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Two great ways for you to keep up to date with all the latest news from the KingsWellies gang!

Northsound 1 – Superhero Week

Many thanks to everyone who participated in this exciting week. Great fun was had by all. We even had our SUPER CHEF from Entier making a surprise visit! We raised a whopping £185.52 towards Cash for Kids in the local community.



Dolphins

We are delighted to have adopted Rainbow and Eric on long-term loan. One of our VERY generous and thoughtful parents have asked us to take care of them for a wee while! We LOVE them and are just trying to decide the best place to put them so that everyone can appreciate their absolute "fabulousness!"

Here are a much younger Shae and Kasper with the very same dolphins as part of the original dolphin hunt!



Pyjama Drama

We were delighted to welcome Kristine from Pyjama Drama in last week to work with the children. The sessions are very high energy, extremely physical, very noisy and totally imaginative. The children LOVED going to space to collect stars made from chocolate and growing from a caterpillar into a beautiful butterfly!

Kristine will also be coming back to nursery to work with the children on two further sessions – “Slip Slap Slop,” about the importance of applying suncream and “Water Wings and Rubber Rings” about the importance of summer safety. We can’t wait!

Pyjama Drama will also be joining us on a weekly basis to work with those children who have opted in as an extra-curricular activity. Sessions will take place on a Tuesday and a Thursday in the Prime Four management suite at a cost of £4 per class per child. Sessions will run for 8 week blocks. There are still some spaces left! If you would like additional information or to book this great learning opportunity, please pick up a leaflet from Aimee in the office or email kristine@pyjamadrama.com

All children continue to enjoy Jo Jingles and PE sessions on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday also. We try to ensure that all children get as many experiences and opportunities as possible regardless of the days that they are in nursery.



Aberdeen Football Club, lifecycles and changes, summer walks, bus trips, seasons, weather, sun safety, minibeasts, planting, families, friends, school, pizza-making, Father's Day, under the sea, park and library visits, pets, rules, developing independence and much much more.....

The KingsWellies gang will be VERY busy learning about all of the above over the next few weeks. We are looking for anyone who would be willing to take their friendly pets in for a visit. Please let us know. Aimee has already promised to take her horse in again! Ailsia will take in her Komodo Dragon (Rambo) and I am sure that the wellie dogs (Rumpole and Ziggy) will also be happy to make an appearance! Gorgeous puppies Sulli and Ambi, also loved meeting the boys and girls recently.

We will also be taking possession of our very own caterpillars which we will grow into healthy Painted Lady butterflies! This is an excellent learning and teaching experience for our children who will be learning all about lifecycles and changes! **If anyone knows where we could get some frog spawn, please let us know.**

Our curriculum plans are displayed outside each playroom for your information and feedback. If you would like to come in and help out or read a story, please let us know. The more the merrier!



The Wellie Dogs meet the Wellie Chickens!!



Mad Hatters Tea Party

We have 12 grown up boys and girls who will be leaving us at the end of the Summer (or before) to start the next exciting chapter of their lives in P1! As a special treat, they have decided that they would like to plan a "Mad Hatters Graduation Tea Party" to celebrate. The children will plan, organise, prepare, design hats and shop for their special celebration party. The party will take place during the morning of Thursday 30th June. Any boys and girls who do not usually attend nursery on a Thursday, are more than welcome to come along to join their fellow P1s.

Good luck boys and girls! We will REALLY miss you all and wish you the very best wishes for your new careers in P1!



Some dates for your diaries:

Tuesday 31st May – Pyjama Drama – session 1 for toddlers and pre-school

Thursday 2nd June – SINGSONG and Knees-up with Alistair and his guitar (prime four ambassador)

Thursday 2nd June – Pyjama Drama – session 2 (and every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter)

Wednesday 15th June – Pyjama Drama – "Slip Slap Slop"

Thursday 16th June – Visit from Dr Bike (and his amazing bikes) to correspond with National Bike Week. Can he show us how to fix a puncture or change a tyre?

Sunday 19th June – Father's Day. A huge thank you to all of the AMAZING Dads out there!

Monday 27th June – Aberdeen Football Club Coaching Sessions with guest appearance from Angus the Bull!

Wednesday 29th June – Pyjama Drama – "Water Wings and Rubber Rings"

Thursday 30th June – Mad Hatters Graduation Tea Party

Tuesday 12th July – Stay and Play Day in Wellie Tots (Toddlers) playroom – parents please come in and stay and play with us anytime from 4.30pm until 6.00pm

Wednesday 13th July – Stay and Play Day in Wellie Babies playroom – parents please come in and stay and play with us anytime from 4.30pm until 6.00pm

Thursday 14th July – Stay and Play Day in Wellie Beans (pre-school) playroom – parents please come in and stay and play with us anytime from 4.30pm until 6.00pm



Pre-School Reports and Parent's Interviews

The pre-school staff have been busy writing reports for our children who will be moving on to P1. These will be sent home to all parents shortly. There will also be an opportunity for parents to meet with staff to discuss individual progress.

