



Hanover Street Nursery Newsletter
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Welcome back to nursery! And welcome to our new families!

The Nursery Team

We have said a sad farewell to Miss Webster and Mrs Gove, who are both enjoying the next stage in their lives. They have been in touch and pass on good wishes to everyone.

Over the summer holidays, school nursery teams in Aberdeen City Council have been restructured. Nursery Nurses are now known as "Early Years Practitioners" (EYPs) and we have the introduction of a new role, the "Senior Early Years Practitioner" (SEYP). A teacher is also in the nursery.

So, despite our sad goodbyes, we have said some "happy hellos" to new members of our team.

Mrs Sarah Lemmon joins us as our SEYP and Mrs Ludmila Barkovska joins us as an EYP. Miss Mutch will be returning soon, as Mrs Leaper! Congratulations go to her on her marriage. We say "Thank you!" to Mrs Inez Simpson, who has temporarily joined our team, while Miss Mutch has been away.

Children's Comments

Noah: "I like apple. I like oranges. I drink milk!"

Amber: "I like my new nursery. I like it. I like drawing. I need a moustache for Mr Potato Head. He's a boy."

John Ch: "I like playing in the water. I have fun at the water. Minnie Mouse is sliding down like that! Yay!"

Luca: "It's Toby's birthday and now he's 4!"

Elliana: "I got something in my Kinder Egg and if you press it down, the mouth opens. It has a bone because it's a dog. I drew the dog's name on it. It's so cute. I love it!"

Toby: "Today's my birthday. I feel good. We're making the cake today. MY cake!"

Nicole N: "I like playing with the phone. I do ringing. I ring my brother and Natasha. She's my friend. She's got birthday cake."

Nursery Teacher:

Mrs Fiona Williamson (Tues - Thurs)

Senior Early Years Practitioners (S.E.Y.P)

Mrs Sarah Lemmon (Mon - Fri)

Early Years Practitioners (E.Y.Ps)

Mrs Laura Leaper (Mon - Fri)

Mrs Ludmila Barkovska (Mon - Fri)

Mrs Rhonda Gauld (Mon & Tues)

Mrs Candice Westerman (Mon - Wed)

Mrs Morag Scott (Thurs & Fri)

At any one time, there is a minimum of 4 practitioners in the nursery.



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Communication in the Nursery

Open-Door Policy

As you all know, we have an "open door" policy where we are available for communicating on a daily, informal basis. Do keep letting us know the little details - what kind of sleep/morning the children have had, any successes/challenges at home, changes of routine, etc. Little bits of information really do help us support the children better. If you would like to speak more privately, please just say to the team, and we can use the Depute Head Teacher office next to nursery.

Monthly Nursery Newsletter

Outside the nursery, near the policy of the fortnight, you will see a nursery newsletter sheet, listing items to include in the next issue. If there is anything you feel would be useful to share with the other parents in our newsletter, please note it down.

School Website

Please continue to look at our school website: <http://hanover.aberdeen.sch.uk/>. Here you can see the events happening in the whole school, and of course our specific nursery pages. Copies of newsletters and important letters will be on the website too.

New Nursery Mobile: 07741 236509

The nursery now has its own mobile phone. You can now contact the nursery staff directly on this number to inform them of any absences, lateness, appointments, etc. You can also text this number or leave a voicemail. If you need to speak to a member of staff or management about something else, please contact us through the school phone number: 01224 569880.

Signing In/Out & First Aid

Nursery is a very busy place with lots of active play. It can be tricky to remember to pass on important information in amongst all the hustle and bustle. So, we are going to start something new for letting you know about first aid.

