

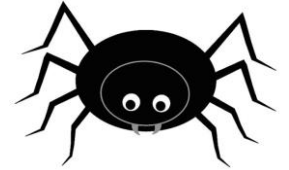
Beauly Nursery Newsletter

November 2017

We have a very busy term ahead with some exciting events happening in the nursery.

Children's Learning

Before the holidays the children were finding out all about spiders. A display can now be found in the corridor, which shows all the learning and activities that took place. Children have also been spotting signs of seasonal changes. They have had lots of fun playing in the garden, using the wheelbarrows to collect all the different coloured leaves and fallen apples from the trees.



We have celebrated Hallowe'en with our dressing up party. The children all looked fab in their costumes. They all participated in traditional Hallowe'en activities including making pumpkin lanterns and dooking for apples. We will be learning about keeping safe and the dark nights and will continue to look further into seasonal changes, with particular focus on celebrations and festivals which occur during autumn and winter.

We have decided to record a variety of celebrations and festivals on a wall display so that children can share these experiences with you all. 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.



Song board

We have introduced a song board for the children. The board is made up from the children's favourite songs from their "All About Me sheets". We will plan to have focused singing time two days in the week. We will change these days weekly so that all children will get a turn to pick a song.

Planning Books

Later this month, 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.

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.



Important

Please remember to check your child's tray daily for important information. You will find your child's tray beside the exit door. We have a one way system in nursery to allow children and parents to come in and out easily.

Future events

Special Event

'Little Dribblers' is coming to Beaulieu nursery. It is run by Ross County Football Club and will kick off on the 6th of November over the period of four weeks. Each session will be run by a coach who will carry out a variety of activities. The activities have been carefully planned to encourage the development of movement and motor skills along with introducing the basic fundamental skills of football. The project promotes co-ordination, teamwork, communication and a variety of social skills encountered whilst participating in football and non-football related activities.



On **Friday 17th November**, we will be celebrating Children in Need with some fun Pudsey Bear activities. We would love everyone to wear something spotty in exchange for a donation. This will take place during normal session times.



Christmas Carols and Coffee

Everyone is welcome to join the nursery and school in a Christmas carol and coffee morning on Friday 15th December. The nursery children will be on for a short part of the Christmas event. Teas and coffees are available and there will be a few stalls to have a browse at. The event is on from 11.00am to 12 noon in the school hall.

Christmas Sing-along/Party

We would like to invite all children and parents/carers to our Christmas Sing-along on **Friday 22nd December**. Both AM and PM sessions will be in at the same time. The session will run from **9.00am–12.10pm**. The sing-along will begin as **soon after 9.00am 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 hopefully learned! The Nursery Christmas party will then take place afterwards. All Nursery children should be collected at **12.10pm**.



Holidays

The last day of term is **Friday 22nd December** and the Nursery will re-open after the holidays on **Monday 8th January** at the normal session times.