Care Inspectorate

As you are aware, we had our first Care Inspectorate inspection earlier this month. The Care Inspectors spent two full days in the nursery inspecting ALL of our practice. They also spoke to our parents, staff and children. We were really delighted with the feedback which was extremely positive.

The report will be published in around a month. I will be very excited to share this with you all. They also shared with us a range of the parental comments that they had received through our questionnaires. I will publish these on our website for your information. Many thanks again to you all for your ongoing support in our first year – we couldn't do it without you!

All staff have received an extra "Duvet Day" as a thank you for their hard work also. Thank you also to Christine for our beautiful flowers! She was thinking about us even in Menorca!



Free Books for Nursery

Please look out for your **Usborne Books leaflet** which will be coming home with every child soon. There are some AMAZING offers for every age. You could even shop early for Christmas! KingsWellies will also receive 10% of all orders in **free books**! It will be great to re-stock our book corners and to involve the children in choosing the books that they would like to order. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

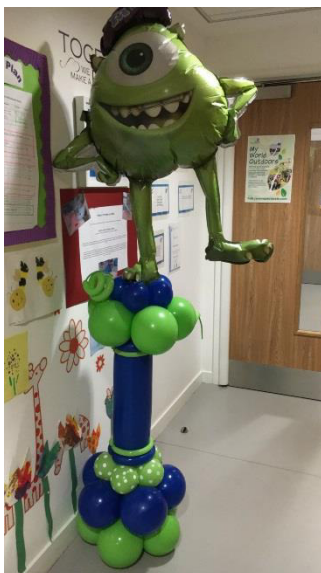
National Bike Week – Prime Four

In order to celebrate National Bike Week, we will be joining the Adventure Scotland and Bike Dr roadshow on the Prime Four forecourt on 16th June. The roadshow will feature scooters, balance bikes, cargo bikes, trikes (even for adults), electric bikes, folding bikes, bikes adapted for disabled users, recumbents and even a penny farthing!!! We are also hoping that the Bike Dr will teach us how to change a tyre, fix a puncture and service our nursery bikes!

Sleeping in buggies

Some of our parents have asked us to allow their children to sleep in buggies or car seats. The Care Inspectorate requested that we make all of our parents aware of the dangers of this. I have copied leaflets from the Scottish Cot Death Trust and these are in the nursery reception for your information. Please help yourself.

Thank you Statoil for our fabulous balloons!



Staffing Update

Good News! It's a girl! HUGE congratulations to Leanne who had a baby girl last week. Baby Effie-Jane and mum are both extremely healthy and we can't wait to meet her! Nico is an excellent big brother! Well done Leanne!

Good luck to Samantha Falconer who has recently left us to work for Camp America in Massachusetts. Welcome also to Hannah and Cassie who have just joined the KingsWellies family.



Some gentle reminders

- PLEASE try to dissuade your child from bringing their own toys and games in to nursery. Staff are spending inordinate amounts of time every day looking for lost items that children have brought from home. We can take no responsibility for lost or broken items. Please see the attached "Loss or Damage to Property Policy."
- PLEASE remember to notify us of your planned holidays in advance. An email or message to your playroom supervisor or the office would be great. This will help us to plan staffing over the busy holiday period.
- PLEASE supply labelled sunscreen for your child.
- PLEASE have a look at our NEW KingsWellies bags for sale. The rucksack is £10 and gym bag is £5. You can place your order for nursery uniform in the office.



Aberdeen City Council – Pre-School Funding for Session 2016/17

If your child is aged three or over, you will be eligible to apply for Aberdeen City / Aberdeenshire Council Pre-School Funding for session 2016/17. If you have previously completed an application form for session 2015/16 (this session) and your child will be staying at KingsWellies, you WILL require to complete and submit these forms AGAIN for the new session (2016/17) which starts in August 2016. The Council have not yet provided me with the NEW application forms. I will however let you know as soon as I receive them so that you can complete and submit them ASAP. Please also attach a copy of your child's birth certificate.

KingsWellies Policies of the Month

This month we have attached our "Loss or Damage to Property Policy" and "Sun Care Policy." Please give us your comments and feedback. This will be used to audit and improve our policies and practices. All of our policies can also be found on the KingsWellies website and in hard copy outside each room.

Comments, Compliments, Complaints and Concerns

Please give us your feedback, good and bad! We are committed to delivering a quality service to all of our families. We are a very reflective nursery and only want to do our VERY BEST for all of our families! Please let us know how we are doing! Your feedback is very important to us.

If you would like this newsletter or any other documentation from nursery translated into another language or an alternative reading format, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Enjoy your summer!



Sun Care Policy

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Sun Care Policy

Young children need special care when they are in the sun. They love playing outdoors, but they are not aware of how the sun can damage their skin. So as adults it is important that we take precautions for them.

Getting sunburnt as a child leads to greater risk of skin cancer in later life, but the good news is that sun damage can be avoided. Experts believe that four out of every five cases of skin cancer are preventable.

