

Blackwood Primary School Nursery Class

October 2019 Newsletter



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Thursday 10th October
(Forest School – Afternoon Red Badges)

Friday 11th October
(Forest School – Morning Red Badges)

Monday 14th October – Friday 18th October
OCTOBER WEEK HOLIDAY

Thursday 24th October
(Forest School – Afternoon Red Badges)

Friday 25th October
(Forest School – Morning Red Badges)

Tuesday 29th October
(Family Learning Event – Room on the Broom)

Thursday 31st October
(Forest School – Afternoon Red Badges)

November 2019

Friday 1st November
(Forest School – Morning Red Badges)

Thursday 7th November
(Book Bug 9.00-9.30am and 3.15-3.45pm)

Thursday 14th November
(Book Bug 9.00-9.30am and 3.15-3.45pm)

Friday 15th November
(Forest School – Full Day Children)
(Children in Need Day)

Monday 18th November
(In-Service Day)

Tuesday 19th November
(In-Service Day)

Thursday 21st November
(Book Bug 9.00-9.30am and 3.15-3.45pm)

Friday 22nd November
(Forest School – Full Day Children)

Thursday 28th November
(Book Bug 9.00-9.30am and 3.15-3.45pm)

Friday 29th November
(St. Andrew's Celebration at Nursery – wear something tartan)

Staff Update

Congratulations to Miss Marshall who was successful during the interview process and is now the permanent Nursery Team Leader on a Monday and Tuesday.

Learning in the Nursery

The children have had the opportunity to engage in a variety of learning opportunities related to the season of autumn. This year we have been focussing our learning on the vegetables associated with this time of year – as the majority of the pre-school children (red badges) were interested in the apples that had been falling from the apple trees in the school playground.

The highlight so far has been the tractor that Alexander's dad brought in to show how he used it to help grow and harvest vegetables. The majority of the children were mesmerised by the size of the wheels compared to their own height.

Please look at 'Our Learning Journey' wall to find out all the other learning opportunities the children have had the opportunity to take part related to the season of autumn.

Within numeracy and mathematics the children have been exploring numbers and 2D and 3D shapes while playing, and are currently talking about the days of the week and what happens on specific days at nursery and at home. In literacy, we have been working on taking turns when engaging in conversations, and selecting and choosing books to read and talking about what has been happening in the stories.

Nursery Fund

Some parents/carers have been asking about the Nursery Fund and the £2.50 that we ask for each week. The money collected pays for the snack that the children get during their nursery sessions - currently approximately £100 a week. Most recently, the money collected purchased the scooters and helmets for the children to take part in 'Scoot at Nursery'. We have also been using the money to pay for the bus to take all pre-school children to the forest (more than £1500 for this year) and pay for the family learning 'Room on the Broom' later this month.

We would be grateful if parents/carers could please check their Parent Pay account to check if there is an outstanding balance on their account for term one. If you do not have access to Parent Pay, please speak to Mrs. Park in the School Office who will supply a Pay Point bar code for use in local shops.

Supporting my Child's Literacy and Numeracy Development

We would like to thank the parents/carers of pre-school children who attended the presentation on Thursday 26th September 2019 about ways to help to support your child's literacy and numeracy learning at home. The overall uptake for these sessions was 35% and feedback was extremely positive. The favourite activity to try at home involved small toy ducks in water and using water filled spray bottles to move them! This activity helps to develop strength in your child's fingers and hands, which in turn supports their pencil, grasp. All parents/carers of pre-school children who were unfortunately unable to attend should have received a copy of the presentation and a booklet 'Getting Ready to Read'. If anyone wishes further information, please speak to Mrs. Strom.

Stay and Play

We would like to thank the parents/carers who attended our first 'Stay and Play' for this year. Overall 39% attended the event and the majority of the feedback was positive. Our next 'Stay and Play' session will be **Monday 20th January 2020.**

Skills for Learning, Life and Work

We are actively promoting gender equality and encouraging children to engage in all learning opportunities within the nursery e.g. all children exploring the construction area and playing in the house with the babies. However, we are also looking at the wider world of work and are asking any parents/carers, family and friends whose job is not traditionally viewed as being done by someone of that gender to come and talk to the children about their job. If you can help, please speak to Mrs. Curley.

Outdoor Learning

The outside temperature has started to drop and while we continue to engage children in outdoor learning, some of the children have started to comment that they are feeling cold when playing outside. We would be grateful if your child came to nursery wearing a warm outdoor jacket and brought a hat, scarf and gloves that they wear if they feel they are cold.

Family Learning

The 'Room on the Broom' family learning event has been booked for Tuesday 29th October and a separate letter with exact details, is attached to this newsletter.

Question of the Month

As stakeholders in our nursery, we value your thoughts and opinions. We would be grateful if the attached 'question of the month' could be completed and returned to the nursery.



EDUCATION SERVICES
Executive Director: Tony McDaid
Blackwood Primary School - Head Teacher: Ms Christine McMillan

