

# Nursery Newsletter - Autumn 2017

## Welcome!

Welcome to the Autumn Term at Kilmorie. We hope you all had a great summer and are looking forward to the happy times your children will have and the exciting events ahead.

We would like to thank all the new parents and carers for making us feel so welcome during the home visits. This has allowed the staff to build up relationships with you and your children and has enabled them to begin to settle confidently.

Welcome back to all the returning children. They have responded well to the changes in staff and new routines. The fulltime children have enjoyed eating their packed lunches and are learning to cope with the long day. They will probably be very tired this weekend!

Throughout the next few weeks the children will be becoming familiar with the boundaries and expectations of the setting. We will be helping your children feel confident to access resources and try new and challenging things. We plan and set out learning opportunities based on the children's interests and we would appreciate your input and ideas. Please feel free to talk to any of the staff. Our aim is for all the children to feel secure and happy to come every day.

*This half term we will be reading familiar stories including "Owl Babies" and a range of stories about bears. Please feel free to bring a favourite story to Nursery.*

*After half term we will be thinking about Autumn celebrations that are relevant to the experiences of our children within the Nursery. Please let us know of any cultural festivals that your family celebrate. The Nursery will also then close for one day (date to be announced) so that we can have an individual meeting with every parent to talk about their child.*

### Volunteers needed...

...to cook with the children on a Thursday. The children love having their parents and carers in to help and sharing their different family meals. Please speak to one of the staff if you think you can help.



The weekly staffing in the Nursery is as follows:

Sophie and Jo (Class Teachers)  
Kirsty and Dawn (Nursery Nurses)  
Kali (Teaching Assistant)

Liz Woodland and Nyashia will also work in the Nursery every Friday morning when Jo and Sophie have planning and preparation time.

Abi will come in to teach music once a week to both morning and afternoon sessions on a Wednesday.

## Our Learning

We strongly believe that you, at home and we, at school, are laying the foundations of all future learning. With this in mind we plan carefully to promote the characteristics of learning set out in the Early Years curriculum and to develop the qualities of 'The Kilmorie Child', which are encouraged throughout the school by all staff.

**These characteristics of learning are being respectful, independent, innovative, empathetic and curious learners who can collaborate and cooperate.**

Whilst believing that children learn best by taking account of their current interests, we ensure that we cover all seven areas of the Early Years curriculum, both inside and out, every day. Staff support and extend children in their self-motivated play. Staff observe, extend play and record progress. In the near future we hope to be able to share their special moments for you to see electronically.

### The Nursery Sessions

In the **morning** the Nursery door will be open from **8.45 until 9.00am**. If you have an older sibling at the school we would suggest that you arrive promptly so that you don't need to rush. The **afternoon** session begins at **12.30**. Please try to be on time.

Each day we will be opening the door to end the session at **11.35am and at 3.20pm** to allow parents time to collect older siblings. Thank you all for being very prompt at drop off and collection times. However, if you are unavoidably late, please call the school so we can reassure your child. It is likely they will be taken across to wait in the office.

### Arrival

When you arrive for your session, please would you help your child find their name and place it in the **'Who is here today?'** pocket.

Your child is welcome to borrow a book from the Nursery. Please do this with your child at the beginning of the session and put the book bag in the book bag box.

## Wow

We have a new wow board in the main cloakroom which you are very welcome to use to celebrate your child's achievements such as brushing their teeth themselves, being kind to a friend or trying new foods. Please feel free to help your child choose a wow character and add to the display.

### Class Toy

We like to send our class toy home with a different child each week. This is a very popular treat and causes great excitement. The toy will be given out on a Friday so that it can spend the weekend with your child. Please record some of the things you did in the book and return the toy on **Monday** so that your child can share what they did with the class.

### Donations for Cooking and Junk Modelling

We like to cook regularly, make play dough etc in the nursery classes. This can be quite costly so we ask for a voluntary contribution of **50p per week or £3.50 for this half term**. Thank you in advance for any donations you make. The children enjoy putting the donations in a piggy bank!



### And finally.....

- Please make sure that your child wears sensible, easy to get on and off shoes and clothes to Nursery. Remember they are likely to get dirty so please don't send them in special clothes.
- Please make sure that your child's clothes are labelled so that if they get lost we know whom they belong to.
- If your child is going home with someone else, please let a member of staff know. If you forget, please make sure that you phone the school to let us know.
- Please let us know immediately if anyone in the family has Chicken Pox, Measles or other viral illness
- If your child has sickness or diarrhoea please keep them at home for at least 48 hours after last signs go.
- If you have any questions/concerns please come and speak to one of us at the first opportunity