

Dear Parent/Carer,

February and March have been very busy months in the nursery. Most of the children participated in a nature walk to the wildlife area adjacent to the school field. They learned about molehills, moss and studied the birds living there. They collected sticks and used these to create stick models such as wind chimes.

A group of morning children visited the lovely Park View café to prepare for our pop in and play visits. We looked closely at the menus, the table decorations and the buntings around the walls. Some of the afternoon children visited the local Post Office to post invitations to our Pop In and Play sessions. The resulting Pop In and Play sessions were very well attended. Thank you very much to all who visited us and spent time playing with their children.

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended our Maths Curriculum Evening. You can find our presentation on how you can develop early maths skills on the school blog.

Our children are blogging about their learning on a weekly basis with Mrs Findlay. This allows your children to reflect on their learning and consider the skills and knowledge they have been developing as well as thinking about their next steps in their learning. You can read their posts on: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/mcps/category/learning-stories/nursery-am/>

As you know we had our Care Inspectorate inspection in January 2016 and the report has now been published. You can find a copy in the nursery entrance or on the Care Inspectorate website. The nursery was assessed against four care indicators:

* Quality of care and support – Very good
* Quality of environment – Good
* Quality of staffing – Very good
* Quality of Management and Leadership – Very good

The report recognised that staff worked hard to improve the aesthetics and create a pleasant environment in the nursery and that there are plans in place to build a new nursery building. On that note I have received an update that work on our nursery building will start at the summer.

Fiona Barber

Nursery Teacher

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**Children’s Interests.**

During the months of February and March the children continued their interest in the birds which they have spotted in the school grounds. We are continuing to add information into our floor book about nocturnal birds and animals.

We have been learning about how rainbows happen and have made our own rainbows using clear perspex prisms. At the painting table and the light box we have been learning about mixing prime colours to make new colours. 

Our Willow Café opened with many children enjoying role play as waiters and customers.

We designed our own bunting at the art table with a focus on 2D shapes. This developed into designing 3D flowers and windmills.

**Homework**

* Maths Challenge
* Easter Egg design. (Winners will be announced on Thursday 24th March 2016)

**Planned Activities**

* Easter Arts and Crafts
* Easter Story
* Pattern and Design
* New Life.



**Next Term**

* The next group of children will have their turn to take the Book Bags home.
* The afternoon nursery numbers are increasing next term and as a result of this Mrs. Findlay will be working in the nursery on a full time basis. Mrs Brown will be covering staff Reduced Class Contact Time.