. Other interests have included: investigating forces and motion (particularly things that roll), hairdressing in our role play corner and science experiments in our turf tray.





## OUR LEARNING

### BEE BUBBLE - MISS RAE

The children in the 'Bee' bubble have been exploring many of their wonder questions. Their questions have revolved around the moon ("I wonder why the moon is sometimes a half moon or sometimes a full moon") which led us to investigate our sun, stars, planet earth and rockets. We will continue to explore this learning into the new term to provide depth and consolidation. Another line of enquiry which was sparked from walks around the school was that of flowers and how they grow ("Granny Coco had flowers in her garden at the B&B, they grow from a seed"). This enquiry led into the exploration around flower names, how they grow, what they grow from and what we need to do to look after them. This interest has also led us to exploring the changes our seasons bring, with a focus on Spring. One of our children incubated some eggs and shared a picture of his baby chick with his peers. This sparked conversation around different bird names and what other creatures grow in an egg and hatch, some of the children's responses included birds, snakes, penguins, ducks..... Again, this interest will continue to be explored next term. Our children's interest continually changed and we never know what questions we face from our young learners, where will our lines of enquiry take us?

**"Curiosity, as well as creativity, is an innate part of being human. It is the urge to learn and develop, to see what is around the corner, in the box or what happens next."**

### REALISING THE AMBITION 2020





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### NURSERY CLOSURE

MONDAY 3RD MAY - BANK HOLIDAY

THURSDAY 6TH MAY - INSERVICE TRAINING

### ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL TRIAL

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO SEE MOST OF OUR FAMILIES HAVE CONNECTED WITH THE TRIAL OF THE E-LEARNING JOURNALS. IF YOU HAVE NOT CONNECTED YET PLEASE GIVE IT A GO.

OUR TRIAL IS ONLY FOR 4 WEEKS AND WE WILL BE ASKING FOR YOUR FEEDBACK ON THE PRODUCT AT THE END OF THIS TIME.

LIKE SEESAW- LEARNING JOURNALS ARE A 2 WAY COMMUNICATION AND SHARING TOOL. IF YOU HAVE TIME WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME POSTS FROM YOU.

## COVID -19 Reminder

Please ensure all adults wear a face covering at drop off and pick up.

Children will be required to wash hands/sanitise on arrival and throughout their day at nursery.

Within the guidance we have been advised to continue to minimise what can be brought between nursery and home please do not bring toys if possible.



## TRANSITION INFORMATION

# *A message from Mrs Gallivan*

### DUNBLANE PRIMARY NURSERY



#### Transition – Children starting school in August 2021

I am very much looking forward to welcoming in our new Primary 1 children in August. I emailed all parents on the 1st of April a link to our Transition Google Site along with information about each child's buddy. The purpose of the Google site is to keep all the information about school and transition in 1 place. I hope that you find this information informative and relevant. I would encourage you to read the transition Ted story to your child which can be found under the P1 transition tab. If you did not receive this information then please email me or speak to your child's key worker.

Here is the link to the Transition Google Site -

<https://sites.google.com/stirlingschools.net/dunblaneprimaryschool/home>

A huge thank you to those parents who emailed me pictures of their child completing the playground activities during the Easter holidays. I have added these to the Sharing our Learning tab. I would continue to ask you to visit the Primary 1 playground at the weekend or after school (after 3.30PM) so your child becomes familiar with the environment.

Once we know who your child's class teacher is we will be in touch with you. We are also hoping to arrange a time when your child can meet with the class teacher prior to school starting.

If you have any questions about transition please get in touch with me at the school (822351) or via email – [gallivans28s@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gallivans28s@glow.sch.uk)

I am very much looking forward to getting to know you and your family.

Shirley Gallivan