

Nursery Outing

We have confirmed dates with High gate care home and we will hopefully be visiting the residents on the afternoons of the 16th and 18th April.

The staff in the Rainbow playroom will now be handing out consent forms to you all to give your child permission to attend this event. If your child does not attend nursery on these days, they are more than welcome to come along however, they must have a parent or family member present with them at all times.

If I could please ask if you can return these consent forms as soon as you possibly can so we can prepare in enough time. Also, this outing will only be possible if we have parent volunteerers to help staff walk the children safely to and from the care home. Please let us know if you would like to be a parent helper for this event – thank you!

Easter Egg Donations

There is a special Easter box in the hallway for donations of small Easter eggs. The children will gift these to the care home residents during their outing.

Nursery News

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Look at how much fun we have all been having in nursery!





Parents Evenings

Parents evenings will take place on the following dates for each playroom;

9th May – Rainbow Playroom

13th May – Little Stars Playroom

15th May – Sunshine Playroom

Staff will be asking everyone very soon if they would like appointments.

Christmas Closure

The nursery will close at 4pm on the 20th December and will re-open at 7.30am on the 6th January 2020.

Mother's Day Races

Mother's Day races will take place on the 27th and 28th of March. Please let staff members know if you are planning on attending and on which day – thank you.

Babies Stay and Play

The little stars playroom will be having a stay and play session on the 1st of April, starting at 3pm and finishing at 4pm. The staff will be sending out invitations for this event and they will be able to explain in more detail what the plans for the hour will be!

Easter Bonnet Parade

The date of the Easter bonnet parade has been changed to the week commencing 8th April 2019.

**“Children can be
our greatest
teachers if we are
humble enough to
receive their
lessons”**

Internet Safety

Some of you may be aware that there is a horrific challenge sweeping the internet called Momo. Along with other nurseries and schools, we wish to share this information with you as some children have been speaking about this.

This challenge is targeting children and young people. Its contents are harmful and is causing great upset.

We ask parents to be extra vigilant when children are using the internet as this poses a significant wellbeing concern.

If anyone requires any more information regarding this, please get in touch. You can also access information on internet safety at:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/>





Spare Clothes

At the moment, the nursery appears to have a shortage on spare clothes – especially for the boys. If anyone has any spare clothes their child has outgrown, we would be more than happy to use these in nursery – it would be a fantastic help!

Children's Clothing

Recently we have had a lot of clothes going missing in nursery, or they have been going to the wrong homes at the end of the day. Many children have similar clothing as well, therefore, could we please ask all parents to label their child's clothing? We can then make sure everyone is going home with the right clothes – thank you.

Staffing Information

We have some lovely news to share with you all – Kaylie had her baby boy in the early hours of the 25th February. Everyone is doing very well – we hope you will join us in wishing them all the best.

Christie Smith, our HNC student, has joined us for her work placement in the Rainbow playroom. We are very excited to have Christie with us and we hope you will all welcome her to our nursery community.

Zahra, our BA student, has also been completing her work placement in the Rainbow playroom. She has really been enjoying her time in the playroom and has been bringing in lots of exciting activities for the children to take part in.

Hopefully you are all getting the chance to meet our new staff member in the Sunshine playroom, Karen Milligan. She is having a wonderful time so far in the nursery and the children have all taken to her very nicely. Sarah will be mentoring Karen through the nursery induction.



Little Stars

Charlie Mackay

Sarah Robertson

Sunshine Playroom

Rainbow Playroom

Olivia Critcher

Olivia Eyley

Tilly McClay

Katerina Ruzinska

Darragh Traynor



Picking Children up from Nursery

Over the last few weeks we have had children being picked up from nursery up to 15 minutes late in the morning and up to 20 minutes late in the evening. I would just like to remind all parents that the session times are as follows;

AM session: 7.30am – 12.30pm

PM session: 1pm – 6pm

Full day: 7.30am – 6pm

The staff have commitments out with their working day, and the nurseries insurance does not cover after 6pm. We would appreciate if all parents could pick their child up in enough time to receive their handover from staff and to leave the nursery at their session times. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Outdoor Toys

As you may have noticed, we have been having an early spring clean of the garden to make way for new and exciting resources for the children.

The staff are speaking with the children and discovering all the resources the children would like to use while outdoors.

If anyone is doing an early spring clean also and there are items you no longer use, they might be a good addition to our nursery garden.

Loose Parts

The staff in all playrooms have been investigating loose part play and have been looking at ways we can incorporate this into our nursery environments. Loose parts are open-ended resources where possibilities are endless, some examples are; natural materials, random found objects, tyres, guttering and so many more. If you have any ideas, feedback or just want to know more please let us know!



Resources in Nursery

We have recently been purchasing a variety of new resources for each of the playrooms and the outdoor areas.

Within the space of one week a lot of these resources have now been broken and we are unable to fix or replace them. Also, the Rainbow playroom has been damaged. Staff have been speaking with the children and trying to explain that we need to look after the toys in nursery.

We are asking for your support in speaking to the children also about the value of these resources at home. We would really appreciate your help in reinforcing this message. This will coincide with GIRFEC's Shanarri, where the children will learn about being responsible and respectful with the nursery resources. Thank you for your support with this.