



LASSWADE NURSERY

NEWSLETTER



Living it, Learning it, Loving it Lasswade
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We have had a very busy few weeks back in Nursery. All our new children are now settled into nursery and are making lots of new friends. Our children are confident, happy and full of fun when in Nursery... Exactly what we wish for! As a staff, we have enjoyed getting to know all our new children and families and are looking forward to creating strong, positive relationships with all.

At the moment, in Nursery, we are learning about friendships and nursery routines as well as Harvest and Autumn time. To help at home, discuss the changing seasons with your child and ask them to share some of our autumn songs we are learning!



Socialising with our new friends at the snack table



*Practising our writing –
Chloe can write her name!*



*We can build a den when
we work together!*



*We went exploring around
the school!*

Big Bedtime Read Launch

Our Big Bedtime Read initiative was launched on Tuesday 20th September and everyone had a fantastic day. Who would've thought it is so much fun playing in your pyjamas?!

Our children were each given a bag of 5 books for the week and staff are encouraging families to read these as part of their bedtime routine. Children and parents can use the Big Bedtime Read board just outside the nursery door to record their progress. Our aim is for 95% of all children to be reading a bedtime story 4 or more nights per week. Book bags should be returned each **Tuesday** and new book bags will be handed out this day.

Unfortunately, we had an issue with our book bag delivery last week and books had to go out in plastic bags! Thankfully our more professional looking Big Bedtime Read Book Bags will be ready to go next week... Phew!

Happy Reading!



*Don't we look cute? Nursery was fun in our
pyjamas! Our bedtime teddies loved it too!*

*It got us very excited about our Big Bedtime
Read books!*



Pick Up

Parents may have noticed over the past few weeks we have been trying out different options for collecting children at the end of the Nursery session. In the coming weeks we will be asking parents for feedback on how they prefer to collect children. Our aim for this is to ensure all children are safe at the end of the Nursery sessions whilst maintaining strong relationships with parents and carers.

We ask any parent/carer who wishes to talk to a member of Nursery staff to wait until we release all children to their parents. This will help us ensure the safety of all children in Nursery.

We thank all parents and carers for their patience and understanding during this time.



Sponsored Welly Walk Reminder

All children will be participating in a sponsored welly walk on Wednesday 5th October. This will help us celebrate Walk to School Week as well as raise money for Nursery resources. Any donations, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated!

Don't forget to wear wellies on the day if possible!



Meet the Nursery Team Reminder

We invite all parents and carers to our Meet the Nursery Team event on **Wednesday 28th September at 6pm**. This will be an opportunity to meet our staff, find out about the nursery curriculum and development work and how parents can support their children at Nursery. Staff will be on hand afterwards to answer any questions you may have about Lasswade Nursery Class.

Please enter via the Main School Entrance.



Communication Wall

We have introduced a Communication Wall within the cloakroom area of Nursery. All Nursery letters and correspondence will be put in your child's section for parents to collect. This wall can also be used by parents and carers for any party invitations, cards etc.

We encourage parents and carers to check your child's section on the wall daily. You never know what you might find!



Snack Money

Just a reminder snack money for term 1 is now overdue.

Snack is charged at £2.50 per week per child or 50p per day if your child only attends nursery on set days. For this term the total cost of snack is £20 for children attending all sessions per week. Snack money should be posted in the black money box within the Nursery classroom and this will be collected by the school office staff. A reminder letter will be sent out to parents/carers if snack money is overdue. If you have any questions regarding snack money please don't hesitate to ask a member of the Nursery Team. Please snack money in a sealed envelope.



NHS Recommended Absence Guidelines

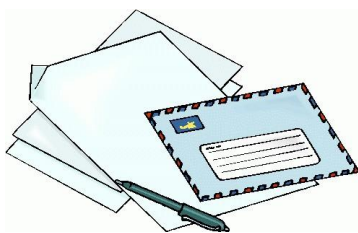
We understand young children can catch many bugs as their immune systems develop. In Nursery we aim to minimise the risk of infection to our children. In line with this, we follow the recommended absence guidelines from NHS Lothian when we are notified of children's absence from Nursery.

We have a copy of the NHS Guidelines of Recommended Absence for Communicable Diseases for PreSchool Children in our Nursery entrance area. We have also added an electronic copy of this to our school website. This aims to give parents advice on how long children should be absent for different infections and in turn minimise the risk of infection in Nursery.



Letters/Forms Reminder

At the start of term, a number of letters have been given to parents/carers for our Nursery records. These include letters for NHS eye checks, photograph and media permission, local area permission slips; medical and dietary forms and data check forms. We are waiting on forms returning from some pupils and ask parents/carers to check for these at home. If you are unsure if you are due to return any forms please speak to a member of the Nursery team. We thank you in advance for supporting us with this.



Dates for your Diary

Wed 28th Sept	Meet the Teacher @ 6pm
Wed 5th Oct	Sponsored Welly Walk
Fri 14th Oct	End of Term 1! Holidays!
Mon 24th Oct	All resume - Start of Term 2!
Wed 26th Oct	NHS Eye Checks in Nursery for Preschool Children
Wed 27th Oct	Nursery Autumn Walk @ Dalkeith Country Park (More information to follow)

