Dear Parent/Carer,

Here are a few updates about our curriculum and events which are coming up in the next few weeks. The pre-school children are very excited about moving into primary one and have enjoyed their recent visits to the classrooms. The transition arrangements will continue with visits to the school playground as well as a buddy meet and greet. We will also be beginning to practice for our Nursery Leaver’s Assembly.

Our new nursery children have settled into our nursery routines. This term, we are continuing to encourage all of the children to develop their self-help skills such as changing their coats and shoes and looking after their own belongings.

Please can all payment and forms for the Seabird Centre be handed in by 10th June. Due to the large number of volunteers we will be pulling names from a hat.

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**Maths & Numeracy**

Ongoing activities in numeracy include:

* Games and activities which look at dotty patterns (the patterns on a dice) and finger patterns
* Focus on numerals from 1-20 and above as appropriate.
* Counting backwards from 10.
* Vocabulary of 2D shape such as square, rectangle, triangle, circle, star and making patterns with these.
* Vocabulary of 3D shape such as cylinder, cuboid, cube.
* Measure including height chart – using language such as: long/ longer/ longest; short/shorter/shortest; longer than/ shorter than
* Positional language: forwards, backwards using the Beebot.

**English & Literacy**

Regular weekly activities include:

* Adventure Ted reports
* Nursery Rhyme lending bag
* Lending library
* Daily signing into nursery with a focus on the letters of our names and looking at the names of our friends for those who are ready for this.
* Introduction of letter sounds and names through Colourful Consonants approach
* Rhyming box with a selection of pictures with rhyming pairs.
* Daily story reading
* Creating our Superhero characters and stories
* Emergent writing opportunities – outdoors; at roleplay area etc

**Children’s Interests**

Over the last few weeks the children have been very interested in the frog spawn which they have spotted in the nursery pond. We are developing a floor book which includes information that the children wish to learn about Spring such as:

* What are baby animals called?
* Where do butterflies come from?
* Looking at patterns in nature (spotty ladybirds and stripy bumble bees)
* We are watching our caterpillars growing and changing into cocoons.
* We are looking forward to tasting our lovely rhubarb

The outdoor play has been very imaginative with the children creating dens and campsites and dressing up as witches and princesses. They have mixed their potions to make magic spells. We have planted potatoes and the children are looking after these carefully.

In the big brick corner the children are drawing their designs and building from these.

**Blogging in the nursery**

Every week our nursery pupils blog about their learning. You can view these blog posts on:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/mcps/category/learning-stories/nursery/>

**Sunny weather **

Now that the sunny weather has arrived (and looks like it may stay for a few days) please can you ensure that you apply sun cream to your child prior to their nursery session. Please can you also provide your child with a sun hat.

**Ready, Steady, Nursery**

Over the past four weeks parents/carers of children coming to nursery in August 2016 and their children have been taking part in a Ready, Steady, Nursery programme. The purpose of this programme is to support transition from home to the nursery environment. Thank you to Mrs Barber for running these sessions and to all parents/carers who have attended.

**Staffing next session**

As you will have read in the school newsletter, Mrs Barber will be retiring at the end of the school term. I would like to thank Mrs Barber for her commitment and dedication to the nursery this session.

I will notify you over the next number of weeks to let you know the nursery staff for next session.

**Update on new nursery building**

**News hot off the press!**

A contractor is now in place for the new nursery build. It is hoped that this work will begin prior to the summer holidays.

As soon as I have more information about start dates/ completion dates/ impact to daily drop off/ pick up arrangements I will let you know.

**Dates for your diary**

**Sports Day (Led by Kevin):**

**Afternoon group:** Monday 13th June at 2.15pm

**Morning group:** Wednesday 15th June at 10.15am

If the weather is dry, our Sports Day will take place on the field and all parents/carers are invited to spectate. However, if it is a wet day we will have Sports Day in the hall. Due to space parents/carers are unable to spectate. We will notify you via groupcall if the Sports Day will be taking place in the hall.

**Nursery Leavers’ Assembly:**

Morning group: Thursday 16th June at 10.15am in school hall

Afternoon group: Thursday 16th June at 2.15pm in school hall



**Seabird Centre**

Wednesday 29th June – please note that this will be a full day for all pupils

**Extending our learning at home**

Insect hunt- what kind of insects can you find in your garden or in the park near your house.

Can you count how many legs these insects have?

Can you find out the names of these insects?



**Additional Information**

Book Bag Lending will be finishing up **week beginning 6th June.**

Please can all nursery lending library books be returned **week beginning 30th May**.

Daily tooth brushing has become part of the snack routine during the nursery sessions. Michelle is visiting us soon to check our brushing technique.