

Busy Days at Strathfoyle Nursery

May 2023
Newsletter

Welcome to May with hopefully better weather on the way. The children will be spending more time outdoors continuing to care for our vegetables and observing their growth over the next few weeks. Please continue to talk to your children about recycling, litter and caring for the garden, the birds and mini beasts too. We are due our Eco Award assessment soon. Are you ready to POP, -PROTECT OUR PLANET—check our website for the Eco May newsletter, check out May Eco Newsletter. Thank you so much for your kind generosity in supporting our fundraising initiative -the sponsored Nursery Rhymeathon which was greatly enjoyed by all the children. The total amount raised by the children was **£1249.50**. What a fantastic effort everyone, we are so grateful. Some of the monies raised will fund our ICT provision and a donation will also be given to charity. As part of our Getting Ready to Learn programme—we have used different methods this year, sharing with you ways of further supporting your child at home. We thank you for your efforts through the borrowing of different materials, promoting their skills further. We hope that you have found the website, Busy Days at SNS information sheet and lending materials useful tools in benefiting your child's early years development at home.

If you wish for your child to borrow a story sack/other activities these will be given out on a Wednesday to be returned by the following Monday. The aim is to give them opportunities at home to further consolidate their skills and show you what they can do. We ask that all materials are returned intact for use by the next class. Please return any story bags still at home and let us know if your child wants any more books to borrow.

Skills and attributes being developed in May at SNS are:

affect others—reach agreement

Language Development: I am trying hard to-

- continue to build on attention and listening skills
- continue to build on sequencing skills as I learn about order -First, then, next

Thinking Skills/Personal Capabilities-I am trying hard to -

- build on ability to observe, identify and record information
- develop ability to persist at activities and those that present a challenge
- develop ability to make simple predictions

PSED - I am trying hard to-

- continue to build on my concentration skills
- continue to develop ability to play collaboratively -work as a team
- develop further awareness of how actions

Key Topics/Vocabulary

We are continuing to extend our Spring theme through growing things and mini beasts. We will be watching the caterpillars grow into butterflies and learn about its life cycle. We will be spending time in the garden looking for and observing mini beasts. A lot of this work is linking to outdoor and Forest School learning as the children continue to care for our vegetables and observe their growth over the next few weeks. 'Under Construction' extends on early mathematical concepts as the children use tape measures, count, recognise numerals, and build on 3D shape recognition. We will be fixing things about the house, drawing plans and working with real tools too.

Fundamental Skills: Please come along, if you can to watch your child taking part in a Fundamental Skill session at the Youth Centre. Please meet us at the Nursery cloakroom entrance, Friday 19th May 2023—Ms Fox's class 9:55am—10:30am, Mrs Craig's class 10:40am—11:15am.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 8th May—Bank holiday for Coronation

Thursday 18th May—Exceptional closure due to local elections

Monday 29th May Tuesday 30th May—School Closed

Every Friday—Fundamental Skills

Every Tuesday—Forest School

Happy Healthy Kids/Table Top Play —Education Works at Pre School

Adults are very welcome to join their children on Wednesday 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st May at 12:45pm, we appreciate that you may not be able to attend every week, it is a good opportunity for your child to share their pre-school crossing and skills and talk with staff about transition to P1 if you have any concerns.

School Uniform

Can all children please bring a light coat to school every day as it can be cool when we are outdoors. If the weather becomes warmer the children can wear lighter clothing e.g. gingham dresses, shorts, please no open toed sandals. Please ensure that hair is all tied back to avoid any unwanted little visitors.

Transition to Primary School

The children are talking more about their new Primary Schools. Through class discussion, well being activities and during role play we will also be helping prepare the children for this stage of their education. We are linking in with our Primary one teachers and schools to ensure a smooth and happy transition for your child. We will be doing yoga sessions and posting Monday Mindfulness activities as we help your child in their transition to Primary One and will upload a bedtime story every Thursday for the next 5 weeks.

Please fill in the P1 Placement Slip on the back page and return to School on Friday 5th May

Safety in the Sun

Although playing in the sun is enjoyable it can be harmful. If we are lucky enough to see the sun, please apply sun cream to your child at home in the morning and provide a sun hat too.



Safety— We will continue to emphasise the importance of road safety/staying safe message. We would encourage parents to make sure that their children are wearing seatbelts, play where it is safe, know where children are at all times and not to talk to strangers. We will be having a visit from The Road Traffic Officer to reinforce these messages further on Monday 19th June 2023

Numeracy

Please encourage your child to develop their counting skills and begin to identify numbers in their environment. Use opportunities indoors and outdoors. Have fun as you are out and about with your child- find numbers in the shops, involve your child in counting grocery items, vehicles. etc.

Using digital devices sensibly

Digital technology has become a major influence in our lives. Managing technology well can help to ensure that it has a positive impact on your child and can help avoid potential problems.

- Give your child your full attention and don't let your phone interrupt your interactions with your child.
- Adopt a routine and stick to it, e.g. no devices at mealtimes or after 6 pm as they can disrupt conversation and your child's sleep patterns.
- Limit screen time and remove all devices from the bedroom at night - balance, supervision and moderation are key.
- Be selective about what they watch and what you watch in front of them.
- Play with your child on their devices to avoid it becoming a solitary activity.
- Ensure the necessary filters and protection are updated - they keep your child safe.
- Work as a TEAM - Talk Explore Agree Manage what your family does online.
- Always log out of your own online accounts and clear your browsing history as even news reports can cause distress to young children.
- Limit the time you spend on digital devices around your children

iPad App's:

- Maths age 3-5
- Playtime
- Paint Sparkle
- Reading Time
- Shapes and Colours
- ABC Letters
- Memory Match



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Songs and Rhymes

Five little s climbing up a 
One flew away, then there were 4.
Four little s sitting on a 
One flew away, then there were 3.
Three little s landed on a 
One flew away, then there were 2.
Two little s looking for some fun.
One flew away, then there was 1.
One little ladybug sitting in the 
She flew away, and then there were none!



If You See a Piece of Litter (tune of Coming Round the Mountain)

If you see a piece of litter pick it up (x2)
If you see a piece of litter ,if you see a piece of
litter,
If you see a piece of litter pick it up.
Then you take it to the bin and put it in (x2)
Then you take it to the bin, take it to the bin,



FIVE FAT PEAS

Five Fat Peas in a peapod pressed
One grew fat and so did the rest
They grew and grew, and grew so fat,
Then the peapod popped, just like that! Pop!
(Fingers grow and clap on the word 'Pop' at end)

Five Little Caterpillars

Five little caterpillars sitting on a leaf,
One little caterpillar fell asleep.
When it woke up it found it could fly.
Now there's four caterpillars and one butterfly.
Four little caterpillars sitting on a leaf.....

I have a little Spider

I have a little spider
And I'm very fond of him.
He climbs unto my shoulder
And then climbs up to my chin.
He crawls down my arm,
And then down my leg,
Now he's a tired spider,
So I put him to bed.

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Child's name: _____
My child will be going to _____ Primary School in September 2023.

Signature of Parent: _____

Please detach this slip and return to school by Friday 5th May 2023

