



Toronto Nursery Newsletter

October - December 2016

Well, where on earth did last term go?! We cannot believe how quickly it whizzed past! We are absolutely delighted with the way our children have settled in (or back in) since August! Lots of busy, happy laughter will continue to be heard from our rooms as we prepare ourselves for another very busy, but exciting term ahead during the run up to...Christmas! Ho! Ho! Ho!
Mrs Simpson



Parents' Night

Thank you to everyone who managed to attend our drop in nights at the end of last term! Thank you, as always, for your lovely feedback on our boards - we really do value every comment and want to work with you to continue to make our fabulous little Nursery the very best it can be!

Snack Money and iPayimpact

We understand that iPayimpact (West Lothian Council's online system for making payments) was a little temperamental last session when accessing online. We have uploaded a user guide on to our school BLOG and Mrs Harkins issued a step by step flyer last term with new passwords to try and help.

Payment for snack this term is 8 weeks @ £1.50 per week, which is £12 in total. For your records, last term was also 8 weeks so was therefore also £12.

We understand that it is harder to remember to pay snack now as you do not pay it directly in nursery but please, please make sure you speak to our office staff if you are still experiencing issues as we don't want any unpaid snack money to accumulate.



Happy Birthday

We all love a birthday...especially when our little ones turn 3, 4 or 5!! There's nothing more exciting than to come in and share all about their special day with us at group time, alongside their equally excited friends! Please note that we will celebrate ALL of the children's birthdays as they arise with cards, a sticker and a small token gift.

Happy Birthday to this term's children:

October Birthdays:

November Birthdays:

December Birthdays:



Traffic Lights

We will re-introduce our traffic light, self-registration/behaviour management system this week in nursery. Please encourage your child to add their photograph to the green light when they arrive at nursery and when you pick them up; please make sure they pop their photograph back over to their name/corresponding picture.

At some point if a child who, for whatever reason, requires support with the rules and routines in Nursery they may have some 'time out' on the amber or red lights. This will be treated with discretion and will be reported to parents/carers at the end of Nursery session.

All children will leave nursery on green and will begin their new day fresh.



Library Books

Library books have been up and running for a few weeks again now and on the whole are going well, however, we have noticed that a few people seem to be forgetting when change over day is. **For the rest of this term, please try your hardest to bring books back on Thursdays.**

We will be looking at reviewing the way we run Library to help make it more of a flexible 'lending library'. We will discuss this at our Nursery Natters session in a few weeks' time to get your views on how best to go about change.



Likely themes to crop up this term:

Halloween
Fireworks
St Andrew's Day

Diwali
Road Safety
Christmas



AS always we will plan our topics with the children and will provide you with more detailed information as our topics progress. Spontaneous plans will arise over and above or instead of some of these topics depending on the children's interests. As always we welcome your ideas/suggestions and if you can help us by sharing a special talent you have or by offering to assist in nursery please speak to a member of staff.

Toothbrushing



Our tooth brushing routine is back up and running again this term and the children have been doing extremely well with it!

As you know, we had a visit from Michelle, our dental nurse, who came in and talked to the children about the importance of brushing their teeth with the help of her trusty puppet, Max.



Our newly updated school blog address:
<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/torontops/>

Please try to access this regularly for school and nursery updates.

Magic Moments



You may already know about Magic Moments or may have just spotted our display wall in our cloakroom area.

Magic Moments are special achievements that children experience which are significant or special to them and only them. These can include things they may not have been able to do before or something magical that they are experiencing for the very first time i.e. swimming without armbands, learning to ride their bike, being a pageboy/bridesmaid or even tasting a new food for the first time!

All children have special Magic Moments in and out of nursery every single day! If your child experiences something amazing for the very first time, we would love to hear all about it! Please feel free to take a sheet from the wall in the cloakroom and, once you've filled it in, pass it to a member of staff who will display it on our wall then add it to your child's Learner's Journey - please bring in a photo too if you have one.



Nursery Natters

We introduced Natters sessions last year in order to promote and deepen links with families. These sessions proved to be very popular and were well attended! During this time the agenda is really over to you. We would be happy to discuss anything and everything from up-coming nursery events to current educational practices and general day to day nursery routines.

We invite the chair of our Parent Council, Fiona Mitchell, along and would like to offer up an opportunity for any parent to put themselves forward as Nursery Natters chairperson to work alongside us and Fiona. If you would like to find out more about this role, please speak to Mrs Simpson. We'd love to have you on board!

A blank agenda will be put on the notice board - please add anything you wish to bring up to the list. Minutes will be issued afterwards for anyone who could not attend.

Our first Natters session is on **Thursday 3rd of November**. If you would like to attend, AM parents please drop off children at 8:45am and stay for coffee and a chat until 9:15am. PM parents please come back in the afternoon at 2:45pm and enjoy a coffee and a chat until 3:15pm just before pick up.



Stay and Play Dates

You will be invited in to play in nursery with your child **22nd, 23rd or 24th of November** for 20 minutes. During this time you will be able to experience nursery from the eyes of your little one as they show you round and play with you. This is always a very proud moment for children and we really hope you can make it in.

Dates for your diary:



Tuesday 25th October	Children return to Nursery Nursery (and school) photos taken
Wednesday 26 th October	Rag Bags to be returned to nursery
Thurs 27 th October	Harvest foods to be collected for local foodbank - box in cloakroom
Fri 28 th October	Harvest foods to be collected for local foodbank - box in cloakroom Harvest Assembly
Monday 31 st October	Nursery Halloween Party (no masks please)
Thursday 3 rd November	Nursery Natters Session (8:45am - 9:15am) or (2:45pm - 3:15pm)
Mon 7 th - Fri 11 th November	Poppies available to buy for Remembrance Day
Thursday 17 th November	(PM session only) Children in Need - This year the theme is 'Spotacular'. Please dress in spots and bring a donation for Pudsey bear
Friday 18th November	(AM session only) Children in Need - This year the theme is 'Spotacular'. Please dress in spots and bring a donation for Pudsey bear
22 nd - 24th November	Stay and Play Dates (invites to be issued soon)
30th November	St Andrew's Day celebrations - pupils are encouraged to wear something tartan
From Monday 5 th December onwards	Christmas Hamper in cloakroom and raffle tickets available - please donate anything you can
Wednesday 7 th December	Christmas Dinner - wear your Christmas jumper if you have one
Tuesday 13 th December	Parent helpers in to wrap Santa gifts - coffee, mince pies and Christmas cheer will be provided
Thursday 15 th December	Nursery Christmas sing-a-long - 10:30am/2:45pm (N.B. P1 Nativity 9:30am - 10:15am)
17th December	M&M Productions performing 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame' Panto.
Tuesday 20 th December	'Stick Man' movie and Christmas snack treat
Wednesday 21st December	Nursery Santa Party (<i>note a change of date from school newsletter</i>) - wear your party clothes and bring your dancing shoes! Parents welcome at 10:30am/2:45pm to see children receive Santa gift School closes for Christmas holidays at 3.15pm
Wednesday 4 th January 2017	All return back to school after Christmas break

If you have any comments or queries about anything in this newsletter or in general even, no matter how big or small, please let us know. You can either note them down in this section or have a quick chat with any member of the team - we're happy to help!

Thank you for your continued support, *The Nursery Team*