

Beauly Nursery Newsletter

September 2013

We would like to extend a warm welcome to children and parents/carers old and new to Beauly Nursery.

Children's Learning

At the moment, we are mainly focusing on the children's health and wellbeing. The children have settled well into nursery routines already.

Feelings Chart

There are a number of pictures on the wall depicting different emotions. They are happy, sad, excited, angry, tired, worried, sick, scared, upset. The children have little name cards and they can stick their name on the picture relevant to how they are feeling. It is important for children to learn that positive and negative emotions are normal. We encourage the children to speak about how they feel and support them to use strategies to deal with their feelings appropriately.



Positive Behaviour

We always promote positive behaviour. The children have discussed how they should behave in nursery in order to ensure that everybody feels safe and happy. Our Nursery rules, developed by the children are as follows:-

- Speak nicely and keep hands and feet to yourself
- Listen to your teachers and friends
- Follow instructions
- Walk nicely
- Look after everyone and everything in nursery
- Share toys and take turns



Physical Development

We will go to the gym usually twice a week, on a Monday and Friday. No special clothes will be required. During our gym sessions, the children will be participating in activities to develop spatial awareness and control over their body movements.

Numeracy and Mathematics

We are learning about the different colours around us and have had super support from you with many contributions to our 'Interest Table'. Thank you.



The children are also building on their ability to sort and match items by colour, shape, size, category etc. This can be encouraged at home through e.g. setting the table, tidying up toys, helping with the washing etc.



Transport

Some of the children have expressed an interest in transport. They have had super ideas and they decided they wanted to find out more about motorcycles. We are delighted to have arranged a visit from one of the dads, Derek Brindle. He is going to bring his motorbike on 23rd September for the afternoon children to get a 'hands on' learning experience.



International Awareness Day

To celebrate International Awareness Day and to aid our learning and appreciation of different cultures, we look forward to welcoming nursery parents, Justyna Leslie and Nely Garcia who have agreed to come to nursery to speak to us about the countries they come from. Justyna will be in on 24th September to speak to the children about Poland and Nely Garcia will speak to the morning children about Spain on 30th September. These are sure to be valuable learning experiences.



Planning Books

All children are involved in planning what they would like to do in nursery. The children are being encouraged to draw a picture of themselves and what they would like to play with each day. This is a great opportunity to develop pencil control and mark-making whilst focusing the children to carry out what they plan to do. The Nursery 3 children draw their pictures on a large piece of paper and the Nursery 4 children have individual weekly planning books. At the end of the week, the children will evaluate what they've done throughout the week and decide what has made them feel happy. Children will also be informed of something they have done to make the staff feel proud of them. The Nursery 4 children can take their planning books home on a Friday. There will be space on the front cover for parents to comment and return to the nursery. Once a term, a book will be added to the children's Learning Journey, to record the progress of each child.



Curriculum Parent Information Meeting

We would like to invite all parents/carers to come along to a Curriculum Information Session on Monday 30th September at 10.30 am for the morning children and 12.30 pm for the afternoon children. You will be able to find out what your children are learning about, through the planned activities which are based on their interests and how they relate to the Curriculum.

Should you have any queries or concerns about your child at Nursery, please feel free to speak informally to staff at the beginning or end of a session. If a more formal approach is preferred, please make an appointment to speak to staff at a mutually agreeable time.