



Kirktonholme Nursery

Drumover Drive

September 2010 Newsletter



Rainbow Room and Little Stars

- **Our Learning** – The learning within the Rainbow Room and Little Stars is focusing on animals at the moment. This has been a children's interest and we are using this to take their vocabulary, communication skills and knowledge forward. We are using various media to develop the children's skills to identify and understand the different types of animals. We are also continuously developing the children's skills to be caring, responsible and independent.
- **Please provide** -Could we ask that all parents provide a set of slippers for your child and ensure these are put on when they arrive at nursery. We are hoping to achieve a shoe free zone within the whole nursery. Also a full set of spare clothes would be greatly appreciated. Could all parents please make sure their child's belongings are labelled!



Tweenies

- **Our Learning** - We are currently working on being together, taking turns and caring for each other. We plan to develop the children's knowledge by looking at how we take care of babies and looking at all of the people around us who help.

Please provide -Could we ask that all parents provide a set of slippers for your child and ensure these are put on when they arrive at nursery. We are hoping to achieve a shoe free zone within the whole nursery. Also a full set of spare clothes and wellies would be greatly appreciated. Could all parents please make sure their child's belongings are labelled! We are hoping to take most of our learning outdoors so please make sure your child is dressed suitably for all weather conditions.

A big farewell to Taylor, Abi, Caiden and Kerris who have begun settling into the 3-5 room and are doing well!

And a very warm welcome to Jessica, Isla, Joseph and Hannah who have just recently started within the 2-3 room.



Busy Bee Room

- **Building independence** – We are currently building independence within the 3-5's and would really appreciate if you could continue this good practice at home. We are encouraging self selection, identifying own name and picture, personal hygiene-washing own face and hands, personal dressing- jacket and shoes and independent feedback to own parents on their day and their learning.
- **Children's learning** – We are focusing on all about me and the body. If you have any useful information or props relating to our focus we would greatly appreciate your help. Please encourage your child to feed back their learning from their day at nursery, this builds their knowledge even more.



- **Please remember** – We require a full set of spare clothes which can be kept in your child's own bag, this is located in our unit in the cloakroom. We are turning our rooms into a slipper zone, please bring indoor shoes to stay at nursery, keep these in your child's bag on their peg and ensure they put these on when they arrive at nursery. Please could you make sure your child is always dressed for the weather. We are hoping to take majority of our learning outdoors which will benefit your child.
- **Our pet frog** -We received a gift from Piccolo nursery in Coatbridge last week, they have given us a frog to take care of and he is now living his tank within the 3-5 room. He is still very small but if you take a close look I'm sure you will see him. The children voted and decided to call him Frogie. We looked on the internet for information and we discovered he is male, he is a grass frog and he likes to eat bloodworms and flies. He also likes swimming.



- **Home links** – We now have two very friendly bears, Ted and Daisy who are living in the nursery.
- Ted is a traveller and loves sightseeing, if you are going on holiday or away for the day let us know and you can take him with you, he comes with a suitcase and change of clothes.



- Daisy is a dancer who loves parties and celebrations, if you would like to take her to a party or celebration please let us know.





Parents Information

- **Snack time** – This is just a reminder to all parents that we provide a morning snack when your child is in nursery and ask that this please not be classed as breakfast. Snacks will begin at 9 and last until 10.
- **This month's question was:**
 “what do you think we should stop doing, keep doing or start doing”
 So far we have had no suggestions. We use these questions to improve our service and would greatly appreciate if you could take the time to comment.
- **Outdoor Area** – We are looking to take the curriculum outdoors and would be grateful of any ideas for developing the outdoor area.
- **Parents Committee** – we are looking for volunteers to be on our committee. We have 4 meetings per year where the committee can be a voice for the parents at the nursery and look at how we can develop our practice and give our children a good start in life. We hope to have our first meeting late September/early October. We will keep you posted.
- **My Nametags** – We have order forms for labels for your child's belongings. They are dishwasher, microwave and washing machine proof therefore are really good for bottles, soothers, spare clothes etc. If you wish to order these visit www.mynametags.com.
- Can we thank all parents for respecting our neighbour's wishes and parking courteously when picking up and dropping of your children.

Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to Jacob Robb on the becoming a big brother to baby Alfie.

A big happy birthday



Kadyn Craig 4
Samuel Stout 4
Taylor Graham 3
Caiden Brown 3
Abi Gibson 3
Caoimhe Neeson 1
Matthew Smith 1

Thank you for your continued support