

## Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### This week in Nursery:

Summer has arrived. Whoop! Well for this week anyway! Thank you for providing your children with sunhats and sun cream as we have very little shade in our outside area and the children are loving being outside. The children continue to enjoy the water play area. They are scooping and measuring and experimenting with pouring the water down the gutters. Water play is a fantastic way to support children's development including their hand-eye coordination. Pouring for example, helps a child's sense of accuracy and control. As an open-ended activity, it also allows children to explore their imagination, making meaningful discoveries and connections and develop important skills such as problem-solving as they start to establish their understanding of why and how things happen.

Although a short week, the children have been busy with lots of Hungry Caterpillar activities such as making caterpillars out of beads and playdough and creating caterpillar pictures. The children are also REALLY enjoying our new play dough equipment that you all so kindly contributed to during the playdough workshop.



Exciting news, the tadpoles are back and the children are just as excited as before. Already the children are noticing the changes as they start turning from tadpoles to froglets. It's wonderful to watch the children observe the tadpoles as it generates so much rich conversation and talk is such a vital part of a child's development and learning. The more talk the better!



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In other areas of Nursery this week, the children have been helping us prepare for our Garden Party on Saturday, by making posters and bunting for the outside. They look amazing! In cooking, the children made vegan lemon drizzle cake, measuring, mixing and stirring and really building their fine motor strength by putting all their energy into squeezing the lemons! The children also enjoyed music with Ashleigh and continue to wow us with their rhythm when using the instruments! On a final note, the children have been learning to write the digit 3 as well as using play dough. Here's a helpful rhyme to remember, 'Around the tree, around the tree, that's the way to make a three.'



We hope to see you all at the garden party, but if not have a wonderful warm weekend.

Fiona, Sophie, Katrina and Tracey

### Things to Note

#### Early Years Garden Party

It's finally here. This Saturday the garden party will be open from **11.30 – 2.30pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity to have fun with your family, meet other Kilmorie families, whilst raising much needed funds for the Early Phase. We can't wait to see you! Also, thank you for all of your generous donations to our Rainbow Hamper. It looks amazing and so colourful!

#### Butterfly Larvae

This will now be happening after half term, to ensure the children are here for the whole process!

#### Stay and Play TUESDAYS

Our popular weekly Stay and Play sessions continue...this is an opportunity for you to get to play and learn a little with your child/ren in a Nursery context.

We would ask you to please only come for 'Stay and Play' if you can stay the three quarters of an hour:

**8.45am – 9.30am**

**12.30pm – 1.15am**



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### **Dates for your diary**

- **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June: Nursery will be closed.** We are opening just for the new children that will join us in September so they can experience a stay and play session. We apologise for any inconvenience and will send a letter and reminders nearer the time.
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Nursery Picnic – Nursery will be closed.**  
You are invited to bring your child/ren to the newly upgraded play area at Mayow Park. This is an opportunity for you and your child/ren to share experiences and your food with Nursery friends and to say farewell and celebrate Nursery Leavers with a low key 'graduation ceremony'.