



# Lenzie Meadow Nursery

## Newsletter

March - April 2019

### Literacy Stay and Play Session

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Literacy Stay and Play Sessions. Your feedback was really positive and we are so glad you liked the format. Popular activities seemed to be Going on a Bear Hunt, story mapping and the foot painting river. We also had an informal Stay and Play day on 20<sup>th</sup> March which was also very positively received. Some of you said you liked the informal set up and felt more relaxed. We will continue with a mix of both informal and focused formats next session.



### Fairtrade Fortnight



Thank you so much to all the parents and children who participated in our Fairtrade homework and purchased a Fairtrade product from our stall.

Nicola will now put together a Fairtrade Floorbook evidencing all of the fun learning experiences the children took part in throughout the fortnight.

We raised a fantastic **£161.85** for this worthwhile cause.

### Forest Kindergarten Sessions Now Started!!!!

We are so pleased to say that our first Forest Kindergarten block is underway. Our first group of 8 pre-school children will go to our site on the Moss every Wednesday morning for 6 weeks. We will then start block 2 with another 8 children. In session 2019/20 we aim to increase to doing 2 sessions per week to give more children the opportunity to participate. Please have a look at the display in the foyer for more information.



### Dates for your Diary:

- 17<sup>th</sup> April – 9.30am – Easter Service
- 18<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Bonnet parade (please make a bonnet at home with your child)
- 18<sup>th</sup> March- parent/carers welcome for Spring Sing-a-long – 11.30am and 3.40pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> April – NURSERY CLOSED
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April – NURSERY CLOSED
- 6<sup>th</sup> May – NURSERY CLOSED
- 14<sup>th</sup> May 10am & 1.30pm – Nursery Sports Day (more info. to follow)
- w.c. 13<sup>th</sup> May – pre-school parent meetings
- 13<sup>th</sup> May 6.30-8pm – School and Nursery PTA meeting
- 21<sup>st</sup> May 6.30-8pm – School and Nursery Parent Council Meeting
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May – In-service Day – NURSERY CLOSED
- 24<sup>th</sup> May – 28<sup>th</sup> May – NURSERY CLOSED
- 28<sup>th</sup> May – Nursery re-opens
- 29<sup>th</sup> May 3-4pm – Health and Wellbeing Stay and Play
- 30<sup>th</sup> May 9-10am – Health and Wellbeing Stay and Play
- 31<sup>st</sup> May 1.30pm – Lenzie Meadow Primary P1 induction
- 7<sup>th</sup> June 1.30pm – Lenzie Meadow Primary P1 induction
- 13<sup>th</sup> June – Mad Hair Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> June 10am – Pre-school Graduation (more info. to follow)
- 15<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Fayre
- 27<sup>th</sup> June – last day of term for summer holidays

### Fundraising: Resources

The children voted for the equipment they would like to purchase for the garden and the A Frame Climbing Wall was the winner. The children have been making very good use of it and are enjoying developing their physical skills, balance and co-ordination. We are hoping to order the climbing bars next as a wee surprise!!



### Dress for the Future Day – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Thank you for the fantastic effort put in for our Dress for the Future Day. As part of developing our young workforce it was great to see the ambition and career aspirations from our young learners – we had nurses, doctors, fire fighters, police, vets, a chef, a fashion designer to name but a few.



### Parents as partners.....

#### Parent Council and PTA

Please come along and have your say at our Parent Council meetings. If you can't make it along but would like to raise a concern/suggestion please contact one of our parent representatives (Emma Donaldson and Jill Penman) who will be happy to take forward your point for discussion.

The PTA meetings mainly centre around fundraising and your help and support would be really appreciated. It is also a great way of getting to know other parents/carers.

#### Eco Committee and Gardening Club sub group

Our Eco Committee staff Aimee and Suzanne have been working with the children doing an environmental audit and evaluating our progress and next steps. We would love your input so please let us know if you would like to get involved.

A big thank you to Zoe, Ella's mum for coming in and tackling our overgrown garden area (in addition to our indoor den that she also kindly built for us!) . There is still lots more work to do so we would like to set up a weekly Gardening Club made up of staff, parents and children – please let us know if you would be willing to give up some of your time once a week to give a helping hand.

#### Lending Library

A big thank you to Isla's gran Margaret and Jessica's gran Jean for coming in each week to run our lending library. We couldn't do it without you!

