



Lenzie Meadow Nursery

November - December 2019 Newsletter

3-5 Room Nativity – Friday 6th December 2019

10.30am

This year the children will be performing 'A Little Nativity'. Tickets will be on sale soon. Due to hall capacity we have to set a limit of 3 tickets per child. Nearer the time, we will let you know if there are any unsold tickets still available.



Cold Weather



Please ensure your child comes to nursery with warm clothing and footwear. We go outside daily so it is important that the children are wrapped up warm. Please label all hats, gloves and scarves – as you can imagine keeping track of 90 children's belongings can be rather challenging!

Sickness and Diarrhoea

Please note there is a 48 hour exclusion period for sickness and diarrhoea. The 48 hour period starts from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

Health and Wellbeing - Physical Activity Programme

The children are thoroughly enjoying their 'Going for Gold' sessions with Fiona on a Wednesday morning. They have been developing their balance, co-ordination and gross motor skills. Fiona and Aimee have also started 'Play on Pedals' sessions with some children. This is a programme designed to teach the children to ride a two wheeler bike.



Nursery : Primary Transition Programme

Our first block of transition visits starts on week commencing 11th November and runs for 2 weeks. The focus for this block is stay and play group visits. Block 2 will take us up until Christmas with an expressive arts focus.

Mrs Allen will be doing a short tour of the infant department for parents on **Thursday 21st November at 9.15am**. Please come along and learn more about the transition process for your child.

(Please note this is for catchment children only)

Children in Need

15th November 2019



This year we would ask you to come to nursery in your sportswear ready for some exercises with Joe Wicks on the smartboard and outdoor active play. We would welcome donations and of course feel free to wear your Pudsey ears!!

Family Champion

Our nursery family champion is Debbie Elliott. Debbie works at Lenzie Meadow on a Monday and a Thursday and has been fully trained in Triple P approaches. She can help support families through such issues as toilet training, dealing with tantrums, bedtime routines, fussy eating etc.

If you would like to have a chat with Debbie about any issues you may be having please let me know and we can arrange a suitable time. Debbie has worked with many families now over the past 3 years and there has always been a positive outcome.

Registration for 3 and 4 year old funded places

Registration for session 2020/2021 will start in January 2020. The closing date for applications is the end of February 2020. Registrations should be completed online at www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk (I will notify you when the registration forms are available online). You will need to upload your child's birth certificate, proof of residency (council tax bill) and a utility bill. Please remember you must re-register for your child's pre-school year. Please let us know if you have any questions or require some assistance.

Tempest

Tempest photography will be with us on Thursday 14th November. If it is not your child's usual day they are still welcome to come in. Please let us know if you wish your child to be photographed with a sibling in the school.

Spare clothing

We currently have no spare socks so would welcome some donations.

Thank you.

Signing in and out

Please ensure that you are signing your child in and out each day in the fire registers in the foyer. This is extremely important for health and safety reasons.

Forest Kindergarten Sessions

Sharon and Fiona have started block 1 visits to the Forest on a Thursday and Friday morning (with the help of our fantastic parent helpers!). The children are enthusiastic and motivated to learn outdoors, no matter the weather!



Christmas Parties – Thursday 12th December

3-5 Room

10am-11.30am and

1.15pm-2.45pm

2-3 Room

10.45am – 11.45am

2pm – 3pm



All children are welcome to come along for our Christmas party. There will be party games, dancing, party food and if we are very lucky, a visit from Santa!! Parent helpers would be very much appreciated. Please let us know if you can help.

Christmas Pantomime

Mother Goose – Tuesday 26th November 2019

All nursery children are welcome to come along for the Christmas Pantomime in the school hall. Children who do not usually attend on a Tuesday morning are still welcome – please drop your child off at 9am and collect at 10.15am.

Thank you PTA!!!

Primary School Registration – week commencing 13th January 2020

Please notify the nursery office which school you will be registering your child at in January. If your child is not in the catchment for Lenzie Meadow, please contact your catchment school to arrange to register your child. If you are wishing to do a placing request for another school you must register at your catchment school and complete the required placing request paperwork. Also, if your child turns 4 in January or February 2020 and you wish to defer your child's entry to primary school please notify the nursery and we will support you through the procedures required.

