



newsletter

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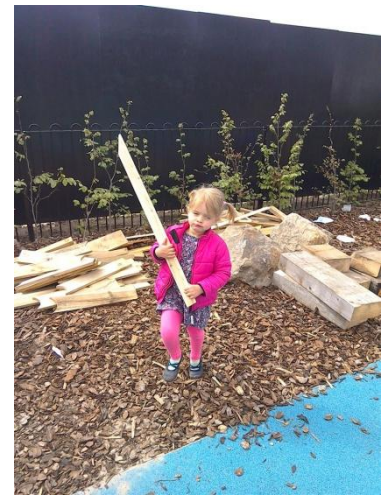
Mud Kitchen / Garden

We have been very busy designing, making and building our mud kitchen. We have also been planting lots and trying to make our outside environment more exciting and stimulating! We are looking for any donations of pots/pan, cooking utensils, drainpipes, pieces of wood, old pallets or kitchen sinks for our mud kitchen and any gardening tools or pots for our planting project. If you have anything lying about, please give it to your child's supervisor and we will make very good use of it!

Coming soon

- A living wall
- Weather wall
- Water lagoon
- Minibeast hotels
- Log piles
- Bird sanctuary
- And of course, the mud kitchen of all kitchens!

All of the above, will be designed and made by the children and will use a variety of recycled materials. We will also be celebrating Recycle Week between 22nd-28th June 2015 as we work towards becoming an Eco Scotland Nursery.



Pizzas!

We used our pizza oven last week for the first time and it was a great success! The pizzas were scored out of ten by a taste test committee and went down a storm! The children were involved in risk assessing the activity and all chose and made their own pizzas. This provided a great opportunity to develop the Literacy, Numeracy, Health and Wellbeing and Technologies curriculum. This will be a weekly occurrence which will make up part of our snack menu.

Staffing Update

Unfortunately I am very disappointed to inform you that our Nursery Manager, Emma Fraser, will be leaving the nursery at the end of this month. Family commitments have meant that Emma will be unable to continue in her role as Nursery Manager. I have advertised this post and will keep you updated as to the successful candidate. I am sure that you will wish to join me in thanking Emma for all of her hard work in helping us get up and running and also to wish her all the very best for her future.

You may also have heard the children talking about "Scott" or seen him in the nursery. Scott is my partner and is a qualified Secondary School teacher who teaches ICT and Technologies. During the school Summer holidays, we are lucky enough to have Scott in working with the children on a number of projects including the mud kitchen and the outside learning environment (as above).

Keep a look out also for our Staff Photo Walls which will be coming soon!

Summer in the City Guide 2015

Please help yourself to one of the Summer in the City Guides 2015 which is available in the nursery. This is a guide to activities and events in Aberdeen for children and young people during the summer months.

Spanish and other things.....

I have enlisted the help of an excellent Spanish teacher who will begin teaching Spanish to the children as of 7th August. This will be a great opportunity to learn a new language.

Other dates to be confirmed:

- Jo Jingles – parents are invited to come in and join in the fun!
- Swimming lessons – these are currently being finalised with the Village Urban Resort Hotel
- Aberdeen Football Club Summer Coaching Sessions with the children and a visit from Angus the Bull!



Guide Dog Puppy Visit

Jude and Lance's Grandma has arranged to bring her Guide Dog Puppy in to nursery on 18th June at 3.15pm. She is happy to visit all rooms but requires consent forms in order to check for allergies. Please alert the nursery immediately if your child has an allergy and therefore should NOT participate in this visit. The Nursery staff will also ask you to sign a consent form prior to Thursday's visit. Many thanks.

Emergency First Aid for Babies and Children – Training Course

I would like to invite parents in to nursery to attend an Emergency First Aid for Babies and Children Training Course. If you would be interested in learning how to do CPR and treat a baby or child who is choking, then this session is for you. You will also learn about bleeding and burns as well as illnesses such as meningitis. The session will last for 1 1/2 hours and is free of charge to any parents who are interested. It will be held over the next few weeks at 6pm once the nursery has closed. If you are interested in attending, please give your name to Kate or Kerry. We will then organise an appropriate date. I hope that you will find this useful and informative.

Parent Helper Appeal

We very much wish to encourage an open door policy, therefore if any parents would like to come in to visit, to teach us a new skill, to tell us about your job or even just to read us a story, please let your room supervisor know. Many thanks.



KingsWellies Policies of the Month

All of our policies are available for you to read. These can be found on our website www.kingswelliesnursery.com and are also in folders situated throughout the nursery. We would REALLY like your feedback on these. I realise that there are a number of Policies and that these are quite a weighty document, therefore I would like to draw your attention to the Policies of the Month. This month's Policies are our Learning and Teaching Policy and Confidentiality Policy. You will receive these in a separate email for your information and consultation.

Please take a few minutes to read these and to give us your comments. We very much value your feedback and opinions and once received, I will collate all comments and will make changes as appropriate to these documents. You can also find paper copies on our reception desk.

Comments, Compliments and Concerns

Please give us your feedback, good and bad! In order to be the best that we can be, we need to know what you are thinking! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any comments, compliments or concerns. I can promise you that these will be taken very seriously and acted on immediately.

