

Beauly Nursery Newsletter

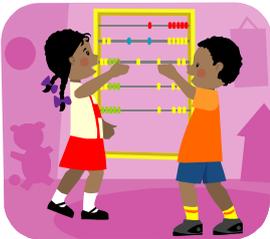
September 2016

We would like to welcome parents/carers (new and returning) to the 2016-2017 session. The first few weeks have flown by and we can already see progress in the **children's** development.

Should you have any queries or concerns about your child at Nursery, please feel free to speak informally to staff at the beginning or end of a session. **Each child has a 'Key Worker' who will be the person most involved in your child's care** and learning during their time in Nursery however, you can speak to any staff member. **'Key Worker' lists are on the noticeboard** in the cloakroom. If a more formal approach is preferred, please make an appointment to speak to staff at a mutually agreeable time.

Children's Learning

At the moment, we have mainly been focusing on the children's **health and wellbeing**, becoming familiar with each other and the new environment. The children have settled well into nursery routines. They are learning to follow rules, share resources and take turns with others. We have been finding out about each other and the children are learning about different emotions.

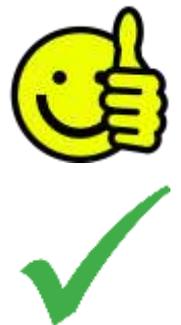


We have introduced a 'Feelings Chart' for the children to choose how they are feeling when they come into Nursery. Throughout discussion and experience, the children will learn how they feel and that different actions can make them feel different emotions. This will also help them to recognise how other people are feeling and develop empathy.

Positive Behaviour

At Beauly Nursery, we always promote positive behaviour. Our Nursery Code has been developed with the children and is as follows:-

- Say nice things and keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Listen to teachers, grown-ups and our friends
- Walk carefully and stay in our line
- Look after everything and everyone in nursery
- Share toys and take turns



Visitors

The Oral Health Educator visited and spoke to the children about how to look after their teeth.



Each child has their own toothbrush with a picture on it. These brushes are stored hygienically in 'brush buses'. The children are very good at identifying their toothbrushes already. ☺

Cloakroom Noticeboard

In order to find out what the children will be learning about each week, you will be able to view our planning overviews along with the snack menu on the whiteboard in the cloakroom. These can also be found on the Beauly Primary School website (www.beaulyprimary.co.uk). We welcome ideas and suggestions from parents/carers to add to our plans. Please feel free to browse through the Beauly Nursery Policy folder. Our Comments/Complaints book is also there.



Absences

If your child is going to be absent from Nursery for any reason, we ask that parents/carers please inform the Nursery Staff or School Office for each day of absence.



Should there be any changes to who will be collecting your child from Nursery, please contact the school office. Alternatively, you can write a number of names in the 'Collected By' column on the signing in sheet at Nursery.

Clothing

We are encouraging the children to become independent in their toileting, handwashing and dressing routines. It is most helpful if children have trousers which they can pull up themselves e.g. elasticated waists. We would suggest that belts be worn only if the children can manage them themselves. Velcro fastening shoes are ideal too! Staff will of course help the children but it gives them a sense of pride and self-worth when they can manage things independently. These skills can be practised at home too.



With the weather being so changeable, can you please ensure that coats are brought to Nursery **each** day just in case of being caught in a shower of rain? We want the children to enjoy being outdoors as much as possible.

Snack

A range of social skills associated with eating are promoted at snack time each day. Healthy eating is encouraged and milk, water and a healthy snack will be made available every day. **Sometimes, we have snack altogether. Other times, we have a 'rolling snack' when the children can choose to come for snack during 'freeplay' then go back to play afterwards.**



The Nursery Fund is a specific account for Beauly Nursery, used to pay for snack, trips and special 'extras' for the boys and girls e.g. puppet shows. We have been fortunate to benefit from donations through the Parent Council in recent years, which has allowed snack provision to continue. We are grateful for any monetary donations to The Nursery Fund; however there is no requirement for this. If you wish to make a donation, a collection box is available in the nursery.

Thank You

We would like to say a huge, “**Thank you**”, to Mike Leslie for taking photos of the children during our Sports Day in June. He managed to capture fantastic shots of **individual children**. **Parents then donated money to the ‘Nursery Fund’** in exchange for a photograph of their child. This raised an amazing £60 which we are so grateful for. We have been able to purchase new adjustable safety helmets for the children to wear whilst using our trikes and scooters. I’m sure you will agree that this will be money well spent. ☺



We would also like to thank Mary Mackay for organising a clean up of the school garden and to the volunteers who helped out. The Nursery children were involved in choosing paint colours for the wooden xylophone, raised beds and sand pit. Mark Bissett made a cooker and sink unit to stimulate role play in the garden and Barrie Macdonald connected the sink to the water supply, which we’re sure will delight the children! The garden provides invaluable ‘real life’ learning experiences for children of all ages.



Closures

There will be In-Service Training on **Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd September** for all staff, therefore the whole school will be closed.

The last day of term is **Friday 7th October** and the Nursery will re-open on **Monday 24th October** at the normal session times.



Future Events

Parents/Carers will have the opportunity to visit the Nursery to ‘Share a Session’, spend time with their children and learn more about what happens on a daily basis. Details of this will be available nearer the time. If you are unable to attend during this time, just speak to staff to arrange an alternative date.



Our annual Fancy Dress Party will take place during normal session times on Friday 31st October during normal session times. Children can dress up if they wish to do so. We will have some party games and lots of fun!



Other

In order to reduce our printing costs, this will be the last time you will receive the Nursery Newsletter in paper form. A hard copy will be displayed on the notice-board in the cloakroom.

If you haven’t already done so, we would recommend that you sign up to receive the newsletter via email so that you don’t miss any important information. You can also sign up to receive notifications of new posts to the school and nursery blog. Alternatively, you can access the newsletter on the school website (www.beaulyprimary.co.uk). Please see the attached letter and return it to Nursery.