



Hanover Street Nursery Newsletter

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What has been happening in Nursery this month?

Valentine's Day:

The children enjoyed making heart pictures in our art and craft area and we also made Valentine Cards for people who are special to us.

For snack we made heart shaped shortbread which was great fun and very tasty!!

Some of the afternoon children went for a walk to the Chinese supermarket and brought back lychees for tasting at snack time.



Chinese New Year:

This was very exciting as we made our role play area into a Chinese Restaurant where we could dress up and listen to Chinese Music.

At our writing table we even tried writing Chinese Letters with some help from Mrs Barkosvka.

Burns Day:

To celebrate Robert Burns we had haggis, neeps and tatties for snack and Leigh in our office even came up to see us in his kilt.

As the school was having a ceilidh we practised some Scottish Dancing and read The Gruffalo in Scots and Doric which the children found very funny.



Message from Miss Forbes

I hope you all had a lovely mid-term break and managed to spoil your lovely little nursery Valentines! I must say I'm glad that the evenings are slowly getting lighter. It will be great to get out to walk about and play in the evenings!

Apologies for the delay in delivering a newsletter to you all. I thought that it was important that you received the whole school newsletter from our new Acting Head Teacher, Mr Alan Markey first. He is certainly settling back in to Hanover very well!

As you may be aware, we have been busy working away on refreshing our policies. These are available on the school website, underneath the 'information' tab. It will take time to review them all and we appreciate your input on surveys, etc.

Please remember you can subscribe to the website, to receive an e-mail notification when anything is updated. I've added a couple of events on the events calendar, also.

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The ASDA Foundation - 'Transforming Communities, Improving Lives'

Our community partnership with ASDA has resulted in us being awarded **£500.00!**

Hanover Primary School took part in the green token scheme and customers chose us to award their tokens to and... WE WON!

Erin Campbell, ASDA Community Champion came into school on Friday 17 February, 2017 to present the cheque.

At our infant assembly (while the nursery boys and girls were at Aberdeen Science Centre), we discussed what a cheque was - like a promise to give money - and how it will go into Hanover's bank account.

The best bit?

The money will be used to buy waterproof clothing for our nursery and infants. This clothing will allow the children to take part in more outdoor learning activities, including the mud kitchen we are slowly developing at school. We are all simply delighted!

Well done boys and girls, thank you ASDA and of course to all the customers (many of whom are parents of children here) who decided to donate their green tokens to our cause!

Shore Porters Donation of Wooden Pallets

Shore Porters, one of our business neighbours, have very kindly agreed to donate some wooden pallets to us at the nursery.

These are for propping up the kitchen cupboards we have in storage, for our outdoor mud kitchen.

We will also use them to create perhaps a musical stage area, or a sensory space and other different activity zones outside.

Thank you Shore Porters!



*I will understand
problem solving, self-
exploration, decision making,
number relationships,
structures, complex
vocabulary, healthy living,
cause and effect, creativity,
imaginative thinking, and my
natural world
when I am big.
Because I play outside
while I am little.
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All About Me Inserts for Children's Learning Journeys

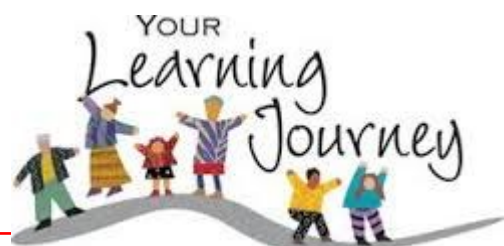
We will be working on updating our All About Me sheets for all the boys and girls' Learning Journeys.

We will very soon be putting a small sheet home with each child, so you can take time to discuss the parts of information with your child.

Then, when the sheets are returned to us at

nursery, we will use them to create a more child-friendly, decorated and personalised copy for the journey folders.

Please, if you'd like to come into nursery to help with these, do see a member of the team!



Health and Safety

Outdoor Clothing:

Please remember that we try to go outside everyday no matter what the weather is like.

Outdoor play is a very important part of the children's learning, therefore please ensure all children have a hat, scarf, gloves and wellies and appropriate clothing with them, to keep them warm and dry when outside in our garden or when we go for a walk.

Indoor Shoes:

Also, please remember to change your child's shoes on arrival at nursery so we can stop outdoor shoes being used inside.



This will help for various reasons; it will stop mud and dirt getting into the nursery and will help the children learn to change their shoes, etc., when going outside.

Monthly Munchies

Monthly Munchies will continue the 1st Wednesday of the Month (March).

Going forward, we will start having a small informal parent feedback session with either Mrs Lemmon or Mrs Williamson. The idea being we will feed back to you what learning the children have been doing in Nursery, important dates coming up and any other important information we think would be useful to you.

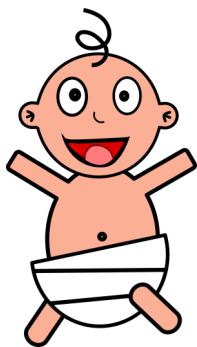
This will also give you an opportunity to feedback

any ideas you may have or general questions regarding the nursery. We will of course have a cup of tea too!!

An agenda will be issued for anyone wishing to attend so they know what the discussion topics will be.

A big thank you to Jocelyn and Whitney, our Parent Council Representatives. They volunteered to speak to other parents at this month's Monthly Munchies to raise awareness of what the Parent Council do and of course, the vital fundraising that they are leading. Thank you ladies!

Staffing



Mrs Westerman had a baby boy, Harrison.

Mummy and baby are doing very well and Mrs Westerman even made it in to the Nursery for us to meet her little bundle of joy.

Miss Sey is starting her next Primary Teaching placement soon. It is actually

at Hanover with our great P7 class. We will miss her but we are delighted to say she will be returning to work with us every Friday and Monday once she is finished. Good luck, Miss Sey!



Nursery Development/ Project Plans

As mentioned back in October's meeting, our 3 nursery development plans are:

- Policies and Practices in the Nursery
- Indoor Environment
- Outdoor Environment/Outdoor Learning.

New notice boards have been ordered for outside the nursery so you can view these developments and the progress we are making towards them.

Until they arrive and are put up, you can find the project plans on the school website, under the information tab.

Learning Opportunities Coming up in the Nursery

- ◆ Musicianship with Mr Warham (Alex)
- ◆ Zumba with Mrs Gauld
- ◆ St David's day—Patron Saint of Wales (Wednesday 1 March)
- ◆ World Book Day—Thursday 2 March
- ◆ Designing and building our mud kitchen!

UPCOMING EVENTS/IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 2017

Mon 13th—Mid-term Holiday
Tues 14th—INSET Day
Wed 15th—INSET Day

March 2017

Wed 1st—Monthly Munchies
Thurs 2nd—World Book Day
Wed 8th & Thurs 9th—Nursery staff attending evening training on floorbooks
Fri 24th—Red Nose Day
Fri 31st—Big Board Game Day
Fri 31st—End of Term

April 2017

Mon 17th—Easter Monday—No school
Tues 18th—Start of term



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