



LASSWADE NURSERY

NEWSLETTER



Living it, Learning it, Loving it Lasswade
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We would like to welcome back all our family and friends after the very busy holiday season. Our children have returned to nursery happy and refreshed, ready and enthusiastic for the term ahead.

There are some staffing changes in Nursery this term. Miss Thompson who was working with us as part of the Lasswade Early Years Team is taking a career break and we wish her every success in her new adventures. We welcome Mrs Nicky Stannage to nursery on a Wednesday morning and all day Thursday. Mrs Stannage is a nursery teacher working within the Lasswade Early Years Team. She is currently getting to know our children and is looking forward to working alongside our children and families at Lasswade. Our children have also been getting to know Miss Gemmell our new Head Teacher. Miss Gemmell has been visiting our nursery regularly and is enjoying learning all about each of our children.



Mrs Stannage
Nursery Teacher



Miss Gemmell
Head Teacher

We look forward to another exciting and productive term at Lasswade Nursery!

Kind regards,

Miss J Watson
Depute Head Teacher

Our Learning this Term

This term in Nursery provides many interesting learning opportunities. As always, our planning in Nursery is responsive to each child interests and next steps in learning and our skilled staff will cater for the needs of every individual.

As well as this, we will also plan for a range of themes in nursery which link to curricular and seasonal events. Some of the themes we will focus upon this term are as follows:

- Chinese New Year - we will celebrate the culture of China and enjoy a special Chinese snack time.
- Scots Focus - linking with Burns Night we will be exploring Scots language, culture and food in Nursery. Our whole school will be learning about this together. We will have a Burns Supper tasting during snack time.
- Tooth brushing - we have begun to introduce tooth brushing as part of our daily routine in Nursery. This is part of our promotion of a healthy lifestyle.
- Shrove Tuesday - we'll be sure to enjoy making and tasting some pancakes ;-)
- Spring time - we will focus on the changing season and weather related to spring time and the new life that it brings.



Making Learning Visible in Nursery

As you are aware, we have been working within Nursery to develop Making Learning Visible for our children. Last week, all parents received an information booklet about Visible Learning in Lasswade Nursery. This is also available on our school website. We are asking parents and carers to support this learning at home with our children by helping them recognise the qualities of a good learner. If children are demonstrating these skills at home we invite parents to tweet examples to our school twitter page @lasswadeps with the #visiblelearning. This will help children recognise that learning happens continually both in and out of nursery! Keep an eye on our Nursery noticeboard for examples of children using these skills within our Nursery setting.

The skills we are focusing on are:

In nursery we are
P practising

Don't give up
Keep trying
Have a go
Making mistakes
Mistakes are good

A simple stick figure with arms and legs, surrounded by several small, colorful circles in shades of red, blue, green, and yellow.

In nursery we
Concentrate

Thinking about our play
Paying attention
Trying really hard
Focusing on our play

A cartoon illustration of a young child with brown hair, wearing a yellow shirt and blue pants, looking thoughtful with a question mark above their head.

In nursery we are
Co-operating

Share with others
Work together
Help each other

A cartoon illustration of three children, two girls and one boy, sitting on the floor and playing together.

In nursery we are
Curious

Asking questions
Finding out how things work
Want to learn something new

A cartoon illustration of a child sitting on the floor, looking intently at an open book.

In nursery we are
Creative

Playing in different ways
Trying new ideas
We can make things
We have our own ideas

A cartoon illustration of a child sitting on the floor, painting a picture on an easel.

In nursery we are
Learning

Doing new things
Enjoying our play
Having fun
Finding out about something new
Interested in our play
We've been learning to...

A cartoon illustration of a child sitting on the floor, playing with colorful blocks.

Snack Money

Snack money for term 3 is now due.

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 £27.50 for children attending all sessions per week up until the Easter holidays. This may be paid as a one off payment or can be paid in instalments. 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.



Nursery Garden

Our Nursery garden has been transforming over the past few months. It is now a place where children can challenge themselves, take appropriate and measured risk and use their imagination to extend their play.

However, we still have a final stage of development work to take place. We have recently secured funding to complete the work and this will begin shortly. Nursery staff are working alongside a playground developer to ensure the final touches to our garden meet the needs and interests of our children as well as give opportunities which maximise learning. We will continue to keep parents posted on the garden's progress.



Music

This term we will be working alongside Mrs Shirreff our music specialist for a block of focused music teaching on a Thursday morning. Afternoon children will have music sessions on a Thursday afternoon with nursery staff this term.

At the moment, our focus in music is listening to and singing Scottish songs in line with our work on Scots language.



Winter Clothing

In nursery we play outdoors come rain or shine! This allows children to appreciate varying weather types and the different learning opportunities they bring. Children are asked to come to nursery prepared for all weather types. At this time of the year we encourage children to come with warm, cosy clothes including an appropriate jacket or coat, hat, scarf and gloves. It is also encouraged that children bring wellies to nursery for cold and wet weather as well as indoor shoes.



Drop Off and Pick Up Times

Just a reminder our Nursery doors open at the beginning of each session at 8.30 am and 12.25pm.

Doors open again for pick up at 11.30am and 3.25pm.

Our nursery door can become very crowded particularly at pick up time. We asked parents/carers to move towards each group area to collect children. This ensures the door remains clear allowing staff to monitor the safe collection of all children. Many thanks for your support with this.



Donations Needed

In nursery we are always looking for donations which can extend our children's play experiences. If families have any old or used items to donate, we would gladly give them a new home. We are specifically looking for:

- Planks of wood
- Guttering
- Pipes
- Crates
- Old dressing up clothes (particularly boys dressing up clothes)
- Dancing clothes
- Kitchen utensils
- Junk for junk modelling

If you would like to donate any of the above items please speak to a member of the nursery team.



Thank You

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to families for their kind wishes and gifts over the festive season. We were overwhelmed with the kindness and generosity shown towards us.

We hope all of our children and families had a wonderful holiday season!



Thank You!

Dates for your Diary

Mon 23rd Jan	Show & Tell Sessions during Group Time
Wed 25th Jan	Burns celebrations and Scottish food tasting
Mon 30th Jan	Chinese New Year snack and celebrations
Fri 10th Feb	Pupils break for February Holiday!

