

Nursery Newsletter – Summer 2 - 2018

Welcome back to everyone, we hope you had a good break and are ready for the last half term of the year!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your help and support for the Garden Party which was not only fun but contributed to funds for the Beach Trip in July. Lots of fun was also to be had at the 'Fine Motor Stay and Play' events and it was lovely to see so many of you there. The power point explaining the importance of developing these skills in relation to early writing plus some pictures of children and parents/carers at the 'Stay and Play' will be available to see on the website. The Travel Agents role play area gave inspiration for the children with trips booked to Butlins, Africa, Poland and Corfu. The children loved making their own passport and all had a go at writing their name in it. We are changing the area to a Kilmorie Healthy Café so that children can talk about healthy eating and develop their mark making through taking orders, making menus and serving food to each other.

Our most successful story last half term was undoubtedly "Little Rabbit Foo Foo" and we had some great 'Good Fairies' chanting the repetitive text with attitude! They made Goonies, Goblins and sand filled wiggly worms, painted tigers, drew rabbits, dressed up as fairies and made little books.

We are over the moon about the two ducklings - one of which almost literally popped out of its egg during one of the afternoon sessions! The children counted down the 28 days before the duckling eggs began hatching and we are pleased to say that the two successful ducklings have returned for a short time from the half term holidays to much excitement. The children listened to stories about ducks such as "Farmer Duck" and the rhyming book "Duck in a Truck". The children observed the changes to the tadpoles using the magnifying glasses: first growing back legs and then some even growing front legs and officially became froglets! They have now been safely returned to Sophie's pond! Later this half term the children will have an opportunity to observe the development of caterpillars into butterflies which will of course be linked to the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.

The potato plants are growing well and we hope to harvest and make potato salad before the end of term. Lettuce, radishes, leeks and tomatoes are coming through in the hanging pots and we have planted summer Iris bulbs and Nasturtium seeds to brighten up the Nursery entrance. The strawberry runners have transplanted well but we may not have strawberries this year.

Also in the outdoor areas the ice cream stall was very popular with flavours such as fresh mint with blueberry coloured shaving foam or chocolate brown with sand sprinkles. During one week the children loved exploring the gooeyness of slime which resulted in it being stretched, bent, twisted and twirled until it was no more! Washing and caring for the babies

(dolls) also brought out the children's nurturing side and it has been a joy to watch their heads being carefully soaped with sponges and bubbles. We have been introducing a Garden Centre this term which will help children to explore ideas of role play and plant growing.

Thank you so much for your prompt donations last half term. However, it's time to ask for a voluntary contribution of **£3.50** for this **half term** to help us fund the copious amounts of flour and salt we use and the extremely popular cooking sessions. We also find it useful for buying resources from child initiated ideas at the 'pound shops'.

We would like to remind you of the **parent/carer reading 'drop in' on a Friday between 8.45-9.10am or 12.30-12.55**. This is an informal 'drop in' where you can choose a story and read to your child and maybe someone else's before they go off to join in with the 'free flow'. You can stay for a short period if you're in a rush or for a longer more relaxed time. The children love this special time with their loved ones. If Friday is a difficult day for you, please speak to one of the Nursery team to arrange another time.

Jo has been taking small groups of children to the 'Wild Garden' in the main playground to carry out **Forest School** learning. The children have loved playing Hide and Seek, mud cooking, jumping in muddy puddles, climbing and balancing and making pretend campfires. The hot chocolate and biscuits certainly saved the rainy cold day we had but it will be back to cool refreshing drinks for the last half term hopefully! Please remember to bring in **wellingtons on a Monday** or you can leave them in school. We are particularly short of sizes 8 and above so any donations welcome. The school provides waterproof jackets and trousers to go on top of their clothes.

We will be starting transition for children going into Reception in September. The outside area will soon be open some of the week to allow Nursery and Reception classes to mix. Children will have an opportunity to eat lunch in the main hall, visit the Reception classes and listen to stories read by the staff. As part of transition arrangements there will be a Kilmorie Reception Welcome Meeting for parents and carers whilst children meet their new teacher and for all children no matter which school they will be attending in September there will be an opportunity for children to eat lunch in the hall and stay a little longer.

During hot weather please ensure that your child has sun cream applied before coming to school, brings a sun hat, wears sensible sandals or shoes (no flip flops) suitable for climbing and preferably tops that cover the shoulders. Please also do not let your child bring sunglasses to nursery.

We would like to end the year with a picnic in Mayow Park with both morning and afternoon children on Wednesday 18th July. This will be an opportunity to meet parents and carers, children from both sessions and celebrate our amazing year.

Dates For Your Diary

Reception Welcome/Meet The Teacher and lunch/extended day
Seaside trip
Take One Picture Exhibition
Picnic in Mayow Park
Parent/Carer Reading

Week beginning 25th June
Wednesday 4th July
Monday 16th July
Wednesday 18th July
Every Friday

From The Nursery Team