Nursery Newsletter – Term 2

Welcome to the Nursery newsletter! We hope you had a wonderful October break. Here you will find information about what happened in Nursery last term and what we are looking forward to this term.
We hope that you are continuing to enjoy our new nursery entrance. This is your space. If you have any suggestions as to how we could improve it further, please speak to a member of staff.
We would like to say a huge thank you to Beatsons Building Supplies Limited who provided the stones that the children are all enjoying using for self registration.

Harvest
Last term we looked at Harvest. The children enjoyed playing with the tractors, the combine harvesters and other farm machinery. There was lots of great imaginary play as the crops were harvested and collected.
Children also helped to bake bread and made apple crumble. As you can imagine many of the children also enjoyed eating both of these!
We read lots of farming stories and sang harvest songs.

I asked the children what they enjoyed about Harvest:
'We made apple crumble, it was good. The apples came from a tree.' Harlow
"The corn gets cut up at Harvest time.' Holly
'I made bread with flour. We put it in the oven. It was good.' Clarke.

Other Areas
The children are continuing to learn through a wide variety of other experiences in the Nursery. The glue table continues to be very popular with some fantastic models being produced. Please keep donating your household junk to the nursery so we can continue to be creative.
The children are also enjoying outdoor play. You will see a list of things we are looking for in the nursery entrance.
We spoke to some of the children about their play:
'I like playing outside on the scooters. I like running the scooters.' Brodie
'I have been painting. My favourite colour is red.' Ellis
'I like playing in the mud kitchen. We dig there.' Adam
'I like digging under the tree. I dug up a stone.' Josh
'I am making a circle with green play dough.' Scarlett

This Term
Initially our theme in the nursery will continue to be 'Autumn' We will be out and about looking for signs of autumn. If you are out for any family walks please feel free to bring autumn leaves, conkers, acorns etc into nursery where we will use them for a range of different learning experiences.
We will also explore stories, songs and other activities relating to 'Halloween' and to 'Bonfire Night'. The term will end with a range of learning opportunities around the theme of 'Christmas'. This will include a Christmas party and an opportunity for parents/carers to join us for some Christmas songs.

Up and Coming Outings
As part of our Nursery Improvement Plan we are trying to develop better links with the community. In November a small group of children will visit Springfield Bank Nursing Home in Bonnyrigg. Whilst they are there the children will sing some songs and then take part in a short craft activity with the residents
As part of our 'Autumn' theme some children will visit Vogrie where they will look for signs of autumn. They will bring things back to use in the nursery.

Vision, Values and Expectations
We recently launched our new Bonnyrigg Vision:
'Today we achieve. Tomorrow we make a difference.'
Our core values are:
Safe, Achieving, Confident and Happy
Our expectations for all in our school community are that we are:
Safe, Respectful and Ready to Learn

Wider Achievements-
If your child has accomplished any new achievements outside nursery please fill in a 'Let's Celebrate' slip and we will celebrate their achievement.

The Nursery Team