

Beauly Nursery Newsletter

September 2014

At long last, we would like to extend a warm welcome to children and parents/carers old and new to the newly refurbished Beauly Nursery. This is a fantastic learning environment for the children to thrive. 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.

Children's Learning

At the moment, we have mainly been focusing on the children's health and wellbeing, getting to know each other and becoming familiar with the new environment. The children have settled well into nursery routines already. We have been learning about everyone's likes and dislikes. We are learning to share resources and take turns with others.



From 29th September, following the children's interest, we will begin to learn about spiders.



We hope to find out about what they eat, where they live, how they make webs etc. We will also be learning about seasonal changes and the festivals which are celebrated all over the world during autumn e.g. Diwali, Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night.

Snack

A range of social skills associated with eating are promoted at snack time each day. Healthy eating is encouraged and milk, water and a healthy snack will be made available every day. The Nursery Fund is a specific account for Beauly Nursery, used to pay for snack, trips and special 'extras' for the boys and girls e.g. a puppet show. We have been fortunate to benefit from donations through the Parent Council in recent years, which has allowed snack provision to continue. We are grateful for any monetary donations to The Nursery Fund; however there is no requirement for this. If you wish to make a donation, a collection box will be available in the nursery.



Physical Development

We will go to the gym usually twice a week, on a Tuesday and Thursday. 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. They will also learn about the importance of staying fit and healthy.



Noticeboard

To find out what the children will be learning about each week, you will be able to find planning overviews and the snack menu on the notice-board in the cloakroom. These will usually be changed on a weekly basis. The Beauty Nursery Policy folder is currently on the top of the tray unit in the cloakroom, we await arrival of a new noticeboard and following installation it will be situated there. Please feel free to browse through them. Our Comments/Complaints book also will be there along with some useful information.



Positive Behaviour

We always promote positive behaviour. The children have discussed how they think 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, grown-ups and friends
- Follow instructions
- Walk carefully
- Look after everything and everyone in nursery
- Share toys and take turns



Learning Journey Folders

Each child has their own Learning Journey folder in their tray. This book aims to build up a picture of how the children are developing. The children can set targets for themselves based on something that they would like to learn about or get better at doing. Staff will then work with them and parents to help them achieve their aim. The folders also contain observations of the children as they progress their learning throughout the curricular areas. We would like to encourage parents to regularly look at these with their child and contribute as appropriate.



Visitors

Marion, the Oral Health Educator from Childsmile will be visiting the nursery on 29th October. She will demonstrate tooth-brushing techniques in a child friendly way. The children will then be given their own toothbrush which they will use to brush their teeth following their snack. Marion usually visits the nursery each term, providing 'hands-on' activities to reinforce the message of how important it is to look after our teeth.



Planning Books



All children are involved in planning what they would like to do in nursery. After the October holidays, the children will be 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 will draw their pictures on a large piece of paper and the Nursery 4 children will have individual planning books which they will complete daily. Each month, they will evaluate what they've learnt (usually connected with the target they set in their Learning Journey). Children will also be told of something they have done to make the staff feel proud of them. The Nursery 4 children can take their planning books home at the end of each month. There will be space on the front cover of the planning books for parents to comment, return to the nursery and file in their child's Learning Journey.

Events

Our annual Fancy Dress Party will take place during normal session times on Friday 31st October. Children can dress up if they wish to do so. We will have some party games and lots of fun!



Holidays

The October holidays are from 13th to the 24th October. We look forward to seeing you all back at nursery on 27th October. Please note that this is an In-Service Day for the school **but nursery will be open.**