

# Busy Days at Strathfoyle Nursery School

February 2023



What a busy month January has been. The children have shown a keen interest in learning about life in polar lands extending on their exploration of the winter season with the recent 'snowy' weather. They have enjoyed caring for the birds and have taken part in their first Mini Professors sessions exploring 'weird science'. A further five sessions are planned for each class giving the children the opportunity to build on their early observational, questioning and thinking skills.

## Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 7th March** - School Photographer  
Those parents who wish to have a family photo taken, there will be slots available from 8.30am that morning, please let office know if you would like to avail of this.

**Monday 13th Feb—Friday 19th Feb** Mid term break We look forward to seeing everyone back at SNS **Monday 20th Feb**

**Strike Action**—There is a high probability that pre-school provision for your child will be affected on Tuesday 21st Feb 23 due to 'strike action'. I continue to liaise with the Board of Governors on this matter and shall provide you with a further update next week.

**Friday 24th Feb to early June 23**—Weekly Fundamental Skills at the Youth Centre with Maiden City Soccer



## Story Bags

The children continue to enjoy receiving their weekly story bags. We hope they are enjoying sharing their books at home. Due to the disruption caused by the snow recently can we ask that all books be returned this Friday 3rd February'23. They will be re-distributed on Monday 20th Feb'23.



## Mid-Year Pupil Profile Meeting

We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's development across the six areas of learning within the school curriculum. Meetings will take place week beginning 20th Feb'23 and 27th Feb'23 during the afternoon. Look out for suggested times and dates which will be sent out next Thursday 9th Feb'23. If you require a specific day, meeting time please speak to a member of staff early next week.

**School Jumpers:** Please double check that your child has his/her own jumper and names are clearly labelled on all items of clothing. Thank you

**Arriving & Leaving Nursery:** Thank you for your cooperation when dropping off and collecting your child. Please continue to encourage your child to hold your hand coming to and from Nursery School. Can we ask for your continued mindfulness as you park to ensure residential driveways are not obstructed, particularly during 'morning' drop offs. Thank you for your help.



## SNS Getting Ready to Learn

A Happy Health Kids Parent zoom presentation will be arranged in early March about fine and gross motor skills. If you would like to borrow a home learning pack over the half term holidays to build on these skills, please express your interest to a member of staff next week. Packs will be given out Friday 10th Feb'23 and to be returned by Friday 24th Feb'23.

## School Website/Messaging Update

Parents will have received their link to join our messaging service by now, please contact Sarah in office if you have not. If you have not visited our new website yet, please have a look at [www.strathfoilenurseryschool.com](http://www.strathfoilenurseryschool.com)

## Topics

- ♦ We are continuing with "People who Help Us", people we love and caring for animals.
- ♦ Our ambulance visit, date to be confirmed.
- ♦ We encourage the children to bring in any items that will contribute to the development of our tinkering table. E.g. old clocks, phones, cameras, locks/keys, big real nuts/bolts. Thank you for your contributions so far.



## Healthy Living

Just to update you on our snack routine -the children are using cereal dispensers now and continue to enjoy eating a variety of different healthy foods daily.

Our teeth cleaning routine will get under way after the mid term break every Friday, please continue to keep building this into morning and bedtime routines at home.

Mrs Craig will be introducing the NSPCC PANTS Programme to the children as we develop our safeguarding preventative practices further. More information on new initiative "Operation encompass" will be communicated at the end of February.

## Early Mathematical Development

- Counting skills
- Shapes (especially square)
- Size and colour (especially red)
- Sorting, many/few
- Patterns—repeating two favourite colours, clap beats, patterns in the environment

Please help and encourage your child to explore shape colour and pattern at home.



## Key Vocabulary

**People we love** -Valentine's Day, heart, red, pink, love, care, help, kind, hug, smile.

**Early Spring/Birds** - robins, blackbird, bluetit, seed, bird table, bird feeders, crumbs, snowdrops, rain, new eco—words

**People Who Help Us** -Ambulance, Police and Fire Service theme. naming equipment, jobs and what people do. Dentist, vet, people at school, lollipop lady

## Songs and Rhymes

A few minutes each night singing these rhymes with your child will not only be an enjoyable experience, but will help your child's language development and memory skills.

### Five Little Fire-fighters.

*Five little Fire-fighters standing in a row,  
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, they go.*

*Up in the engine with a shout,  
quicker than a wink the fire is out.  
[do 5,4,3,2,1,0]*

### Waiting to Grow

Little white snowdrop just waking up,  
Violet, daisy, and sweet buttercup,  
Think of the flowers that are under the  
snow, Waiting to grow!  
Waiting to grow!

### PEOPLE WHO HELP US (Tune Mulberry Bush)

1. Some people help us every day,  
Every day, every day,  
Some people help us every day,  
At home and at our school
2. The teacher helps us all to learn,  
All to learn, all to learn,  
The teacher helps us all to learn,  
While we are at school
3. The doctor helps us to keep well,  
When we're feeling ill
4. The postman brings mail to our  
door,  
When we get some post



### Birds in the Garden

Greedy little sparrow,  
Great big crow,  
Saucy little tom-tits  
All in a row.  
Are you very hungry,  
No place to go?  
Come and eat my breadcrumbs  
In the snow

### Miss Polly

Miss Polly had a dolly who was sick,  
sick, sick.  
So she phoned for the doctor to be  
quick, quick, quick.  
The doctor came with his bag and his  
hat  
And he knocked at the door with a  
rat-a-tat-tat.  
He looked at the dolly and he shook  
his head  
And he said "Miss Polly, put her  
straight to bed!"  
He wrote on a paper for a pill, pill, pill  
"I'll be back in the morning yes I will,  
will, will

### SQUARE (Tune: Frere Jacques)

Draw a square now draw  
a square now,  
In the air, in the air,  
Make it very big now,  
Make it very small now,  
Draw a square, draw a  
square.