

# May Newsletter

## 2018

### May Holiday Dates for Partnership sessions and school

- ❖ Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018
- ❖ Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018
- ❖ Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018
- ❖ Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018

We will not be running partnership only sessions these days and Holiday club will be available for School children.

### Survey Monkey Feedback

Thank you to all 67 parents who took the time to respond to our short survey. The results were very interesting and will really benefit the way you want the service to run and operate.

See the notice board for results

### Staff Changes

As you will be aware the nursery is forever growing and with more children requires more staff, which makes it difficult when staff leave, we have to replace staff and also some staff require other challenges within their job role. So currently we moved some staff around as well as taken on new staff and some new trainees.

### Football Gary & Spanish

Both Football Gary and Spanish have stopped until the week of 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018. New fee bills will be issued and spaces for Spanish will be allocated on a first come first served basis again. We will be running two classes as Lesley's Classes are still very popular



### Loose Parts Play

When Children interact in loose parts play, they enter a world of 'what If' that promotes the type of thinking that leads to problem solving and theoretical reasoning. Loose Parts enhances children's ability to think imaginatively and see solutions, and they bring a sense of adventure and excitement to children's play.

We are looking for the following items to help to develop our Journey in Loose Parts Play development for the children.

- ❖ Buckets, Hay Bales, Wooden Cable Spools, old car tyres, baskets, Seats, Lobster pots Old sauce pans, metal spoons old logs, guttering, old suitcases, Plastic and cardboard tubing, cargo netting, tarpaulin, wooden planks or old decking or bread baskets.
- ❖ Smaller items such as Plant pots, pegs, garden sticks, old Blankets, CD's

These items will all engage children in developing their imaginations



### OSC Club Availability

We are now having to announce we are at full capacity in our Breakfast and Out of school facility from August 2018.

At this stage we are operating a waiting list for places and spaces for the children.

If you require any sessions please see Selina to advise availability.



### Early Years Funding forms 2018/19

We are finalising all Early Years forms and places for our 3-5 department for partnership sessions and places for August 2018- to June 2019

If you still have not returned your form, please can you hand it in to the office as soon as Possible to allocate a place and Funding for your child.



### Charity Events

Recently, some staff took the challenge to Climb Ben Lomond, the staff completed the challenge although face some tough conditions towards the top the hill.

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> the nursery held a sponsored walk around Strathclyde park, we were very lucky to have such great weather and a nice turn out of families arrived to show their support.

We still await all donations and sponsor forms to be handed in to the office by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

Well done to everyone who to the time to support these great charities and the nursery.



### Spare Clothes

Within Nursery the children are involved daily in messy play both indoors and outdoors. The children are often encouraged to get messy and explore the activities offered. Please can all parents check their child's bag or peg to make sure they have a change of indoor clothes and Wellies and outdoor play suits for forest schools and muddy adventures.



### No Toys or Donations

Please can parents discourage the children to bring in toys from home. Its hard for the staff to keep track of all item brought in and treasured items can easily go missing if not left in the child's bag or ducet.

Please also note that over the years many families have been very kind to us in donating children's old toys to the nursery, unfortunately we are no longer accepting toys from home as after a recent Care inspection we were advised to move away from Plastic toys and focus more on the natural play environment.

### Pre School Graduation



This year Our Pre school graduation will Be held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018

Children to be at hall for 1.00pm to start ceremony for 1.30pm and hoping to finish no later than 2.30pm

The venue will be in the Hill house community centre for all of our children who will be transitioning to Primary 1 in August 2018.

### Sharon Bett Completing Degree

We would like to congratulate Miss Sharon Bett in Completing her BA in Early Learning and Childcare, Sharon has worked extremely hard towards her degree allowing her to strengthen her practice and theoretical knowledge in the world of Early Years