

March Newsletter 2017

Activities happening this Month

This month we will be covering topics such as mini beasts in the 4-5 room, My body in the 3-4 room, Transport with the 2-3 room and lots of colourful sensory activities in the under 2's areas.

We will have out back drop topics around the nursery such as world book day, St Patrick's Day and Mother's day.

Spare Clothes & Indoor shoes

All of our children are becoming more and more involved in our outdoor leaning experiences and having a change of clothes is important to change in case where children do become dirty or wet. Please check your child's peg for spare clothes and to ensure all items are labelled with your child's name.



Forest School Activities and Learning space

Our children are having a fabulous experience using our forest school and the new learning space which has been created for them to discuss what learning will take place before heading out on their adventures and a space for talking about keeping them safe when outside.

Early Years Funding Forms

If you have been given a funding form to complete please return these forms as soon as possible for uploading to the NAMS system. We must see the child's **Birth Certificate** and **Two forms of ID**.



The forms must be handed into the office by Friday 17th March 2017



Partnership Dates

The children who use the nursery for Partnership only session will be off for the spring holiday.

The dates are Monday 3rd April 2017 to Tuesday 18th April 2017







Staff Training

The staff in the Nursery have been working very hard to update the nursery's Vision, Value and Aims.

We have taken ideas from the staff and once they have been collated we will share them with the parents and children for your input and ideas.

Graduation Dates

Our Nursery Graduation this year for our children who will be leaving us to go to school will be held on

Friday 23rd June 2017 1.30-2.30 pm at Hillhouse community centre

Football Gary

Football Gary payment slips have been sent out and payments are due now to pay up to the end of April Please return Consent slip and payment to the office.

Block of sessions is £10.00

Parent Committee

The Parent Committee will be looking to recruit some more volunteers to help with our nursery events. We are losing our chair person Nicola Gunn in the summer so a new Parent will be appointed. All volunteers for the role will be briefed by Selina. If you would like to be involved in our fun loving team please speak to Selina

Chicken Pox

We have had one case of Chicken pox reported in the nursery as of Monday 6th March 2017.

Please let the nursery Know if you suspect your child may have it.



School Children

Please can all children who registered for Primary 1 let the office know which school your child will be going to so we can start to organise the Transition to school and liaise with the Primary schools.



Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting the voucher for Active Kids available from Sainsbury and our collection box is located in the hallway.

The vouchers are so important for us to get lots of new and exciting resources for our outdoor play experiences



What's happening behind the scenes at Nursery?

Selina is working alongside South Lanarkshire council to develop a new curricular document for the early year's centres to have as a working tool. This will be finished and developed by August.

Selina is also working hard with the staff to develop their writing observation skills and next steps development for the children.

Selina will also be presenting at South Lanarkshire's Early Years Forum, on the benefits of learning outdoors and will be sharing the good practice with the whole of south Lanarkshire early years Partners.

After the nursery had a flood back in December 2016, we are due to have the building work carried out in March 2017. The Hall floor will be replaced and so will Afterschool. The builders will work through the night and at the weekend to carry out all the maintenance work.



Nursery Cookbook



We are publishing our own Nursery cookbooks for Parents as we would like to share our recipes with you. Some parents comment regularly to say how their children will eat our lunches at nursery but not at home!

Well, we are sharing our tricks and tips with you along with our tasty menu offerings.

The cook books will cost £5.00 each and orders can be taken in the office for copies when they have been printed.