

Beauly Nursery Newsletter

December 2013

Children's Learning

Numeracy and Maths

The children have been learning about pattern. We have been looking at spots, stripes, zig-zags, flowers, hearts and different animal patterns. This has been extended to learning about repeating patterns and the pattern of number e.g. the layout of amounts on dice and adding one more on to each number.



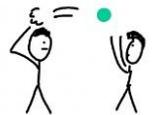
Literacy and English

The children have also had fun taking on the role of authors and illustrators. Both am and pm classes have written a story with each child taking turns to add their own ideas and detail to the story. What great imaginations they have! Some children drew pictures of the stories too. They were very proud of the fact that they too could be authors and illustrators! These stories and illustrations are on the wall in the corridor. Please have a look!



Health and Wellbeing - Physical Development

Recently, the children have been developing their ball skills in the gym. They have been practising to throw and catch beanbags and balls. We have also introduced them to the game of dodgeball, which is proving to be popular. The children are very aware that exercise is fun and that our heart beats faster.



R.M.E.

We have learned about quite a number of festivals and celebrations over the past while, including Hallowe'en, Guy Fawkes, Diwali and St Andrew's Day.



To help us celebrate the St Andrew's Day and the Scottish Culture, Kern, Charlotte and Emily from P7 came to the nursery to



demonstrate Highland Dancing. They also taught the children how to do pas-de-basques.

New Resource

A super-duper, height adjustable Smartboard has been introduced to the nursery and the children are having great fun learning how to use it.



Student

We would like to welcome Rebecca Gallacher who is a NC Student studying Early Education and Childcare to her placement at Beauly Nursery. She will be with us until Christmas and will join us after the New Year too.

Visitors

Librarian

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Cripps, the Charleston Academy librarian to the nursery who read stories to the children and gave them their Bookbug packs.



Judith Whitelaw

Judith came into nursery to share a lovely art and craft idea she had. The children who participated in the activity decorated some fantastic balancing birds! We must say a big thank you to Judith for her time and providing all of the required resources.

Oral Health Educator

Ailsa the Oral Health Educator visited on and played a game with the children, whereby they had to sort food into 'good for our teeth' and 'bad for our teeth' categories. This is a valuable learning activity as it is very difficult for the children to understand that even if something tastes nice, it may not be good for our teeth.



Orthoptist

The Orthoptist will be visiting the nursery on Friday 13th December to check the eyesight of the Nursery 4 children who were born between 01/03/09 and 28/02/10. If your child was born between these dates and you have not received the information and consent letter, please ask the nursery staff about it.

Events

Winter Fair

The Winter Fair was very successful. Thank you to all those who donated, helped and bought items. The nursery 'Boxes of Love' were much more popular than we anticipated and so far we have raised £122. If you haven't yet purchased your own child's 'box of love' and would like to, please speak to the nursery staff. Each box costs £2.

Trunk Performance

The nursery has been very fortunate to receive money from the Parent Council to enable us to fund an imaginative performance called 'Trunk'. This interactive piece of children's dance theatre centres on a large travelling trunk containing a collection of objects. As each object appears or a new sound is heard from inside the trunk, the children will become participants in an exciting adventure. There will be two performances in the gym hall – one for the morning session and one for the afternoon session. We are very much looking forward to it.



Christmas Party

We will be having a joint Christmas party with the Primary 1 children on Tuesday 17th December 2013. Both morning and afternoon sessions will be together. Session times will be slightly different. **The nursery session will run from 9.30 am - 12 noon on this day only.**



Sing-along

We would like to invite all parents/carers to join us for our Christmas Sing-along on Thursday 19th December 2013 at 10.45 am for the morning session and 2.15 pm for the afternoon session. The children have been practising some festive songs to sing to you. Refreshments will be provided.



Holiday

The last day for nursery will be Friday 20th December 2013. We will reopen on Monday 6th January 2014 at 8.50 am and 12.15 pm.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all so much for your continued support and wish you all a happy and peaceful break. See you all next year!