Dates for Your Diary:

- 8th November – 10.30am - Pre-school Fire Graduation
- 14th November – Tempest Photography
- 15th November – Children in Need
- 21st November 9.15am – Pre-school Parents Visit to School (catchment children only)
- 26th November 9.15am – Mother Goose panto
- 27th November – 9-10am and 3-4pm – Informal Stay and Play
- 29th November – dressing up day – please bring in a prize for the tombola staff at the Christmas Fayre
- 30th November 1pm – 4pm – Christmas Fayre
- 6th December 10.30am – 3-5 Room Nursery Nativity
- 12th December – Christmas parties (3-5 room – 10-11.30 and 1.15-2.45pm, 2-3 room- 10.45-11.45am and 2pm – 3pm)
- 12th December – Christmas lunch for extended day children
- 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- 18th December – Christmas Service
- 20th December – nursery closes for Christmas holidays (term time children)
- 24th December – nursery closes for Christmas holidays (extended year children)
- 3rd January – nursery re-opens for extended year children only
- 6th January – nursery re-opens for term-time children

Parents as partners.....

Parent helpers

We are looking for volunteers to help at our Christmas Fayre on Sat 30th November. Please let us know if you can spare any time to help out.

Eco Committee

Our Eco Committee are looking for new parent members. If you are interested in getting involved please let us know.

STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS

Thank you to everyone who came along to our **Numeracy Focus** Stay and Play Sessions. We had a good turnout and received lots of positive feedback



Our next Stay and Play Sessions are on Wednesday 27th November at 9am – 10am and 3pm – 4pm. This will be an informal session (no specific curricular focus) where you can simply come into the playroom and spend time with your child. We hope to see you then.

Promoting Literacy at Lenzie Meadow

Nursery Lending Library

Thank you to Kully, Harley's mum, who has kindly agreed to come in each week to organise our Lending Library. We really need another helper (preferably in the afternoon) to make sure that every child is getting the opportunity to take a book home each week. Please let us know if you can spare an hour a week to help us out.

When your child brings a book home we recommend that you spend time with your child reading the book together and completing the book review. Please look after the books and return them back to the nursery with care.

We hope you enjoy this special time with your child. A bedtime story is so valuable for developing your child's literacy skills and to help build their vocabulary. Please spend 10 minutes every night with your child with no distractions and share together the wonder of books.

Listening and Talking Boxes

We will be sending home 'listening and talking boxes' very soon. This is to encourage children's listening and talking skills through the use of a familiar object from home. Instructions will be inside the box along with the learning outcomes associated with this activity.

Talk for Writing and Word Aware

Lenzie Meadow Nursery uses the 'Talk 4 Writing' approach to introduce stories. This enables children to imitate orally the language they need for a particular topic, and then create their own version. The children begin by using sign language to orally retell the story. Children will then have opportunities to engage with the texts through role play and various creative tasks. Following that, the children then have the chance to retell the story and even adapt it to become a new story of their own. This is modelled through the use of story maps. Children who show an interest in mark making will often create story maps of the texts we have covered.

Alongside 'Talk 4 Writing' Lenzie Meadow Nursery are using the 'Word Aware' approach to enhance our Literacy programme and help close the vocabulary gap. Vocabulary is important because it is closely connected with reading and writing. Children need to be able to understand words if they are to develop their understanding of what they read. In the Early Years, children learn the meaning of words by hearing them in sentences. The more times they hear them used by different people at different times, the more children can learn. The nursery and families working together gives children the best chance to learn new words.

Language and Communication Friendly Establishment (LCFE) – talk techniques

This month we are focusing on the following strategies

'Listen more than you talk' – children benefit from being given time to talk and time to respond

'Involve children in conversations' – children feel valued when they are included in conversations

'Use visual cues' – children, particularly those with a communication barrier, benefit from visual cues to support their understanding and making choices

Please remember to read the Nursery:Home Link sheet that is emailed out each month to see how you can support your child's learning at home. Also, we display our talk technique strategies

Christmas Gift Appeal – helping families in need throughout East Dunbartonshire

This year our staff team are supporting Babes in the Wood in Bishopbriggs' Christmas Gift Appeal. This fantastic appeal managed to help over 1000 families in need in East Dunbartonshire last year. We would like to extend this to our nursery parents and carers – if you would like to get involved you can donate a brand new unwrapped gift for a girl or boy. Please hand into nursery before 6th December and we will organise for all gifts to be delivered to Babes in the Wood in time for Christmas. Thank you.

Collection Times

Just a little reminder of the importance of children being collected on time at the end of the session. This affects staff lunch breaks and finishing times.

Also, can we request that when you have collected your child from the playroom and you go out into the foyer that you please keep your child close by you and in your sight at all times. As I am sure you are aware collection times can be really busy and the main doors are continually opening and closing.