

## Reminders

Please can each child be supplied with sun cream with their name on it as the weather is changing daily and temperatures are rising.

Remember to label all items of clothing as staff are unable to remember all items that belong to each child.

We have been advised by Care inspectorate that Children who are bringing a pack lunch from home should be supplied with a cool pack everyday. Please can parent/carers ensure these are placed in the lunch bag before they arrive at nursery.

As we learn about People who help and look after me next term, we would like to welcome you in to share any profession you have that would support this topic and to have a small discussion about your job and what you do to help people or animals.

We would also like to welcome anybody in who would like to share any talents or interests with the children, this might be a hobby. Please speak to a member of staff to arrange this.



## Learning in the nursery

We have enjoyed learning the first part of our Relationship, Sexual Health and Parenthood programme. My body belongs to me. This covered personal space and privacy. Next term we will learn about people who help and look after us.



Spring is here!

As the better weather has approached we have liked exploring in the outdoor area of our nursery. It has been fun looking for worms in our nursery garden. There has been lots of discussions around worms, their body parts and what the worms eat. We have used technology and stories to find information and to help us learn about worms.

The children have enjoyed drawing pictures while learning the names and sounds that farm animals make. We have the farm out for the children to play and explore within the nursery.

There has been lots of discussion with the children about what we would like to grow in our nursery garden this year. We plan to visit Pentland plants after the holidays to buy seeds and plants. We hope you enjoy watching our garden flourish over the next few months.

We would like to welcome anybody who has a little extra time and would like to come in and help the children with their planting and to refresh our nursery garden for the summer. If anybody is interested in doing this please add your name to the white board at the front door.

We will learn about festivals and celebrations as we learn about Easter and Ramadan.

We enjoyed a visit from the fire fighters this term. The children loved learning all about what equipment and clothes the fire fighters have to use and wear. Sitting in the fire engine and getting a turn of the hose was a big treat for all our learners.

## Parent consultations

Parent consultations will be week of the 24<sup>th</sup> April.

There is a sheet at the front entrance of the Nursery for parents to choose a suitable time.

These meetings are for 10 minutes and are in person within the nursery day.

If you require a longer time to discuss something with your child's keyworker please let a member of the nursery team know and we can arrange this for you.

## Keyworker calls

As our keyworkers are busy with the children in the morning and at collection time, they are not always able to chat at this time. We do have our sign up white board at our Nursery entrance if you would like a call back from your child's key worker. Please state your name and who you would like to call you back and they will call you back as soon as they can.

Thank you!

## Welcome back

We would like to give a warm welcome back to Mrs Steven who will be returning to work after the Easter Break. As hard as it will be for Mrs Steven to leave her own daughters we very much look forward to her return.

Mrs Stevens will not have a key group this year, therefore she will support staff until the summer.

## Sports day

We will be holding our nursery sports day as part of Health week this year. This will be an outdoor event and parents will be allowed to attend. We will send out a letter with more details after the holidays.

The nursery will host sports day on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May at 2pm. This will be weather depending.

If sports day has to be cancelled due to adverse weather, the second proposed date is Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 2pm.

## Nursery hours

As we still have a number of parents who are late collecting their children from nursery, we would like to take the time to remind parent/carers of the times for drop off and collection. Late pick up reflects on staff development and set up time to ensure the nursery is ready for your children to learn each day. We allow for occasional circumstances.

8:40am – 2:50pm Monday – Thursday  
8:30am – 12:10 on a Friday.

The door will close 20 minutes after times stated please could parents/carers ensure that they drop off and collect within the time frame. All Parent/carers should arrive and collect their children from the school office out with the 20 minute time frame.



HAPPY EASTER

**We hope everybody has a well-deserved Easter break and look forward to welcoming everybody back for a busy summer term.**

Please find a copy of the school calendar attached to this Newsletter.

## Children's tracking

Early years pathway is a tool, we use for each individual child. The pathways have been developed by reflecting on national guidance including benchmarks and current research and assessment approaches from within and out with our local authority. We have compiled 3 pathways Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing which we feel reflects children's potential journey through early level but does not represent a fixed linear progression.

This pathway will:

- Help practitioners identify where children are in their literacy development
- Allow practitioners to reflect on current learning and potential development
- Enable practitioners to moderate their professional opinions and judgments
- Support sharing of learning with parents and children
- Support all transitions within early level

Evidence of learning will come from a variety of sources including observations, conversations with parents and carers, learning conversations with children, reflection on learning journals, your own professional judgments, professional dialogue between staff and any other sources.

We use pathways to identify your child's next learning priority.

A copy of our pathways have been added to this newsletter for parents to become familiar with them.

Any further questions please get in touch.

## We need your help

The Nursery is looking for loose parts to further develop our new mud kitchen that is arriving soon.

If you have any old items that you may be able to donate this would be much appreciated.

- Old hairdryers
- Rollers
- Pots and pans
- Baking tins, racks etc.
- Any kitchen utensils i.e. ladles, whisks etc.
- Cable drums
- Foam cubes
- Guttering
- Pipes (New)

Natural resources that could be collected on a walk are sticks, acorns, shells as these always need replenished as children use these daily in their play.

If you have any recyclable junk, we would happily take this from you as we need to re-stock our Maker station daily.