



LASSWADE NURSERY

NEWSLETTER



Living it, Learning it, Loving it Lasswade
Tuesday 21st March 2017

Website: lasswade@mgfl.net

Twitter: @lasswadeps

Another busy term is coming to the end at Lasswade Nursery! Once again, we have achieved a term which has been exciting, fun and full of learning for our pupils, families and staff.

Over the term, we have continued to learn about the qualities of a good learner and we are becoming more confident talking about these and using them in our play in the Nursery environment. We have been focusing particularly on the skill of practising. Don't forget to tweet any pictures of your child practising at home using the #Visiblelearning @lasswadeps.

We joined the rest of the school to learn about Fairtrade during Fairtrade fortnight. We used Fairtrade products to make delicious chocolate muffins and learned about the Fairtrade symbol. See if your child can find this symbol on your next trip to the shops!

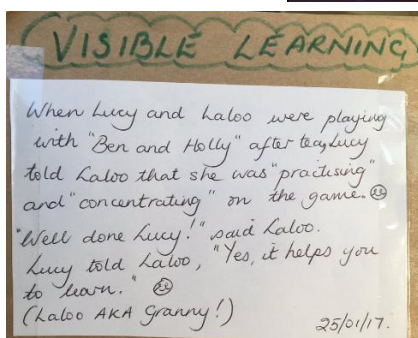
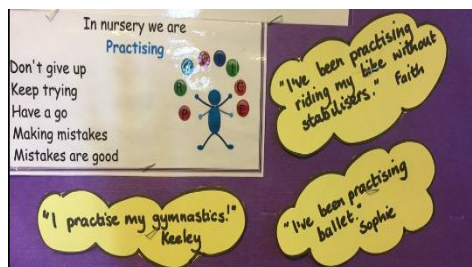
As well as this, we celebrated World Book Day by dressing up and exploring different stories. We are currently continuing our learning of stories by retelling different fairy tales in Nursery through role play, puppets and drawings.

Our boys and girls are enjoying learning to brush their teeth independently in Nursery as part of their snack routine and are becoming aware of the importance of oral health. Ask your child to show you their learning of this at home!

To conclude term 3, we are learning about the season of spring. We are beginning to look for changes in the world around us and are using this to further our learning. We joined our P1-3 children at Citizenship Gathering to celebrate the first day of spring on Monday 20th March. We enjoyed singing and dancing along to 'I'm a Spring Chicken'. To help learning at home, encourage your child to continue to practise independently zipping up their coat.

Our Nursery staff would like to wish all our children and families a very restful Easter holiday!

Kind regards,
Miss J Watson



*A lovely example of sharing learning between home and Nursery.
#Visiblelearning*



Staffing

Our Nursery staffing has had some changes over the past term as part of Midlothian Council's Early Learning and Child Care improvements. Mrs Nicky Stannage, Nursery Teacher Lasswade Early Years Team, has been busy supporting our children to achieve the next steps in their learning over the past few months. She will continue to support Lasswade Nursery in Term 4 on a Wednesday and Friday morning.

Mrs Deborah Taylor has also been supporting Lasswade Nursery on a Thursday morning as part of her role as Child Care Development Worker for the Lasswade Early Years Team. Mrs Taylor's role allows our Lasswade Nursery Team to continue to drive improvements in our nursery environment and planning, to support the development and achievements of our learners. Mrs Taylor will continue to support Lasswade in Term 4 on a Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon.

All of our Lasswade staff strive to ensure the best quality education for all our learners at all times.

After the Easter Holidays our Nursery Staffing rota will be as follows:

Monday - Miss Scott, Mrs Cook, Mrs Edgar

Tuesday - Miss Scott, Mrs Cook, Mrs Edgar

Wednesday - Miss Scott, Mrs Cook, Miss Pache, Mrs Taylor (am session), Mrs Stannage (am session)

Thursday - Miss Scott, Mrs Cook, Miss Pache

Friday - Miss Scott, Mrs Edgar/Miss Pache (alternate weeks), Ms Horton, Mrs Stannage (am session), Mrs Taylor (pm session)

There may be occasions where the above staffing will be subject to change. Any changes will be highlighted on our Nursery noticeboard.



Well Being Meetings & Pre-School Parents Consultations

Parents and carers of ante-preschool children who will be returning to Nursery for the session 2017-2018 have been invited attend a well-being meeting for their child before the end of term. The sessions are as follows:

- **Monday 27th March:** **Yellow Group** with Mrs Edgar
- **Wednesday 29th March:** **Green Group** with Mrs Cook
- **Thursday 30th March:** **Blue Group** with Miss Scott

Please speak to a member of nursery staff if the given date and time is not suitable for you and your family.

Parents and carers of pre-school children will be invited into school in term 4 to discuss their child's progress and next steps in learning in preparation for entry to Primary 1. More information about this will be given after the Easter holidays.

Stay & Play

We would like to thank all parents and carers who have attended our stay and play sessions over the past term. It has been an excellent experience for our children, staff and families.

It has been lovely to see so many children sharing their learning with parents and carers!

We hope you have enjoyed the experience as much as we have!

#playingtogetherlearningtogether



Garden Improvements

Our Nursery staff have been very busy improving our garden area to support outdoor play. We now have a new water area, outside kitchen and music area. Our improvements are ongoing to continually support our children to experiment and achieve in their play.

We are awaiting confirmation on the final stage of work being carried out by Midlothian Council and look forward to further improvements.

Have a look at our garden the next time you are in Nursery or follow us on Twitter @lasswadeps.



Easter Egg Roll

On Friday 31st March children are invited to bring a decorated egg to Nursery as part of an Easter Egg Roll. Children will be given the opportunity to go the school playground to roll their egg with their friends. This is not a requirement for children but simply a way to celebrate the end of the term! Children who wish to participate should bring their decorated egg at the start of their Nursery session on Friday 31st March.



Nursery Flooring & Indoor Shoes

Over the Easter holidays we are lucky enough to be having our Nursery floor renewed. New flooring will allow us more flexibility in our Nursery environment for the provision of play areas.

After the holidays we will be encouraging all children to wear indoor shoes in our Nursery room to maintain the new flooring. This is in line with our new whole school policy of wearing indoor shoes inside the school environment.

We thank you in advance for your support with this.



Nursery - Primary 1 Transition

After the Easter holidays we look forward to beginning the transition to Primary 1 with our preschool children. There will be a range of opportunities for both children and parents/carers to find out about school life, meet Primary 1 staff and learn about the Primary 1 curriculum.

A transition timetable will be sent to parents and carers at the beginning of Term 4.

What an exciting time for pupils and families!



End of Term Trip

Our end of term trip this year will take place on Thursday 30th June. We will be visiting East Links Farm for a day of fun, play and learning. Each child should be accompanied by a parent or carer.

More information about timings and costing of this trip will be given before the end of term 3.



Dates for your Diary

Tues 21st Mar	Parent Council Chick Drive - All Welcome
Mon 27th Mar	Well Being Meetings - Yellow Group
Wed 29th Mar	Well Being Meetings - Green Group
Thurs 30th Mar	Well Being Meetings - Blue Group
Fri 31st Mar	Easter Egg Roll - children can decorate own egg Pupils break for Easter Holiday!
Tues 18th Apr	Pupils and staff return - Term 4 begins

