

# SIMPSON NURSERY NEWSLETTER

April 2018

## **Current Learning**

Children's interest is now focused on the process of creating delicious food in the house and playdough areas within our nursery. As a result of this interest a range of herbs have been introduced to these areas and to our science focused investigation station.



## **PLODs**

Possible Lines of Development will extend the children's learning to include growing fruits and vegetables in the nursery garden, tasting a variety of foods and developing their food preparation skills by chopping and mixing through baking activities.

## **Home link**

If you have any suggestions or ideas from home linking to these aspects of interest please add your suggestions to the consultative planning wall in the nursery cloakroom. We would also like a visit from any parents/carers who work in the food and drink industry to come in to talk about their career, for example, if you are a chef and would be willing to visit please let us know.

## **Loose Parts Play**

We are continuing to develop our Loose Parts Play resources. Children have been looking at and researching some local business within Bathgate to write to and ask for loose parts donations. Children have been mark making through writing the letters and a small group recently visited the local postbox to send off the letters. Since then lots of children have shown an interest in writing their own envelopes – look out for these on display in our literacy area.

## **Home link**

Lots of our children know they live in Bathgate but you could talk about their house number and street name.

## **Eat Well Plate – Setting the Table**

We would like to thank all parents/carers who provided menu suggestions in response to our recent letter. As always, we will include your suggestions in the menu plan for the coming year. Some of the parents are due to meet on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 9am or Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 12:30pm to further discuss their ideas and create next year's menu. Please feel free to pop along and join us, all are welcome.

## **Gemma Giraffe**

We introduced a friend (Gemma the Giraffe) to help the children build on and learn new vocabulary. Please scan the QR code below to have a look at our Gemma Giraffe interactive slideshow.



We would welcome any comments you may have in regards to building vocabulary using Gemma Giraffe. Please note any feedback or suggestions on a post-it note on the cloakroom noticeboard.

## **Language Bags**

We recently asked parents/carers to volunteer to be part of a group, to take the lead in organising language bags available for you to use at your leisure. The aim of these bags will be to provide activities for parents/carers to use at home with their child to develop their literacy skills focusing on, for example, extending vocabulary, recognising rhyme and identifying syllables.

We would welcome your ideas and suggestions for developing our language bags, the next meeting will take place on May 3rd at 10.30am.

## **Developing the Young Workforce**

The recent whole school family learning event focused on developing skills for learning, life and work. The nursery shared how we develop a range of skills including communication, problem solving and role modelling through our consultative planning approach, construction problem solving, social snack and role play activities. If you would be willing to come in and talk about your career (current or past), or any hobbies and the skills you need please let a member of staff know and we can arrange a visit.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

7 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday (Staff in-service)
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Stay, Play & Learn
31 <sup>st</sup> May	New P1 Parent/Carer information evening (6.30pm)

### \*Allergies\*

As we have a number of children with severe allergies **please do not bring your own food or drinks into nursery (including in bags in the cloakroom)** as this compromises the risk assessments we have put in place to safely meet the health care needs of all children. Please hand any essential food/drink items to the nursery staff to store safely in the kitchen area.

### Resource Request

We are looking for clean, empty 2 litre bottles to create a recycled greenhouse for the nursery garden. We would also appreciate any donations of boxes of tissues for colds and coughs!

### Pen Recycling

Look out for our new pen recycling station in the nursery cloakroom. We can recycle any brand of pen including felt tips, highlighters, markers and mechanical pencils to be turned into something new.

### Stay, Play and Learn

We enjoy working in partnership with our parents/carers and therefore would like to invite you to attend Stay, Play and Learn.

The next Stay, Play and Learn days are on:

\*Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May

\*Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June

### Celebrating Success

We enjoy celebrating achievements. Share your child's wider achievements with us by writing it on an apple post-it note (available in the cloakroom) which we will share during the nursery session. You can also add wider achievements, including photographs, to your child's online learning journal.

### Update of information

Please remember to inform a member of nursery staff of any changes to emergency contact details.

### Children's clothing

Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

### Snack

The cost of snack remains at £1.50 per week this year. Please pay any snack money on a Monday to the member of staff at the painting table.

### Communication

#### Letters

Please let us know if you do not currently receive letters electronically and we can add you to our email list. Any printed letters will be put in document wallets in your child's coloured group trays for collection. Please check the trays regularly at the end of each session. We will also add a copy of each letter to the cloakroom folder for your reference.

#### Blog

Please check our blog for weekly updates about our learning in nursery at the end of each week. Visit: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/simpsonps/>

#### Twitter

We have Twitter! Follow us @NurserySimpson for regular updates and reminders.

#### Cloakroom Noticeboard

Please check the noticeboard in the cloakroom for weekly updates. We will begin sharing this on our Twitter feed for those parents/carers who are unable to make it in to our nursery.

#### Online Journals

Please check your child's Online Learning Journal for regular updates on their learning. If you have any trouble accessing your account please let us know.

### Nursery Staff

#### Nursery teacher:

**Mrs Dandie** (Monday, Tuesday & alternate Fridays)

#### Early Years Officers:

**Miss Johnstone** and **Mrs Sharkey**

#### Nursery Nurses:

**Mrs Aitken**, **Miss Bambrough**, **Mrs Galloway** (Wednesday, Thursday and alternate Friday),

**Mrs Henderson** (Monday, Tuesday, alternate

Fridays), **Mrs Lejkowski** (mornings), **Mrs Marshall** (Wednesday, Thursday and alternate Friday), **Miss**

**Meldrum** (morning sessions), **Mrs Smith** (afternoon sessions)

#### Pupil Support Worker:

Mrs Peat

### Nursery hours

**AM** Monday to Friday: Drop off between: 8.00-8.35am *Core hours: 8.35-11.05am* Collect between: 10.50-11.05am

Friday only: Collect between: 10.50-11.28am

**PM** Monday to Thursday: *Core Hours: 12.09- 3.05pm*

Collect between: 3.05-4.06pm