



Wellgreen Nursery Newsletter

September 2016

Welcome Back = I hope everyone had a fantastic summer and welcome back all our term time children and families for the start of our new academic year. I hope I have introduced myself to all the families by now but just in case I have missed anyone, my name is Lynsey Graham and I am the acting head here until the post is filled permanently. I will try to ensure I am around at the beginning and end of some of the nursery sessions and plan to make myself visible within the nursery as much as possible. Throughout August and September new children will be starting the nursery and we would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone here at Wellgreen Nursery.

Summer Programme = Throughout the summer the extended year children have taken part in a variety of activities based on each weeks theme with an opportunity for families and children to join us for a special event each week.

Summer provision = During the summer we were also able to offer places for children of primary school age to join us, using the "How good is our school aged childcare?" quality assurance document to ensure children were given a suitable range of activities and experiences. We will be offering the same provision during the **October week** so if any older siblings or any of the children starting school in August would like to come in during this time please speak with Lynsey or Hazel.

Playroom information = I hope you have received a copy of the new term update and that this went some way to help ease you back into the nursery.

Within the playroom our main focus will be to support new children to settle into nursery and develop new friendships, building relationships with their new key worker and all other ECE's within the playroom. Using visual planners all children will be learning or re-visiting the nursery 'rules' and 'routines'. On our ongoing journey to explore SHANARRI with the children we are now embarking on Healthy. With this in mind we will be learning about how stay 'Healthy' – developing movement skills through practise, participating in different kinds of energetic play, both indoors and outdoors, exploring where foods come from, preparing and tasting different food (One Planet Picnic), becoming aware of the importance of cleanliness, hygiene and safety.

One Planet Picnic = On Tuesday 27th September the children are going to take part in the One Planet Picnic. This is part of our Eco-Schools plan to raise awareness of where our food comes from and how it is grown. We will celebrate the harvest at snack time and would welcome any home grown or locally sourced produce for the children to taste, smell and discuss at our picnic. If you would like to make a donation please pass it on to one of the staff members.

Children's special books = You may or may not have noticed the children have now all have their own new special book in which to document their journey here at Wellgreen. Please feel free to pick them up and have a look, you can find them below the children's signing in sheets. We would welcome any contributions you would like to make to these and ask if you do take them home please could you return them as we do use them on a very regular bases to record learning and reflect on what we have been up to at nursery.

Information = Hopefully you will all have noticed the new information board in the hall area. The plan is for this to be split into two, one half will be for families to share any information and the other half will demonstrate the nursery's Improvement Plan. We are also in the process of setting up our website <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/wellgreennursery/> and I am VERY KEEN to hear what your thoughts are on twitter or Face book. How could we communicate better with you? Please use the speech/thought bubble on the back page to share your ideas.

Staff focus = Hi, my name is Claire, as some of you may know already, I have been working here at Wellgreen Nursery for the last 21 years! (I know I don't look old enough!) In this time I have seen many changes within the nursery and have recently taken up the position of Acting Senior ECE. I will continue to

be key worker for the 'Blue' group on Monday, Tuesday all day and Wednesday morning (with Helen as my job share), I will also be here on a Thursday to either support the playroom or support the Senior Management Team.

On a personal note I have 2 children of my own (both boys and both at school now!) and as a working mum I strive to juggle many out of school clubs, parties, playdates and much, much more!! I have recently passed my driving test which has surprised both my family and myself a lot! After SO many years of walking everywhere or having to bother my family for lifts it has been a revelation and I am now driving the boys to school (which they think is great!) and to out of school activities. If you see a small blue car please remember I've not been driving long so don't get too close ...just in-case!!

Parents Group = We would like to re-establish what used to be a very effective parents/families group. We would really like our focus this year to be on developing nursery garden further. If you would like to be a part of this group, please let us know. We would really welcome any family involvement.

GIRFEC update = Getting It Right For Every Child is the National approach used to ensure children receive the support they need, when they need it and by the most appropriate supporting agencies. From August 2016 the plan was every child within Scotland will have a Named Person for children under the age of 5 (who have not started school) this will be their Health Visitor. The role of the Named Person is to act as a clear point of contact for any parent or carer looking for additional support for their child. This has currently been delayed.

Earlier this year the Scottish government launched a multi media campaign to provide information for parents and young people about the risks of child sexual exploitation. The following website <http://csethesigns.scot/> contains information to support young people and parents to recognise the warning signs, understanding the difference between healthy and bad relationships, staying safe and getting the right help for someone who has been affected.

Dates for your diary

20/09/16	Rag bag bin collection
23/9/16	10.40 am library bus = please feel free to join us
27/9/16	One Planet Picnic
30/09/16	Deadline for completed Christmas card designs to be handed in – if required, spare templates are available at the office
Week of the 10 th of October	Nursery open to all extended year children only
19/10/16	Lighthouse Studio photos

From

Lynsey and all the team here at Wellgreen

