



monthly Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2025



WELCOME TO PARKHEAD NURSERY

Welcome to all of our new families joining us at Parkhead Nursery and to those who are returning with their child moving up into their pre-school year.

We would love to hear about your experience so far at Parkhead Nursery, what's going well and if there's anything you would like us to improve on this year.

Please follow this link to take part in our parent survey:

[Parent Feedback](#)

I look forward to getting to know you and your family throughout the year.

Mrs Warden
Principal Teacher

UPCOMING EVENTS

11th September – Flu vaccines

9am -10.15am and 10.45am – 12pm
1pm-2pm and 2.30pm-3.30pm

Friday the 19th – Monday the 22nd September

Schools closed. **Nursery open**

Schools return on Tuesday the 23rd of September

Monday the 29th of September

Welcome Stay and Play –
10.30am – 11.30am
2pm – 3pm

STAY AND PLAY

This is a welcome Stay and Play for our families into the nursery. We kindly ask that only 1 adult attends at the moment to ensure the room doesn't become too busy or overwhelming for the children. This is a chance to see the nursery, meet the staff and children and participate in some experiences with your child. The adult can be any member of the family over the age of 16 and unfortunately, we ask any siblings to remain at home. If your child does not attend this day, you are welcome to come along with your child to join us for 1 of the Stay and Play sessions. Also, if your child is a full day session, you can choose a session or have a different adult attend each session.

Seesaw

We use the Seesaw app to communicate with you individually about your child's learning and development in nursery. If you have an older child you may be familiar with the app as it is also used in our school from P1-3. After your child has started nursery, you should be given a QR code to help you set up a parent account that will connect you to your child to allow you to see learning observations posted by our EYPs. Please ensure you use the same email address that you gave on your child's induction paperwork when signing up for a Seesaw account. Your child will also have their own log in that we are supporting the children to use in nursery to share their learning with you. This could be in the form of a photograph, video or audio file.

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. 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 Mrs Warden.

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PLANNING AND LEARNING

We have been introducing our children back after the summer and welcoming our new families into the nursery and building our relationships with both the children and their families. This has led us to our new focus of 'Our Families' within the nursery where the children have been telling us who is in their family, what their roles are within the house and what their jobs are outside of the family home. We have also been learning about the different types of homes we have i.e. flats, bungalows, house, and the rooms we have within the house. From these discussions, we have been focusing on stories that relate to this, including "Goldilocks and the 3 Bears", "Same Families" and "The 3 Little Pigs." Throughout these, we are starting to explore the similarities we share within our families and amongst our friends, as well as the differences we have. This included exploring different sizes, hair, eye and skin colour, age and characteristics such as being funny, kind or loud.

We will continue to explore "Our Families" over the next few weeks while learning about our SHANARRI indicators within the nursery.



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 send photos of your child's family to create a family tree within the nursery?
- Can you share any achievements of things you like to do at home or any clubs your child attends so we can discuss and celebrate these with the children?
- Can you read a story about families and share this with us? We can then read this within the nursery as a familiar story.

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. We would love to share the biggest achievement of how amazing our children have done in nursery since returning from the Summer or starting with us in August. This is a big step and all have been very busy during their time.

We will be focusing on the characters Healthy Henry and Nurturing Nicolas throughout the next few weeks to support the children settle into the nursery routine and continue to build friendships and attachments. This will be supported with the re-introduction of our "Parkhead Panda" who will be invited to go home with a different child each weekend for a sleepover and practise our SHANARRI indicators.

PARKHEAD PANDA

Our Parkhead Panda is our nursery adventure ted. He will be given to a child each weekend for the opportunity to stay over at their house and be part of their family. Along with the Panda, there will be some clothes and accessories to support the Panda's stay as well as some ideas on how you can promote "Healthy Henry" and "Nurturing Nicholas". During the Panda's stay, we would love it if you could share some of the things that you did together. This can be through uploading photos, notes or videos to your child's Seesaw using their QR code, or writing about or drawing a picture of your time together in the notebook provided.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

WE ARE DEVELOPING OUR GARDEN AND LOOKING TO HAVE OUR CHILDREN HELP PLANT SOME MORE FLOWERS.

DO YOU HAVE ANY SEEDS OR BULBS WE COULD USE?

WE WOULD LOVE TO DEVELOP OUR WORKBENCH AND ARE LOOKING FOR SCREWS, NAILS, BOLTS, NUTS, GOLF TEES, BOTTLE LIDS ETC. FOR THE CHILDREN TO USE WHILE EXPLORING THE TOOLS.

THE BOOK NOOK



IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE BOOK AT HOME, WHY NOT WATCH THIS VIDEO
OF THE STORY WITH YOUR CHILD

(CLICK ON THE LINK UNDERLINED BELOW)

Goldilocks and the Three Bears Story

HERE ARE SOME SONGS THAT YOU CAN SING TOGETHER:

Finger Family Song



Miss Polly had a dolly Song

Five little ducks song

