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Dear Parents/Carers

As the nights draw in, our days become busier! The next couple of months are going to be very eventful at the nursery with lots of activities planned for the children.

**What Are We Learning About?**

Please take a look at our blog [**https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/NurseryNatter/**](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/NurseryNatter/) and our floorbook near the coat area to keep up to date with the children’s learning. Our current Learning Story on Sway is <https://sway.com/btSVH9shqRmKkbau?ref=Link> and <https://sway.com/IJEf4DC6Mi73bxlw?ref=Link>. We have loved the children bringing in Autumnal fruits, leaves and seeds and discussing the items with them, this has sparked many interesting questions which we have been exploring. Please continue to bring in things that they find when they are out and about and add them to the basket. We would love for parents to share anything the children share with you at home about things they have been learning in nursery or questions they are asking at home. This will help us to follow their interests and extend their learning. Please leave comments on the blog or share with a member of the nursery team. During this month the children will take part in a ‘Nursery Natter’ which is a focussed time for them to share with us their thoughts and ideas about our outside area.





**Children In Need**

We will be supporting Children in Need on Wednesday, 15th November. We will soon have a selection of official merchandise to sell at the Nursery. We are also going to collect any old round style £1 coins that might be hiding in the bottom of purses. We are also all going to take part in a ramble. Each group will have the chance to go to the part and take part in some Autumn themed activities with ‘Pudsey’, in the Wee Mair Park just next to nursery. Please can children come to nursery in their wellies and bring coats, gloves etc. We are looking for parent helpers for this event, if you are able to help please sign up on the sheet in the entrance hall. Children are invited to wear anything spotty and pay £1 towards this very worthy cause.

**Christmas Fair**

This year we will be having a stall during the week of our Christmas Nativity. We will be having a chocolate and bottle tombola and a raffle. Please could we ask for donations of chocolate items and any kind of bottles, wine, shampoo, juice etc. We would also like to create a hamper for a raffle and ask for donations to this too. The children are also going to be busy making things for the stall. Balbardie Primary School Christmas Fair on **Saturday, 25th November**, 10am to 12pm.

**Christmas Nativity**

This year the children are going to tell the Christmas story through song. We will hold a performance each day over four days. It will be in the morning of 12th and 14th December and the afternoon 11th and 13th December. Each child will be allocated one ticket per show per day. If additional tickets are available they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

**Outdoor Play**

Now that the weather is getting colder and wetter, we would like to ask that parents dress children appropriately with outdoor jackets, gloves, hats, etc.

Wellies or other appropriate footwear will help the children to get the best outdoor experience. Please remember that heavy boots with laces are not easy for the children to put on and take off themselves. Please remember to label all of your children’s items.

![MC900413682[1]]()**Harvest Collection**

A big thank you to everyone who donated to the Harvest Collection. A group of the children will

go and visit the residents of Carron Court when they will sing a few of our favourite songs when

handing over the items.

**Staffing update**

Mrs Waddell is leaving us this week she will be sadly missed but we all wish her the best. Miss Wilkins continues to get better and hopefully will be able to start coming back to the nursery soon. We also are going to be welcoming some new members to the team over the next month.

Green group – Mrs Hendry and Miss Holwill

Orange group – Mrs Drummond

Red group – Miss Young

Purple group – Mrs Orr

Yellow group – Mrs Bett

Blue group – Miss Wilkins

PSW – Mrs Somerville, Mrs Gauld and Mrs Slattery

Wrap around – Miss Young and Mrs Slattery

**Lastly a note from the win yins**

We had a fun filled day in the nursery for Halloween. We dressed up, even the teachers, and played different games. Here are some of our thoughts:

* ‘Great….I did like the doughnut game – that was fun!’ – Jessica
* ‘I liked the snack and the doughnut game. I liked me and Isla’s song, it was a witchy song about sweeping the floor.’ - Scarlett
* ‘I liked getting dressed up and eating the doughnuts’ – Millie
* ‘It was good…I liked the doughnut and the apple game’ – Iris
* ‘I liked the dancing and catching the apples and doughnuts’ – Emily
* ‘Well it was super fun…I liked everything’ – Cody
* ‘Good…because we were playing at party games’ – John
* ‘I loved it….playing party games’ – Michael
* ‘I liked playing musical statues’- Callum
* ‘I had lots of fun at the Halloween party’ – Ruaridh

Thank you to the parents that helped make the day special.

**Dates for the Diary**

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| Date | Time | Event |
| Tuesday, 7 November | Both sessions | Football Taster  |
| Wednesday, 8 November | Both sessions | Rag Bags to be returned |
| Thursday, 9 November | Both sessions | Nursery Natter |
| Wednesday, 15 November | Both sessions | Children in Need Ramble |
| Saturday, 25 November | 10am to 12pm | Christmas Fair at Balbardie Primary |
| Wednesday, 6 December | Both sessions | Grandparents’ Day |
| Wednesday, 12 & 14 December | Morning | Christmas Nativity and fair |
| Monday, 11 & 13 December  | Afternoon | Christmas Nativity and fair |
| Thursday, 21 December | Both sessions | Christmas Parties |

Kind regards,

The Nursery Team