It is important that children, especially young children, are given the protection they deserve.

Sun Know How

Health Education Authority 1998

Aims

- To protect children while they are in our care at KingsWellies Nursery.
- To help work in partnership with parents to protect children at other times.
- To help children understand the importance of keeping themselves safe in the sun.

How aims are to be achieved

1. KingsWellies staff to educate themselves about the risks of sunburn.
2. KingsWellies staff to provide protective care over the summer months between April and September.
3. KingsWellies staff to take particular care when children are outside during the hottest part of the day between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. during this period children should:
 - Wear the legionnaire style hats provided
 - Wear clothing covering shoulders and arms
 - Only be outside for limited periods, when it is sunny
 - Wear appropriate sunscreen.
4. Provide shady areas in the playground.
5. Parents will be informed about the nursery policy and be encouraged to keep their children safe in the sun through:
 - A newsletter at the beginning of term
 - Informal information from staff
 - Appropriate use of sunscreen
 - Appropriate eye protection with a brimmed hat and ideally sunglasses with UV filters.
6. At the beginning of the summer term staff will explain to children about the need to keep safe in the sun and how to do this.

Evaluation

- Regular review with consultation of all relevant parties.

Questions & Answers

Why is sun protection important for children and young people?

Skin cancer is one of the most common cancers in the UK and the number of cases is rising at an alarming rate. The good news is that the majority of these cases can be prevented. Most skin cancers are caused by ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. If we protect ourselves from the sun then we can reduce our risk. This is particularly important for children and young people whose skin is more delicate and easily damaged.

There are simple steps you can take to enjoy the sun safely – cover up with clothing and a hat, spend time in the shade and apply at least SPF 15 sunscreen generously and regularly.

What about vitamin D?

We all need some sun to make enough vitamin D. Enjoying the sun safely, while taking care not to burn, should help most people get a good balance without raising the risk of skin cancer. For more information on vitamin D, visit the SunSmart website: www.sunsmart.org.uk

Why have a Sun Protection Policy?

Nursery's and schools have a responsibility to ensure that children are protected from overexposure to UV rays from the sun, and the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) guidelines for skin cancer prevention (2011) recommend that schools and nurserys "develop, implement and monitor a specially tailored policy to ensure people are protected as much as possible". This is particularly important when engaging in nursery based activities such as sports days, outdoor PE lessons, outdoor excursions, where the potential for sunburn is higher. Although fair-skinned people have a higher risk of sun damage, sun care is relevant to everyone.

Developing a sun protection policy is an important step towards encouraging good health now and in the future.

Loss or Damage to Property Policy

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Loss or Damage to Property

KingsWellies Nursery accepts that on occasion children and staff members may bring personal belongings into the nursery. The purpose of this policy is to inform parents/carers and members of staff to the level of responsibility that KingsWellies Nursery accepts when children or members of staff bring their own possessions into the nursery.

KingsWellies Nursery would prefer that children did not bring their own toys and games into the nursery, but accepts that sometimes this is inevitable and unavoidable.

Who is Responsible?

All members of staff have a responsibility to ensure that any personal possessions that are brought into the nursery are kept safe. KingsWellies Nursery will provide a lockable cupboard (in each playroom) for members of staff to keep their bags and other personal belongings secure. All members of staff have a responsibility to ensure that their belongings are placed in the appropriate place and are not left where they could be at risk. KingsWellies Nursery would stress to staff, the importance of not bringing expensive or irreplaceable items into the nursery. KingsWellies Nursery will take as much care as is reasonably possible with children's belongings.

How will the Policy be implemented?

KingsWellies Nursery will take as much care as possible to ensure the security of the belongings of children and members of staff, but overall accepts no responsibility for their loss or damage. New parents will be asked to sign a declaration stating this.

All members of staff will be made aware that KingsWellies Nursery accepts NO responsibility for their belongings, if they have not been stored and locked away in the designated place. All staff will sign a declaration stating this. If belongings have been stored securely and an incident occurs whereby they have gone missing, then KingsWellies Nursery will investigate. In certain circumstances, i.e. the possessions have been stolen by another member of staff or by a child, we will replace the missing items on completion of a claims form but this will be at our discretion.

Members of staff who do not store their belongings in the secure position provided for them, will have no recourse for compensation should items go missing or get lost or damaged.

Loss or Damage to Property Policy

Parents and Carers

Parents and carers should be aware that children bringing personal belongings into KingsWellies Nursery do so at their own risk. KingsWellies Nursery accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to any item that a child brings into the nursery from outside.

Parent / Carer's Name.....

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Loss or Damage to Property Policy

Members of Staff

All members of staff should be aware that they bring personal belongings into the nursery at their own risk. KingsWellies Nursery accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to personal items, unless they have been stored securely in a place designated for this purpose by KingsWellies Nursery (in the locked cupboard within each playroom).

Staff Name:.....

Signed:.....

Date:.....