



LASSWADE NURSERY

NEWSLETTER



Living it, Learning it, Loving it Lasswade
Monday 13th November 2017

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This term in Nursery we have been learning about Autumn and both Nursery classes enjoyed looking for and collecting signs of Autumn during our Autumn Walk. Children worked in pairs to find signs of Autumn helping develop team work skills in learning. As well as this, children have been learning about night and darkness. Pop in to Nursery to see our dark den where children have been enjoying exploring light using torches. Over the past week, our children have also been showing an interest in making their own playdough recipes helping them to develop problem solving and investigation skills. It's a messy and very fun learning experience! During group time discussions, children have been talking about rhyme and rhyming words in stories. Children will further develop this over the next week during our celebration of World Nursery Rhyme Week. Help support learning at home by reading different rhyming stories and play rhyme detective to find different rhyming words!

Over the next few weeks we have a very busy time for learning. We will be celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week, Beep Beep! Day and Book Week Scotland. As well as this we will be beginning to practise Christmas songs for our Nursery nativity performance!

Just a few reminders for all parents and carers - We ask that all parents/carers remember to close the inside Nursery door during drop off and pick up to ensure the safety of all our children. As well as this, we would encourage all children to come to Nursery with appropriate winter clothing and footwear as we move towards the cold winter weather. It is also encouraged that children have a full change of clothing with them in Nursery at all times.

On Friday 10th November, we said goodbye to Miss Wilson so has been working with us on a Friday since August 2017. We thank Miss Wilson for her hard work during her time with us. On Friday 17th November we welcome Mrs Maureen Black who will work with the Green Group every Friday.



Experimenting with ingredients to make playdough.



Working together to find signs of Autumn during our Autumn Walk.

Snack Money

Just a reminder snack money for term 2 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 £22.50 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 put snack money in a sealed envelope.



Sharing the Learning

We look forward to sharing our learning in Nursery with all parents and carers during the week of Monday 20th November. This will give parents an opportunity to look through their child's learning book and observe them in action in Nursery. Your child's key worker will be available to answer any questions you may have. Timings for the Sharing the Learning sessions are 8.30 - 9.30am and 12.30 - 1.30pm. Parents can stay for the whole time or for some of the time! Key workers will be available on the following dates:

- **Green Group** with Mrs Cook - Tuesday 21st November
- **Yellow Group** with Miss Pache - Wednesday 22nd November
- **Blue Group** with Miss Scott and Miss Duncan - Thursday 23rd November



Book Week

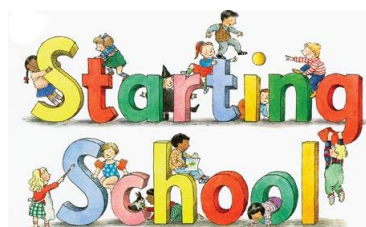
We will be celebrating Book Week Scotland in Nursery during the week of Monday 27th November. There is a range of reading activities planned for children across the school. On Friday 1st December, to celebrate the end of Book Week Scotland, children are invited to come to Nursery dressed as their favourite book character. All children from Nursery to P3 will participate in a Book Character Hunt throughout the week. Children will search for book characters around the school building and when a character is found their story book will be read in Nursery. Look out for #thankbooks on our Twitter page for updates of our Book Week Scotland activities.

As well as this, all 3 year old children across Scotland are given a book gift from the Scottish Book Trust. Our ante preschool children will be given this to take home during this week.



P1 Enrolments

P1 enrolments are happening during the week of Monday 20th November for children starting school in August 2018. All families will have received information on P1 enrolment in the post from Midlothian Council. All children must enrol with their catchment school and placing requests for other schools can be made after this. We have enrolment for children in the Lasswade catchment on **Monday 20th Nov from 9-10** and **Thursday 23rd Nov from 2-3**. Children who are eligible for deferral to Primary 1 should still enrol during this week at their catchment school. If you have any questions about P1 enrolments please speak to a member of the Nursery team.



Beep Beep! Day

On Wednesday 22nd November our infant children from Nursery to P2 will celebrate Beep Beep! Day. Beep Beep! Day is organised by the road safety charity Brake and aims to teach children about road safety basics through fun activities. Look out for updates throughout the day on our Twitter account!



Christmas Panto

Our Christmas pantomime this year will be on Friday 8th December at 1.00 pm for all Nursery children. The cost of this is £3.00.

Payment for this is now due. Please hand any money in a sealed envelope and place in the post box within the Nursery classroom.

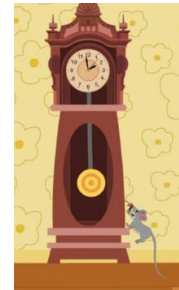
Parents/carers of morning children are invited to stay in Nursery during the performance.



World Nursery Rhyme Week

Our infant children will also be exploring rhyme by celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week during the week of Monday 13th November. Nursery rhymes are fun and engaging but also develop the following skills:

- *Language and communication, songs and rhymes are language learners.
- *Singing nursery rhymes can help children to develop emergent literacy skills.
- *They provide a fun way to assist with learning early maths.
- *Nursery rhymes help children to develop social, physical and emotional skills.



We will participate in learning a rhyme a day across the week. The Nursery rhymes we will learn are Bobby Shafto, Lavenders Blue, Hickory Dickory Dock, Wind the Bobbin Up and Old King Cole. Help support learning at home by practising these with your child!

Dates for your Diary

Mon 13 th Nov	World Nursery Rhyme Week
Mon 20 th Nov	P1 enrolments 9.00 - 10.00
Tues 21 st Nov	Green Group Sharing the Learning with Mrs Cook
Wed 22 nd Nov	Yellow Group Sharing the Learning with Miss Pache Beep Beep! Day
Thurs 23 rd Nov	Blue Group Sharing the Learning with Miss Scott & Miss Duncan P1 enrolments 2.00 - 3.00
Fri 1 st Dec	Favourite Book Character Dress Up
Fri 8 th Dec	Nursery Christmas Pantomime in School
Mon 11 th Dec	Nursery Nativity
Wed 21 st Dec	Nursery Christmas Parties
Fri 22 nd Dec	Last day of term 2. Morning session only (more information to follow).

