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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all that came along to our Welcome Evening a few weeks ago it was great to see so many parents here to support the nursery. Our MacMillan Coffee Morning was a great success raising £254.24

What are we learning about this month?

This month we have continued to harvest apples from the orchard and the children have enjoyed eating, cutting and making things with them.

One Planet Picnic was organised by Mrs Ola in conjunction with TESCO and the children had the opportunity to learn about food which is grown/produced locally and sampled Scottish produce in the form of fruit and vegetables. The children continue to show an interest in learning about Minibeasts and we had two super days visiting the library to hear and vote for the books in the running for the Scottish Book Trust awards.

Outdoor Clothing

As it gets colder please can all children have warm waterproof jackets and sweatshirts or jumpers for outdoor play and activities. Please remember that all jackets, sweatshirts and gym shoes should be named. It also helps if children come to nursery in shoes that they can take off and put on themselves – wellies are great. **No laces please!** 😊



Adventure Ted



Our Adventure Ted is going to go on his travels. Adventure Ted is a great nursery/home link encouraging children to share their experiences with others. On a rota basis, every child will have the opportunity to take Adventure Ted home with them. When he returns to nursery, during your child's group time they will share their adventure with the rest of their group.

Try at Home

Our 'Try at Home' board is up and running in the foyer. This board and displays will give ideas to support your child's learning at home. We will start off with an 'Autumn Scavenger Hunt', take a moment, go out for an Autumn walk and see how many things you can find. We would love for you to bring in any Autumn treasures you might find such as acorns, pine cones, conkers, beautiful leaves etc. On the back of the sheet we have put a word sheet to prompt discussion and to support talking and vocabulary building.

As part of our literacy work we are having a focus poem/rhyme in nursery. We will display this in the foyer and copies of the words available for you to share with your child.

Harvest Gifts



Once again, we are asking the children to bring items of non-perishable food, eg tins, packets of biscuits, etc, to be distributed to the residents/visitors to Acredales in Bathgate. We consider this a special act of giving and these important people in our local community always appreciate it. Any donations should be brought to the nursery by **Friday 27th October** and put into our harvest box in the entrance area, ready for distribution after the October break.

Halloween

We will be having our Halloween sessions on Tuesday, 31st October. The children can dress up for this (nothing too scary or masks please – just in case other children get frightened!). We will have Halloween learning experiences such as pumpkin lanterns and apple dooking.



Parent's Group

Our Parent's Group will be starting on Wednesday 4th October, 9.00am and 12.15am. The group is open to parents/careers/grandparents. We need people to help with crafts for our Christmas fair (no experience needed☺) and run our Big Bedtime Read.

PEEP

For many years we have run very successful PEEP groups, these groups focus on parents and children learning together. We are going to start with a 'Welcome to Nursery' group for our ante-pre school children. This group will be run by Mrs Ola and be on Wednesday's starting on 1st November. More information will follow.

Blog

Please visit our blog <http://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/beyc/> for updates on our nursery learning and activities.

Kind regards

The Nursery Team

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
Mon 16 Oct to Fri 20 Oct	NURSERY CLOSED – OCTOBER HOLIDAY WRAPAROUND OPEN AS NORMAL	
Monday, 23 October	NURSERY CLOSED – STAFF IN-SERVICE DAY WRAPAROUND OPEN AS NORMAL	
Monday, 30 and 31 October	Pre-school Vision Checks	
Tuesday, 31 October	Halloween Activities	
Wednesday, 8 November	Both sessions	Rag Bag Collection Day
Monday, 13 November	Both sessions	Stay, Play and Learn Week
Thursday, 16 November	Both sessions	Children in Need Day
Monday, 20 November	Both sessions	Road Safety Week
Thursday, 23 November	4.30pm to 8.30pm	Parent Consultations

Thursday, 30 November	Both sessions	Christmas Fair Day
Wednesday, 13 December	Both sessions	Nativity Singalong – Parents
Thursday, 14 December	Both sessions	Nativity Singalong – Grandparents
Thursday, 21 December	Both sessions	Christmas Party Day