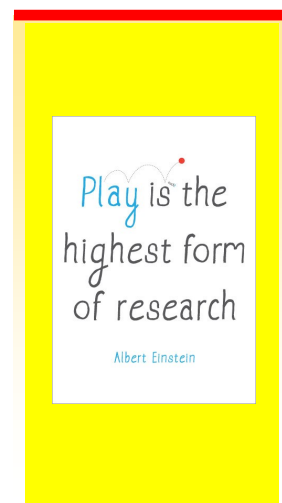


If for some reason, your child has received first aid treatment, the staff will put a sticky star on the signing out section, next to your child's name. This will make you aware of the situation, and point you in the direction of the staff, where they will let you know what was needed, why, and to show you any first aid records. We hope this helps!



Toys from Home

Please be reminded that we have plenty toys to play with in nursery! To prevent loss/damage, we discourage children bringing in toys from home. However, if your child does need a comforter, e.g. a teddy or a blanket, then these can of course be taken in. Opportunities for show/tell of toys and belongings will be given later in the session.



Handy Websites/Apps

For Children:

<http://www.parents.com/fun/entertainment/gadgets/best-apps-for-preschoolers/>

<http://www.jumpstart.com/parents/activities/activities-3-year-old>

www.knowledgeadventure.com

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

For Parents:

www.onlydads.org

www.parentingacrossscotland.org.uk

http://www.youngminds.org.uk/for_parents

www.lovedbyparents.com

Lost Property

Please continue to label all clothing and belongings. Lost property is growing again - have a look outside the nursery for things that may have gone missing! We will keep old wellie boots that have been left behind, which brings me onto the next point...



Outdoor Learning - Whatever the Weather!



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At Hanover Street this session, we are aiming to build up our stock of wellies and outdoor waterproofs.

We would eventually like to have regular trips to the beach and local outdoor areas. But without the proper equipment and clothing, we cannot do this. Please consider donating any old wellie boots/waterproofs that your child may have outgrown. We will let you know about developments with the garden/outdoor trips in the future.



Parental Involvement—Policies of the Month

In nursery, we are looking at refreshing and updating our policies/information booklets. These range from Child Protection to Healthy Eating, and Management of Medication to Multi-cultural and Anti-racist Guidelines.

In order to refresh these policies and to make it meaningful to the pupils and you, the parents, we would like to consult with you.

As of mid-September 2016, you will see a new display outside the nursery - "Policies of the Month." There will be a small table displaying copies of the current policies, which we are focusing on.

There will also be a poster, comment slips and post-it notes, asking you to scribble up ideas about what would be useful for you in the policy.

What are we currently doing that is good?

What needs adapted/improved?

What would you like to know?

What is most important?

How can we involve you more?

What ideas do you have?

To give you time to read and think, do feel free to take a copy of the current policies home for returning later. If you do not feel comfortable with writing up any comments, please see a member of our nursery team who will happily pass on ideas. ☺

The first two policies we are aiming to refresh this month are:

1. **Nursery Induction**
2. **Beginning Nursery - Information for Parents**

Once updated, the policies will become available on the School Website for viewing.



Snack is currently £1.50 each week.

This can be paid weekly, or in a lump sum at the start of each term if you prefer.

The nursery team will let you know when snack fees are due.

Next term we will be consulting about a possible small increase in snack fees. Please let us know if you have any questions.



Learning Opportunities Coming up in the Nursery

- ◆ Rules and behaviour in the nursery—how can we help each other and look after each other?
- ◆ Serving and sharing out snack.
- ◆ How can we make our nursery better? What can we add to the nursery? Do we need to move things?

UPCOMING EVENTS/IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September 2016

Wednesday 21st—Start of Road Safety Week

Wednesday 21st—EAL Service Evening for New Families in Aberdeen @ 6-7pm, Sunnybank School

October 2016

Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th—Parents Evenings for Primary 1 to 7 pupils

Friday 7th—Last Day of Term 1

Monday 24th—Return to school, first day of Term 2

November 2016

Friday 18th—INSET day



Many thanks for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact us at nursery if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Gillian Forbes
Depute Head Teacher

COMMENT/UPDATE SLIP—Please use this space to update us with any new contact details/email address so that we can keep you posted with emails/information. Please add any comments you wish to pass on.
