

Beauly Nursery Newsletter

November 2018

We have a very busy term ahead with some exciting events happening in the nursery.

Children's Learning

Before the holidays the children were finding out all about the weather. The children's fantastic work from our learning wall can be now found in a floor book, please feel free to have a look.

The children's interest has since turned to the story of The Three Little Pigs. While exploring in the garden on a windy day, some children started to talk about the different pigs' houses. We hope to explore this further by letting the children explore with different materials to find out how houses can be made.



Planning Books

We have introduced planning time to the children. During this time the children will be encouraged to draw a picture of themselves and what they would like to play with. This is a great opportunity to develop pencil control and mark-making skills.



The Nursery 3 children will draw their pictures on a large piece of paper and the Nursery 4 children will have individual planning books. On the days the Nursery 4 children have taken part in planning, they will then be asked to evaluate at the end of that day if they have taken part in what they chose to do. You will have an opportunity to look at your child's planning book during share a session and parents' evening.

Question of the month

We will be asking parents/carers to take part in our question of the month. We will display a question on the parents' information board in the cloakroom and ask parents/carers to share their opinions and suggestions. Further details will be available soon.

Bruno and Barney Bear

Bruno and Barney Bear are teddy bears who live in the Nursery but love to go on adventures at weekends. A child's name will be picked from a box from each session. Please remember to bring the bear with all of his belongings back to Nursery on a Monday so that your child can share his/her weekend adventure with the rest of the class.



Staff are aware of children attending on different days and can assure you that all children will have the opportunity to take Bruno or Barney home at some time.

Special events

A coach from Ross County football club will come and visit the nursery every Monday afternoon and Friday morning for the next three weeks. The children have already taken part in session one, where they were learning how to move with the ball. The project promotes co-ordination, teamwork, communication and a variety of social skills encountered whilst participating in football and non-football related activities

Ellen Jack from Safe Strong and Free is also visiting the nursery. Ellen has already run one of her three workshops for the nursery 4s. The workshops use puppets to teach children strategies to use which will help them stay safe if they encounter bullying, an approach from a stranger or an unwanted/ inappropriate approach from an adult they know. The children are also given short story books that will help parents to understand and reinforce the message from the workshops.

*On **Friday 16th November**, we will be taking part in Children in Need. We would love for children that attend nursery on a Friday to wear something **spotty** in exchange for a donation to the worthy cause. This will take place during normal session time.*



Primary one transition

We will begin our primary 1 transition programme the week beginning the 3rd of December. This will commence with a short joint visit to the nursery garden (Monday am) and a joint gym session (Tuesday pm). Details of future transition events will be given out nearer the time.

Share a session

Parents/ carers are invited to come along to share a part of the session during the first two weeks of December (3rd/10th). This will give you a chance to look at your child's pupil profile and see some of our routine. A sheet with the following times and dates will be available soon. Parents are reminded if you witness anything during your time at Nursery that you are concerned about, please speak to staff immediately. Also, can we politely ask that while you are in nursery you remember to adhere to our confidentiality policy and do not discuss any issues that have happened in nursery.

Clothing

With the weather becoming colder and more unpredictable, please ensure that coats and suitable outdoor footwear are brought to Nursery **every** day. We want the children to enjoy being outdoors as much as possible.



Illness

Can we please remind you that if your child is absent from nursery, could you please inform nursery staff or the school office for each day of absence? Children should be kept at home until 48 hours has elapsed after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. If your child is at all unwell

or has a temperature it is a good idea to keep him/her at home to reduce the risk of spreading infection and so that they can fully enjoy their nursery experience

Christmas Sing-along/Party

We would like to invite all children and parents/carers to our Christmas Sing-along on **Friday 21st December**. Both AM and PM sessions will be in at the same time. The party will run from **8.45am –11.30am**



The sing-along will begin as soon **after 9.00am as possible**. Once the children have been dropped off at Nursery, we ask that parents congregate in the school gym hall ready to hear the songs the children have prepared. The Nursery party will then take place afterwards. Children who do not normally attend on a Friday should be collected at **11.30am**. The rest of the children can be picked up normal time **12.45pm**.

Holidays

The last day of term is **Friday 21st December** and the Nursery will re-open after the holidays on **Monday 7th January** at the normal session times.

