



Our Nursery Values are: Friendship, Happiness, Kindness and Love

Message from Mrs Roy

November has been a busy month in our nursery with parent's consultations, a visit from the photographer, Children in Need PJ day, Odd Socks Day, Road Safety Week and World Nursery Rhyme week! Phew, I'm exhausted just typing all of that in! It's been a jam packed month with lots of learning and lots of fun – as always we thank you for all your support in making these events happen.

Festive fun is the theme for December, we have already started playing some Christmas music and the children have shown an interest in writing letters to Santa. We are looking forward to celebrating this special time of year with your child in the run up to Christmas. Watch out for a special recorded Christmas message from the nursery children!

Messy Play

Messy Play is a **style of play** in which children get to take the lead, explore and learn with their hands, and experience a wide variety of textures and materials. There are daily opportunities in both the indoor and outdoor environment for this. We encourage children to wear an apron at these activities but we would also ask that your child wears clothing that is not brand new to avoid any mishaps.

Sponsor Events

We can now share the total money raised from our 2 recent events.

Spooky Welly Wednesday – £411



This fantastic amount of money will be used to enhance our technologies area in the nursery with the purchase of 4 new Samsung tablets. This idea came from the children and we think it is a great way to spend the money to benefit all of the children.

Children in Need – £50.77

This money has been sent on to Children in Need.

Thank you for all your contributions to these events, it is greatly appreciated.

Wellbeing Indicator of the month – NURTURED

Over the next 4 weeks we will be discussing this indicator with the children in nursery and in school. We will share our learning on Twitter and on our weekly SWAY. Please talk with your child at home about what 'achieving' means and ask them about what they have been learning.



Staffing changes

Mrs Audsley will be leaving us at the end of the month to spend some quality time with her family and enjoy some of her favourite hobbies – golf and gardening. She will be sadly missed but we wish her well.

Miss Paterson has been working with us on Monday's and Tuesday's since April supporting the staff and children of our nursery and will finish with us on the 4th January. We also wish her well for the future and will miss her.

We will be advertising for a new full time Early Years Practitioner to join us in the New Year.





Big Bedtime Read

We are excited to be relaunching our Big Bedtime Read bags with families and children on Monday 6th December. If you haven't returned the initial survey we sent home there is still time to hand it back before Monday.

Every Monday we will have the Borrow Box outside the nursery entrance where you can pick up a book bag to take home for the week. This is optional for families but we would encourage you to give it a go at least once. Inside the bag you will find 5 different books to read over the course of the week with your child. Once you have read the books you simply pop them back in the bag and return to the Big Collection Box. There is a very simple feedback sheet to complete to allow us to evaluate the sessions.

Christmas Parties

We are looking forward to our Christmas Parties. Festive fun will be the theme with some party games, food, dancing and sharing of gifts.

On the day of the party children are welcome to come along dressed in their finest clothes to join in with the fun. Unfortunately, due to the current national guidelines we are still unable to invite parents/carers in to join us. We will take lots of photographs to share with you!



What's happening in December:

Every Monday – Big Bedtime Read Borrow Box

Every Tuesday-Fitness Fun

Every Wednesday-Welly walk

Every Friday – Festive Friday – wear something Christmassy

Monday 6th December – Launch of Big Bedtime Read bags

Tuesday 21st December – PM Group Christmas Party

Wednesday 22nd December – AM Group Christmas Party

Thursday 23rd December – Tuesday 4th January **NURSERY CLOSED**

Wednesday 5th January - Nursery reopens



Reminders

As our children move freely between the indoor/outdoor spaces we are starting to notice some clothing going astray. To support us, and your child, we would appreciate if you could label all items of clothing.

We have our outdoor play space open each day so we appreciate your support in continuing to send in your child with appropriate warm clothing and footwear.

Ways to keep in touch

Follow us on Twitter @ninian_s and on our website <https://stniniansprimary.westlothian.org.uk/article/15719/Nursery>

We also have a school app that you can download to a device.

You can also get in touch by calling us on 01506 414612 or emailing the school office or Miss Fraser –

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