



Dear Parent/Carer,

The children have all settled into the new school year and are confidently making new friends and learning the Nursery routines. We have created a community contract so that the children have an opportunity to discuss what they would like to learn at Nursery and what it should feel like to be part of our Nursery.

Thanks to all of you who attended our Meet the Teacher Session, if you were unable to attend you can access the information on the school blog: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/mcps/2016/09/09/nursery-learning-letter/>

You can keep up to date with our learning on the school blog by clicking on Learning Stories, Nursery: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/mcps/category/learning-stories/nursery-am/>

As a staff team we have been collaborating with our cluster nurseries and have visited Polbeth, St. Ninian's and Riverside Nurseries to investigate how they are implementing new nursery planning advice and guidance.

Miss Burton  
Depute Head Teacher

## New Build Progress

The building company charged with building our new nursery are entering the next phase of the work. There will be further equipment on site and soon scaffolding will be erected. It is an exciting place for children to watch but all safety rules will be adhered too as necessary. If you could please reiterate how important it is that your child keeps safe that would reinforce the message from the nursery. It is an upheaval just now with changes to Road/path but it will be worth it in the End when we have our new nursery building.

Mary McKenzie



## Making Our Learning Visible

View our Sway to see evidence of our building learning context. We will be continually adding to this document.

<https://sway.com/HAwnoiDqAZ146dF5>



## Key Learning: Building

The children have shown a keen interest in the building of the new nursery and this has allowed them to suggest a range of learning opportunities based on Literacy, Health and Wellbeing and Science.

We welcome you to suggest learning opportunities and feedback by leaving a post-it on our new consultative planner in our cloakroom.

You can support your child at home by:

- Looking out for building sites – what do you see/hear?
- Talking to the children about their expectations for the new nursery.
- Use materials at home to build your own nursery.
- Read books about building and look at machinery and materials.
- Look out for safety signs.
- Talk to the children about the words on signs around them e.g. at the shops.



## Reminders

- Please remember to put your child's name on their indoor shoes, jumpers and jackets. Any lost items of clothing will be placed in the 'Lost Property' box in the cloakroom.
- Snack money is £1.00 weekly. This can be paid weekly, termly or annually. Please see a member of staff when you sign your child in to arrangement payment.
- We encourage the children to play outdoors on a daily basis. Please ensure that you child has suitable clothing and footwear for our ever changing weather!
- Please remember to notify the school office by 8:45am or 11:45am if your child is unwell and is unable to attend nursery. If your child has been sick please remember to wait 48 hours before returning them to nursery.
- Children attending the morning session should be collected by **11:10am**, in order for staff to set up for the afternoon session.
- Medication can only be given to your child when permission to administrator medication form has been completed. These are available from Nursery staff.



## Online Learning Journals

As you are aware, like many Nurseries in West Lothian we have moved to online learners journeys. You have already received a letter detailing information about this and it is important you return this letter to the Nursery so we can proceed with photo permissions and setting up your account. When your account is activated you should receive a notification to the address you have provided us with. This will give you access to your child's observations; we encourage you to read these observations with your child and leave a comment. This profiling system is used for quality observations on your child's progress, the school blog will be used to keep you up to date with learning that is happening in the Nursery. This system will go live after the October holidays. If you do not have access to the internet at home can please inform the Nursery staff so we can provide opportunities for you to view your child's profile. We will provide you with more information in our next Newsletter about how you can upload achievements out with Nursery into your child's profile.

## Communication

In order to optimise your child's interactions with our nursery staff we would like to request that you inform the school office of your child's absence by 8:45am or 11:45am.

If you need to speak to the Nursery staff during the school day we ask that you speak to them at drop off or collection times, or you can leave a message with the school office and the member of staff will return the call at lunch time or after the school day.

Thank you in advance for your support.



## Dates for your diary

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Autumn Walk
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Nursery closes for October Break
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Nursery reopens
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Pop in and Play (Literacy Focus)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Community Nativity
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Nativity

