



Sunflower

Private Nurseries Limited



Newsletter January/February 2010

Welcome

to all the new children starting with nursery this month. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

Happy Birthday

to all the staff and children who are one year older in January and February. Have a fantastic day!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and thank you for all the lovely presents the staff received. We all appreciate it very much.

Fund raising

Thank you also for all the donations and raffle tickets for our Breast Cancer fund raising we have raised £233.

Infection Control

Winter brings with it lots of coughs and colds. To help us combat the spread of these germs please use the hand gel provided at playroom doors for you and your child as you enter the room.

Backdrop

Our backdrop for learning over the next few months will be the community around us. If any parents have connections to the local community i.e. nurse, shops etc please let us know if you have any time to help us out with discovering about these.

We will also continue to focus on literacy and have amongst other things an interactive story bag table for you to use with your children.

In January we will be learning about Robert Burns and celebrating all things Scottish on Burns day. (25th Jan)

In February we will have a busy month celebrating the year of the Tiger during Chinese New Year as well as remembering the importance of being kind to our family, friends and loved ones for Valentines Day. We will also start our Easter celebrations with Shrove Tuesday on 16th February.

Time Capsule

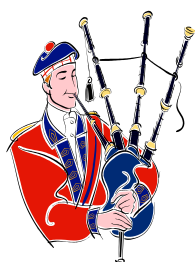
You may have noticed the new construction at the top of our road. The children have been visiting to watch the progress and reading about the structure in local news articles.

We have discovered that it is to be a sculpture of a ship and that two time capsules are to be buried below it.

We have written to the local councillor to find out if we can be included in this project and he has told us that he would be delighted to have us.

With your permission we hope to include photos, drawings, artwork etc to be buried along side other memories of Clydebank at this time.

Janice is leader of this project and will keep you posted on our progress and as always welcomes any suggestions.



Celebrating Achievements

The rainbow room staff and children are becoming more involved in assessing their skills and those of their peers.

One of the ways we have introduced is 'I can do it' sticks where the children indicate whether they think 'I can do it' or 'I need help'.

Another way is through the 'star wall' where children's good work is displayed and other children and staff give reasons as to why they area star that day.

Be sure to look out for your child there.

Staff Training

Staff training this month includes Curriculum for Excellence for all staff, road safety, communication and co-operative play.

Reminder

Just a quick reminder to all parents to **clearly** label their children's belongings to avoid mix-ups and to have a look in your mail pockets each time you are at nursery.

Children's personal folders

As you know we regularly send home children's folders and ask for input for you to be part of their achievements in nursery.

These folders will be sent home again this term. We must stress that they are very important documents that are shown to HMLe inspectors to show them the good work your children have been doing so it is very important that they are kept in good condition and returned to your key worker in the time specified so they can continue recording the new progress made.

Parents' Evening

This year we are having a parents' week to allow more flexibility for parents. Parents' week will be week beginning 1st March and parents are able to make an appointment with their key worker at any mutually agreed time throughout the week. You will be able to look at all your child's work and the work around the nursery at this time as well as chat to your key worker regarding your child's progress.

We will have an open parents' night on Thursday 4th March 6.30-8.00 where parents can come along and again see the work their children have been involved in.

Appointments to speak to your key worker at this time will be limited. Please speak to your key worker to make an appointment for this week.

If this week does not suit you, you can as always pop in or make an appointment to speak to staff or management at any time.

If you have any suggestions or comments you would like to make regarding the nursery or your child's learning please do so and return the slip to the box at the parent's information board.

Name (at your discretion) _____

Comments / Suggestions

