

Beauly Nursery Newsletter

November 2016

This is a busy term in Nursery. Below is a note of a few things that will be happening.

Children's Learning

We have been focusing on seasonal changes and the celebrations and festivals which occur during autumn. The children were introduced to Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights. **We have celebrated Hallowe'en with our party and the children have participated in traditional Hallowe'en activities. It was great to see the**   variety of outfits and how well the children coped with the disguises as some of us looked very different! ☺ We will also be learning about Guy Fawkes and firework safety.

We have decided to record a variety of celebrations and festivals on a wall display so that children can have a visual reminder of what we have celebrated. We hope this will promote further discussion and recall. Please feel free to bring in photos of your children celebrating births, birthdays, christenings/naming days, weddings etc. and they could go on the wall too. 

The children have been expressing an interest in the dark, so we plan to explore light and dark with them. On a recent mind map, they asked for the role play area **to be a cave. Watch this space ...!** 

Planning Books

All children are involved in planning what they would like to do in Nursery. Beginning on Monday 7th November, the children will be encouraged to draw a picture of themselves and what they would like to play with each day. This is a great opportunity to develop pencil control and mark-making skills whilst providing the children to carry out what they plan to do. The Nursery 3 children will draw their pictures on a large piece of paper and the Nursery 4 children will have individual planning books which they will complete daily. **Each month, they will evaluate what they've learnt (usually connected with the target they set in their Learning Journey).** Children will also be told of something they have done to make the staff feel proud of them. The Nursery 4 children can take their planning books home at the end of each month. There will be space on the front cover of the planning books for parents to comment, return to the Nursery **and file in their child's Learning Journey.** 

Bruno and Barney Bear

Bruno and Barney Bear are teddy bears who live in the Nursery but love to go on adventures at weekends. A **child's** name from each session will be picked out of a box (usually on a Friday) and a child will take the teddy home for the weekend. We would like to encourage the children to look after the bear and take them with them wherever they are going over **the weekend. You don't have to do anything special.** Each 

bear has a diary in which you can write some brief details of what he has got up to at your house. We will enclose pencils and crayons if your child wishes to draw pictures in the diary. You can also add any photos or mementos as appropriate. Each bear will have a story book and an information book in their bag which you can share with your child. **Please remember to bring the bear with all of his belongings back to Nursery on a Monday so that your child can share his/her weekend adventure with the rest of the class.**

Staff are aware of children attending on different days and can assure you that all children will have the opportunity to take Bruno or Barney home at some time.

Future Events

Jenny, the Countryside Ranger will be visiting the Nursery on **Friday 11th November**. She will be organising outdoor autumnal activities. Please ensure the children have wellies with them.



On **Friday 18th November**, we will be having a Pyjama Party. We would love everyone to wear their pyjamas in exchange for a donation to the worthy cause of Children in Need. This will take place during normal session times.



Marion, the Oral Health Educator is due to visit on **Monday 28th November** and will have games/stories to further extend **the children's knowledge of oral health.**



Share-a-Session

During the weeks beginning the 14th and 21st November, we would like to invite parents/carers to spend some time in the Nursery session to find out what happens, have a look at your child's **Learning Journey and mix with the children.** A **timetable will be available in Nursery** for you to choose your time slot. If you are unable to make it, please feel free to speak to staff to make alternative arrangements.



Christmas Sing-along/Party

We would like to invite all children and parents/carers to our Christmas Sing-along on **Thursday 15th December**. Both AM and PM sessions will be in at the same time. The session will run from 9.30am–12.40pm.



The sing-along will begin as soon after 9.30am as possible. Once the children have been dropped off at Nursery, we ask that parents congregate in the school gym hall ready to hear the songs the children have prepared. The Nursery party will then take place afterwards. All Nursery children should be collected at 12.40pm.

Student

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our student, Adelle Nash. She is studying HNC Childhood Practice at Inverness College UHI, Inverness and will be with us in Nursery on a Monday and Tuesday each week until May.

Clothing

With the weather becoming colder and more unpredictable, please ensure that coats and suitable outdoor footwear are brought to Nursery **every** day. We want the children to enjoy being outdoors as much as possible.



Holidays

The last day of term is **Friday 23rd December** and the Nursery will re-open after the holidays on **Monday 9th January** at the normal session times.