#### Questionnaire

I will be emailing out a questionnaire shortly which I kindly ask you to complete and return. I really value your feedback and am keen to use your comments to identify our next steps for improvement.

## World of Work Week – 25-29 March 19

The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about different occupations during our World of Work week. We had visits from the community police officer, a vet, physiotherapists, an optician, dentists, a yoga teacher, a doctor, and a beautician.

Thank you to all our wonderful visitors who kindly gave up their time to visit. Dress for the Future Day was a lovely end to the week.



## Staff Continuous Professional Development

Our practitioners have recently attended the following courses:

Child Protection Training – external

Loose Parts & Play Provocations Training – external

Health Forum – external

Sun Safety Training – external

Outdoors & Risky Play Training – external

Fire Warden Training - external

Lego Based Approach Training – external

Attachment Training – external

Supporting Children with Language and Social Skills – in-house

Language & Communication Friendly Establishment – Adult Talk – in-house

## Please ensure children are collected on time at the end of each session.

It is really important that children are collected on time as it affects our adult:child ratios.

The morning session ends at 11.50am (or 12.00 for extended day children). Our full-time staff start their lunch break at 11.50 so cannot remain with the children after this time. The afternoon session ends at 4pm.

If your child stays till 5pm please ensure they are collected no later than 5pm. Thank you.

We would like to say a huge thanks to the **PTA** for purchasing our new **Literacy Den**. Also a big thank you to Jack's dad and brother who kindly gave up their time to build it for us!

The literacy den will provide the children with a quiet and cosy place to go outdoors to look at books and enjoy creating their own stories using puppets and props. There will also be tools for writing and drawing available that the children can take around the garden and return when finished.

## Communication

We will notify you of important events and information via Groupcall (**email**). We also use **Facebook** to communicate – please find us as Lenzie Meadow Nursery. This is a closed group so please ask to join and we will accept your request.

You can also follow us on **Twitter** so please sign up and follow @Lenzie\_MeadowPS.

You can also find information on our website

[www.lenziemeadow.e-dunbarton.sch.uk](http://www.lenziemeadow.e-dunbarton.sch.uk)

Please remember to look at the **planning boards** in each room for updates on what the children are learning. We also regularly put up **posters** on the doors leading into the playrooms.



### Nursery: Primary Transition Programme



We completed block 3 and 4 of our Transition Programme in Term 2 where the pre-school children enjoyed literacy activities and active maths outdoors in the school playground with their primary one friends. We have also attended some infant assemblies and are becoming more familiar with the layout of the school.

In term 3 our focus is our 'Growing Up Project' which gives the opportunity for our pre-school children to work alongside primary one children and teachers in the school over 4 consecutive Friday mornings. This collaborative learning project will give the children the opportunity to:

- meet the teachers
- become more familiar with the school building and playground areas
- increase confidence and self-esteem
- work co-operatively with a partner

All pre-school children will be invited to take part in the Growing Up Project regardless of which school they are moving on to. For children who will not be attending Lenzie Meadow Primary in August, we will be inviting teachers from the relevant schools into nursery to meet the children. We will also aim to visit other schools with the children where possible.

### We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Well done to everyone who got behind our celebration of books on World Book Day. What fantastic costumes the children and staff had!! Everyone brought in their favourite books and we were so lucky to have some boys and girls from primary 7 come and read to us.



### Term 3 Physical Activity Programme

We have come to the end of our SFA football sessions. Our main focus after the Easter holidays is 'Going for Gold'. This is a physical activity programme with a variety of games and activities that promote co-ordination, balance, special awareness and co-operation. Staff will be running these sessions on a Tuesday am and Thursday pm in the gym hall.

**Daily Mile** – thank you so much for your support with the daily mile. Most of the children are now taking part at the beginning of each session. Children who are in all day are encouraged to take part in both daily mile sessions, however, our less keen participants are given the option to take part in either the morning or afternoon session. The morning session starts at 8.40am and the afternoon session starts at 12.50pm so please be in on time so as not to miss out!

### Pre-school Movie Afternoon Fun!

Thank you to the PTA for their help in organising the pre-school movie afternoon. The children had a fantastic time watching Boss Baby and loved being in the 'big school' for their special treat. Thank you to our lovely parent helpers who stayed to help.

