# Murrayfield Nursery Class April Newsletter

## What we have been doing.....

The nursery team have enjoyed welcoming the children back after Easter. This term is a busy term with the P1 transition beginning along with summer activities in June. We will keep you up to date with all these events as they approach. Last term we were using a responsive planning approach which allows the children to extend their interests and lead their learning. We explored many themes including flight, castles and spring. The children have been enjoying the self-register system on the smartboard which allows them to sign into nursery and also practise recognising their name. The mini masterclass day was very successful and the feedback from the children was great. They have requested that they have the opportunity to use clay again which we will do this term. This term the children will still be encouraged to lead their learning alongside finding out about the farm, shopping, pets and travel. The children will be using the nursery big book planners to record what they are learning so look out for them when you come into the nursery. As a nursery team we will be continuing to focus on developing the children's skills in all areas and in particular literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing. The mud kitchen has moved to the main nursery garden which will allow the children to further develop these skills outdoors. As always feedback from parents and carers is welcome and the nursery team would be happy to hear your views on the nursery. Remember to check the notice board for weekly updates and the snack menu for the week. We will aim to update the blog with nursery news and photos weekly so please keep checking regularly on the following link <a href="http://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/murrayfieldps/">http://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/murrayfieldps/</a> or by searching for Murrayfield school blog.

## Snack

Snack this term should continue to be paid on Mondays. The cost of snack remains £1.20 a week or £6.00 to pay up to the second May holiday.

#### Illness

Please inform the nursery if your child is unwell. Please inform us immediately if your child develops chicken pox or any other contagious illness

#### **Dates for your diary**

02.05.16 – May holiday – nursery closed 03.05.16 – School Inservice – nursery closed

05.05.15 – Election day – nursery closed 23.05.16 – May holiday – nursery closed

## Outdoor Learning

At nursery we encourage the children to be as independent as possible. We would please ask that you provide your child with shoes they can put on themselves. Children find laces difficult so velcro shoes are the best option for nursery. We will still be using the nursery garden daily in all weather (with the exception of heavy rain/severe weather). Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat and appropriate shoes with them every day at nursery. As the warmer weather approaches you may wish to provide your child with a sun hat and apply suncream to them before coming to nursery. The mud kitchen will be open this term so expect your child to get muddy as they develop their measure and science skills playing in the mud. Please bare this in mind when you choose the clothing your child wears to nursery.

### Parent Links

You may find the following links useful for your information and ideas on how to support your child:

http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone/mychild/earlyyears/

www.readwritecount.scot