



Parkhead Nursery Newsletter

October 2024

Planning and Learning

The children were very busy with our focus on the “Stick Man” story recently, where they were creating their own versions of stick people and making props from the story to create their own stories. Also, the children discussed how Stick Man stayed safe throughout the story and referred to how they could be safe both in and out of nursery. The children have also had visits to the local library to explore more of their favourite stories and characters and participate in Bookbug sessions.

We also welcomed our parents and families into the nursery for our first Stay and Play of the term to share our vision, values and curriculum rationale. We would love to thank everyone who attended our event.

This month, the children will be exploring the story of “The Little Red Hen” as part of our planning next week for National Baking Week. We will be exploring measurements and counting as we do our own baking, as well as learning how to work together to each have a role to create a finished product. Throughout the week, the children will be participating in taste testing and exploring how different foods and drinks help to keep us healthy.

Also, this month, the children will be having fun participating in lots of of spooktacular, Halloween experiences in the build up to Halloween. We will be celebrating all things Halloween in the week of the 28th of October until the 1st of November. The children can choose if they want to dress up as their favourite person or spooky character as they create Halloween pictures, treats and masks etc.

Important Dates

School closed

Monday the 14th of October –
Monday the 21st of October
(Nursery remains open)

Flu Vaccine Letters

These have been given out to parents to complete and bring back to the nursery. Please return these before 15th of October.

Please let staff know if you do not want your child to be vaccinated.

Flu Vaccines

Will take place in the nursery on Tuesday the 29th of October.

Together Time

**Monday the 4th of Nov to
Friday the 8th of Nov**

8am -9.30am each morning
12.30pm – 2pm each afternoon
3.30pm – 5pm each evening

Visual Screening for preschool children

Wednesday the 6th of Nov

Parent Consultations

w/b 4th of Nov
w/b 11th of Nov

Home Learning

Thank you to those who have started using their Seesaw QR code to share news, learning and accomplishments from home. This month you and your child may also want to participate in some of the following home learning activities:

Can you read “The Little Red Hen” story at home with your child?

Can you bake your favourite treat with your family and share the recipe?

What are your Halloween traditions? Can you share any with us at nursery?

Amazing Achievements!

We love to share and celebrate the children's achievements both from home and at nursery. Please let us know if your child has celebrated or achieved something at home. This can be shared during drop off or pick up with staff or through Seesaw. We like to share these on our Achievements display for the children to see and through our newsletters.

- Some of our children have been to the doctors for immunisations and been to the dentists for check ups where they have been very brave!
- Arlo has been looking after his plants in the allotment to help them grow.
- Izzy has been practising her letters and numbers at home and doing great with them!
- Orla has been creating an amazing scrap book of the important people in her life!

We need your help...

- Do you have any herbs, seeds, plants or compost that we could use to continue to develop our growing garden?
- Do you have any helmets that the nursery could use to support children riding on the bikes and scooters?

Communication

We hope that you feel you can come into the nursery and chat to a member of our team if required throughout the week. However, if you can't speak to us at collection or drop off times, and need to speak to a member of staff about any concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch by telephone (**01506 871404**). You can also arrange for an appointment to speak to a member of staff in person if required.

If you need to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team then please contact Miss Griffiths (Mrs Gordon from 25th October onwards).

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Important Information

New Principal Teacher

Our Principal Teacher Miss Griffiths, will be going on maternity leave after the October break. We will have a new Acting Principal Teacher Mrs Zoe Gordon who will take on this role during Miss Griffith's absence. We would like to extend a warm welcome to her from our Parkhead ELC community.

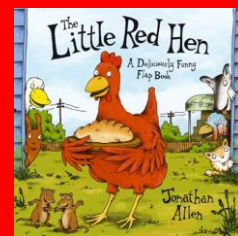
Parent Consultations

The parent consultations will take place during the weeks of the 4th of November and the 11th of November, between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. These will be 10 minute slots for each family. Please check with the nursery to book a slot with your child's key worker.

Little Reminders

- We kindly ask that all parents bring a bag to nursery with their child which has at least 1 full change of clothes in it.
- Please can you make sure you label your child's belongings with their name to ensure their items are not misplaced or lost? We have lots of clothes in our lost belongings box. Please check this when you can.

The Book Nook



Please feel free to watch the online video with the story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJTJvwgJnGc&t=283s>

Some nursery songs to become familiar with:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-mi79hRcSXI>