

Christmas Entertainment

This year we will have a Christmas Party (with a special visitor in a red suit!), a Christmas Sing-a-long, and a trip to the Lemon Tree to see "White." More information will follow in another letter, however the dates are below for your information, for now.



Learning Opportunities

Coming up in the Nursery

- ◆ Scottish Book Week—Monday 21—Sunday 27 November
- ◆ NURSERY BOOK SWAP—Thursday 24 November
- ◆ Working with the primary 2s and 3s to learn how to wash our hands properly
- ◆ Toothbrushing
- ◆ St Andrew's Day (Wed 30 November)
- ◆ Advent (December)



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What has been happening in Nursery this month?

- We've been doing lots of learning and play activities based on the context Autumn. You'll see it all over the displays in the nursery!
- Some mums and dads have stayed and played on Mondays and Fridays. It's been great fun! Sign up to come in the future, if you can!
- Miss Nadine Sey (teaching student) has enjoyed a few weeks on placement here—we say goodbye to her on Friday 25th November
- Miss Chloe Adie and Miss Tracy Wallace (NESCOL Students) are now a settled part of the nursery team every Wednesday and Thursday, completing their HNC in Early Education and Childcare. They will be here at Hanover for the rest of the year!

UPCOMING EVENTS/IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

Saturday 12th - Winter Fair
Friday 18th - INSET Day - School Closed to Pupils
Monday 21st - Sunday 27th - Book Week Scotland
Thursday 24th - Whole School Book Swap (Parents included!)
Wednesday 30th - St Andrew's Day

December

Nursery Inductions for new pupils starting in January
Wednesday 14th, 10am & 1.30pm - P1-3 Nativity at Citadel
Monday 19th - Nursery Parties
Thursday 22nd - Nursery Pupils to the Lemon Tree to see "White"
Friday 23rd - Christmas Service at Citadel, 10am. End of term

January

Monday 9th - Return to school
Wednesday 18th, 25th & 1st Feb - Welcome to new nursery pupils!



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. Thank you. Miss Forbes

Outdoor Learning - Whatever the Weather!



Most of the children are arriving at nursery all wrapped up in cosy and comfortable clothes, and waterproof shoes suitable for the weather. Please be reminded that it is a good idea for the children to have a pair of **inside shoes**, kept in the cloak-room area so that they can change into them on arrival. It can be very clumsy and uncomfortable playing in big, wet wellie boots!

Mr Gibb has kindly supported our plea to use the £500 given to the school, by ASDA's green token scheme, for buying a stock of waterproof clothes for

outdoor learning. If you have any old waterproofs, wellies or hats/gloves, please consider donating them to the nursery.

Toys from Home - SHOW AND TELL

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.

Show and tell days are on WEDNESDAYS and THURSDAYS. We have a small bookshelf outside the nursery where you can put show and tell toys/objects. This means they will be out of reach of other children who may like to play, and accidentally dirty or damage, other children's toys.

Children's Comments

"We've been playing with Duplo. We've builded Police Spaceships!"
Spence & Tyler

"We're brushing our teeth so our teeth can get all shiny!" Eilidh
"I like the sandpit cuz it's noisy!" Blake

"I went to the dentist and he did this (pointing inside mouth), look!" Oliwia

"I like playing with the playdough cuz it's squishy." Amber

"I like there (pointing to the house corner)." Evelina

"I was playing with a REAL egg! DINOSAUR!!" Warren

"It was a coconut egg and my friends are mum-my and daddy." Filip

"I like playing with Hanna. Hanna is nice." Milena

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Additional Support Needs In Aberdeen City Council, and at Hanover Street School

Aberdeen City Council is committed to inclusion and the Presumption of Mainstreaming, as set out in the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Act 2000.

As with every other nursery and school in Aberdeen, we have a number of children in our setting with some Additional Support Needs.

As every child is different and treated as an individual, these needs may be temporary or more long-term. In line with the nurturing and welcoming ethos of the nursery and school, we encourage the staff and other pupils to consider the needs of children and families to make sure everyone feels respected and included.

Please, as parents, if you have any queries about how Additional Support Needs may affect your child at nursery, do speak to the nursery team.

Also, do remember that other parents very much appreciate sensitivity, understanding and patience in these matters.



Monthly Munchies



We were pleased with the turnout from morning parents at our first Monthly Munchies session on Wednesday 2 November.

Some parents said they had been waiting all month for it to come! Sadly, there were only a couple of PM parents who managed to attend.

Our next "Monthly Munch" will be on Wednesday 7 December, at 10.50am and 2.45pm. Please try to come along if you can; it was lovely seeing parents chatter away, getting to know each other.

If Wednesdays are not a suitable day, let the team know. Also, if you are keen to volunteer/set up the

monthly tea/coffee session, just give us a shout!

A suggestion from a parent was perhaps for a speaker to come in and talk to parents on occasions - perhaps people in the community. Let us know what you think...

"The first five years have so much to do with how the next 80 turn out."
Bill Gates

Safety in the Playground

I have become aware of afternoon parents and children arriving early and gathering in the playground. Please be reminded that the playground is a busy place, and at the PM nursery starting time, the primary pupils are out in the playground for their lunchtime. **We ask that parents do not gather in the playground at this time, to ensure the safety of all in the playground.** Thank you.



Sign-up sheets will soon be available for you to choose a suitable time to meet with your child's Key Worker, as discussed in the recent meeting.

We will go through the SHANARRI

indicators so that we can create a full, detailed care and learning plan for your child.

Look out for them near the signing-in sheets at drop-off/pick-up time!

Signing In/Out & First Aid

You'll have noticed we've slightly changed the signing in sheets at nursery.

This is simply to be able to get to know you as parents, learning and using your first names, rather than "Jimmy's dad" or "Jenny's mum".

We hope you don't mind and look forward to getting to know you more!

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. They will tell you what treatment was required, why, and show you any first aid records for signing.



Policies of the Month - Healthy Eating/Snack and Administration of Medication

Thank you to those of you who have responded to the SurveyMonkey questionnaire on the Snack & Healthy Eating Nursery Policy. For those of you who have not looked at it yet, the survey can be found on <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KV6Y9TP> which was on a recent GroupCall text.

The nursery team has put up a new snack display inside the nursery, so you know what is for snack in the coming week. We are working on developing a monthly rota, similar to that of school lunches, so you can view it on the website.

As I am sure you'll appreciate, due to birthdays (birthday cake), cultural holidays and festival (e.g. perhaps noodles and prawn crackers at Chinese New Year), etc., there may be changes in the menu from time to time.



Snack payment for this term is now due. £1.50 per week for a 9 week term = £13.50. This can be paid weekly or in a lump sum, whichever is preferred.

Ways to make playdough!



We've invested in some new equipment so the children can independently try making their own Playdough, without a hob or cooker, or even an adult! We are using 2 cups flour, 1 cup salt, 1 tbsp. oil and 1 cup of water. We'll try some other recipes later, too.

Along with some colours, glitter, herbs/spices and flavourings, the children can make the playdough colourful, smelly and sparkly! To help your child with this multi-sensory experience at home, have a look at this link to see what is possible!

<http://www.learning4kids.net/category/play-dough-recipes/>