

FOCUS FOR LEARNING

Over the next couple of months our focus for learning is a story called "Sharing a Shell." This topic will be used by our other local nursery establishments and will also be continued when the children start Primary One by their new teachers. This is the first time that we have worked jointly on a project between the local nursey establishments and Primary Schools. We hope that it help the children settle quickly as it will be a topic they will be familiar with and some of their artwork from nursery will be displayed in the classroom. It will also provide continuity in your child's learning.

Every Wednesday afternoon a group of children visit Kincaid House to visit the residents and take part in some activities. The children and residents have all enjoyed Bookbug sessions over the last few weeks.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING WEEK 14-18 MAY

We will soon be having our "Health and Wellbeing" week. The children will be learning about the importance of exercise and healthy eating and we hope that you will also get involved.

On Wednesday 16 May we will be having our litter pick in the community. Please come along and help. More details will be following soon.

"Our walk to nursery" day will be starting again. To help promote health and fitness we will be encouraging children and parents to walk to nursery at least once per week. Please join in with your child and walk to nursery every Wednesday. If you have to bring the car, try parking in the school car park at the bottom of Blairmore Road (on the opposite side from the school) and walk up the hill. The children will also be going jogging on the school football pitch at the start of the session. You are welcome to join us. Details of dates will follow soon.

GROUPS FOR PARENTS

The cookery class for parents will be held every Thursday morning.

"Handling Children's Behaviour" course will be starting soon. Date to be confirmed.

The walking Group will continue every Monday morning.

"Steps to School" a course run by Janey from Community Learning and Development will be starting shortly. This will provide you with lots of information about how your child will learn in Primary One.

Please speak to Jacqui for more information.

SPORTS DAY

We will be having our Sports Day on Tuesday 15 May at 1.15-2.15pm. Parents and relatives are welcome to attend. Make sure you wear your trainers - there will be a Parents' race!

TRANSITIONS TO PRIMARY SCHOOL

The children who are going to school in August will be taking part in lots of visits to school over the next couple of months. Mrs Fisher, Head Teacher at All Saints will be visiting the nursery on Thursday 24 May. She will be in the nursery at 9-10am, 2-3pm and 5-6pm to have an informal chat with parents about starting school. This is an opportunity to come along and find out all about the school as well as having a look round. Please complete the tear-off slip to let us know if you will be able to attend.

VISIT TO PRIMARY ONE (ALL SAINTS)

Miss Sinclair and Mrs Stevens who are currently the Primary One teachers will be having a literacy workshop for parents and children on the same day (Thursday 24 May) at 11.00am. Parents are invited to go along to Primary One with their child to take part in some activities. This will allow you to have a look at the classroom and see how the children learn in Primary One.

GO YELLOW DAY - IN AID OF ARDGOWAN HOSPICE

We will be having a "Go Yellow" day on Wednesday 9 May in aid of Ardgowan Hospice. Children should wear something yellow on the day and pay a donation of £1.00. There will be tea and coffee in the Parents' Room. We will also be selling home baking. All donations of home baking will be gratefully received.

NURSERY TRIP

Our nursery trip to Kelburn Country Park at Largs will take place on Thursday 14 June. Our trip to Kelburn last year was a great success. There is plenty to do at Kelburn. We have also hired the pavilion to use incase the weather isn't very good although I'm sure the sun will be shining again this year! All children should be accompanied by an adult. Please complete the tear-off slip that is included with your newsletter

confirming if your child will be taking part in the trip and who will be coming with them. This will allow us to confirm transport arrangements. We have not had any fundraising activities for this year's trip and therefore we are asking for a contribution of £7.50 per family. (One adult and one child)

The total cost of the trip including transport is approximately £900. The nursery funds will cover the balance of £450. This can be paid up over the next few weeks. Please hand your money into Liz in the office before the trip.

ECO MEETING

There will be an Eco meeting on Tuesday 8 May at 9.00am. Please come along and find out what is happening and help us plan our litter pick during Health week.

PARTY AND END OF TERM PRIZE-GIVING -WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE

We will be having a Garden Party in the nursery garden (weather permitting) on Wednesday 27 June. The children will have lots of fun activities in the morning and parents and relatives are invited to come along between 1.00 -3.00pm. Refreshments will be available.

The Prize- Giving for the children who are leaving to go to school will begin at 2.00pm. All children will be taking part by singing some of their favourite songs for you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 7 th May	Nursery closed for local holiday
Wednesday 9 th May	"Go Yellow" day - Ardgowan Hospice fundraiser
Tuesday 15 May	Sports Day at 1.15pm
Friday 25 th May	Nursery closed for local holiday
Monday 28 th May	Nursery closed for local holiday
Tuesday 29 th May	Nursery closed for staff in-service
Thursday 14 th June	Kelburn Outing
Wednesday 27 th June	End of term Garden Party and Prize-Giving
Thursday 28 th June	Nursery closes for Summer holidays at 1.00pm
Wednesday 15 th August	Nursery re-opens

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