

STAFF NEWS

Mrs McElwee will be leaving us next Thursday to start her maternity leave. We wish Susan well and look forward to seeing her and the new baby soon. Miss Roseann McDonald will be covering for Susan every Wednesday afternoon, all day Thursday and all day Friday.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BAGS

Thanks to everyone for all of your support. Our venture has been very successful and we hope you will enjoy the bags with recipes over the next few weeks. Don't forget to email us your photos. The address is on the front of the newsletter.

CURRICULUM EVENING FOR PARENTS

We will be having our first Parents' Evening of the session on **Thursday 13 October at 6.30pm**. Parents will have the opportunity to find out what children learn during their time at nursery. You will have the opportunity to see a DVD of a typical nursery day so you can see how children learn through play. There will also be an opportunity to have a look at the resources we use in the nursery. This is not an evening to discuss children's progress. Progress meetings will be held in November. Unfortunately, we do not have crèche facilities available.

PLAY SESSIONS - OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

The play sessions will be held on Monday 17th and Friday 21st October. The sessions will run from 9-12 and 12.30-3.00. Free soup and sandwiches will be available from 12.00. Please come

along and have some fun with your child. Primary school children are also invited to attend.

POSTER COMPETITION

All children will have a piece of art work displayed in Tesco, Port Glasgow from 10-31 October. This competition is part of the Mental Health Arts and Film Festival.

HEALTHY EATING COOKERY CLASSES

Jacqui has been running these classes for the last couple of weeks at 9.00am every Tuesday. Come along and learn how to make a simple, nutritious meal each week.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY

We will be having our Hallowe'en party on Wednesday 26 October. Children can dress up if they wish to do so. Parents can also dress up if they would like to take part.

SPONSORED SING

We will be having a sponsored sing in the nursery at the end of our Hallowe'en party.

This will be our annual fundraising event for the session and will help us pay for the entertainer at our Christmas party as well as help Santa with the cost of presents. Parents are invited to come along at 11.15am and 2.45pm

FOREST VISITS

The children have been enjoying their trips to the forest. It would be helpful if you could leave a change of clothes on your child's peg - socks and trousers as they often need changed when they come back.

HOOTS OWLS

We will have Hoots Owls in the nursery on Wednesday 2nd November. They will bring several owls that the children will be able to handle.

PROGRESS MEETINGS

Staff will be available to meet with you to discuss your child's progress during the week beginning 7 November. Staff will complete a "Next steps in Learning " form with you. This helps us identify any areas where you would like us to support your child. Staff will share your child's achievements over the past few months with you as well as discussing their next steps in learning. Settling-in reports will also be available for the children who started with us in August.

Dates are as follows:

Yellow/Green Group	Monday 7 November
Purple Group	Tuesday 8 November
Blue Group	Thursday 10 November
Yellow/Green Group	Friday 11 November

Please add your name to the sheet in the cloakroom to make an appointment. If you cannot manage on the date allocated, please speak to your child's keyworker who will arrange a time that is suitable for you.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 13 October	Parents' Evening 6.30-8.30pm
Mon 17 - Fri 21 October	Nursery closed for October Break
Monday 24 October	Nursery closed for in- service training
Tuesday 25 October	Nursery reopens
Wednesday 26 October	Hallowe'en Party and Sponsored Sing

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