



LASSWADE NURSERY

NEWSLETTER



Living it, Learning it, Loving it Lasswade
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What a busy and productive month we have had in Nursery! We have been learning about Harvest and Autumn and have been exploring this in lots of different ways. We have worked together to create soup, jam and bread, explored different ways to paint through printing with vegetables and have collected and discussed signs of Autumn including leaves, conkers and pine cones. Our morning nursery children participated in their first assembly of the session and joined the whole school to celebrate the Harvest Collection. We'd like to thank all families for their generous donations to this which we have delivered to Midlothian Food Bank and Midlothian Woman's Aid. Also, this month many of our children expressed an interest in babies and we have been learning to look after babies through our play. To further develop learning at home this month, encourage your child to independently put their coat on before going outside in preparation for the colder weather.

We'd like to thank all our parents/carers who attended our Nursery Meet the Team session. It was lovely to see so many of our families attending this. If you were unable to make this session, the PowerPoint has been made available on the school website.



Printing with vegetables!



Looking after a baby!



Busy making soup, jam and bread!



Welly Walk

We had a very exciting day participating in the welly walk! All children walked 1 mile around our school grounds and had lots of fun on the way! Our afternoon children were very imaginative and invented an exciting castle adventure during their walk using the school grounds as inspiration. They have used this as a stimulus to create a Nursery book about a fairytale castle. Pop in to Nursery and have a read!

We have raised a very generous £617.02 so far for our walk and look forward to using this for resources to enhance our Nursery environment. Thank you to all our families and friends who so kindly donated in support of our nursery.



Pick Up

Over the past few weeks we tried a range of different pick up routines in nursery. After consultation with parents and carers, it has been agreed that children will be collected from their groups within the Nursery room. We ask any parents/carers who wish to speak to a member of staff to kindly wait until all children have been dismissed from group to ensure the safety of all children.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the consultation of the pick up routine.



Big Bedtime Read

We have been very impressed by the number of families who have been participating in the Big Bedtime Read. Children have been very excited about receiving their Big Bedtime Read folders and have been talking about their books in Nursery. Our aim is for 95% of our children to receive a bedtime story 4 or more times a week. Please encourage your child to stamp their name on our record sheet at the Nursery entrance when they have read a bedtime story. This could be a story from their reading folder or a story from home!

Our Big Bedtime Read book bags will not be given out over the October holidays. Book bags will be given out again after the holidays!

In the mean time, keep reading!



Autumn Walk

On Thursday 27th October we will be participating in an Autumn Walk in the local community. Children will be walking to the local woods to look for and collect signs of Autumn. A letter detailing this has been placed in children's sections of the communication wall. We are looking for parent helpers for the day to make this trip possible and to ensure all children remain safe. If you are able to help please complete the tear off slip attached to the Autumn Walk Letter or speak to a member of the Nursery team.



Halloween Nursery Session

On Monday 31st October we will be having a Halloween themed nursery session and children are invited, if they wish, to dress up in a Halloween costume. Throughout the session we will have Halloween crafts, games and activities for children to participate in if they wish. We may even have some spooky music and dancing!



Planning Wall

Our planning wall is up and running within our Nursery classroom to help inform our resourcing for and interactions with children. As detailed during our Nursery Meet the Team session, this is where we will record children's interests, likes and achievements in their learning and will help us identify children's next steps in learning.

We would like to encourage parents to contribute to our planning wall detailing any interests or likes children have at home. This can be added to our wall and staff will work with children to support this. We may support this through a conversation with your child, a play activity or through resources available in Nursery. If you would like to add to our wall please speak to a staff member.



Christmas Panto

On Tuesday 13th December we will be welcoming Max's Christmas Wish to our school for all Nursery children. This is a pantomime about a little Christmas Mouse.

Due to costing, the performance will be at 1.30 pm for all children with our morning children being invited back to watch the performance with our afternoon children. More information on costing and organisation of this will be given after the October Holiday.



Wishing all our Children and Families a fantastic holiday!



Dates for your Diary

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
Thurs 27th Oct	Nursery Autumn Walk
Mon 31st Oct	Book Fair Week in Gym Hall Nursery Halloween Party Session

