



monthly Newsletter

OCTOBER 2025



Parkhead Panda

Our Parkhead Panda has started going home with children each week with a little red bag and some belongings.

We kindly ask that each family looks after the panda, clothes for the panda and books. The toothbrush and toothpaste are for the children to keep. You will also find a jotter to note down what your panda has been doing and a page for your child to draw a picture of their panda or family. Parkhead Panda has their own seesaw account which we will display in the play room and on the plasma in the cloak room to show the other children Parkhead Panda's adventures.



HALLOWEEN STAY AND PLAY PARTY

We invite you to join us on Friday the 31st of October between 10am and 11am for our spooktacular Halloween party within the nursery. You are welcome to join us as your favourite superhero, witch, pumpkin, spooky ghost or princess. Parents are welcome to dress up too! Within the party, everyone will have access to some fun Halloween experiences, dances, a spooky story and some scary snacks. All children are welcome to attend with an adult. We kindly ask that younger siblings remain at home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

7th October

- PPA Meeting in school 7-9pm (All parents welcome)

9th of October

- Vision screening - 9am
- Nursery and school photographs - 9am until 3pm

20th of October

- Schools closed - nursery remains open
- 28th of October - schools return

W/B 27th of October and W/B 3rd of November

- Parent consultations - book your appointment - 10 minutes at a time

Friday the 31st of October

- Halloween stay and play - 10am to 11am

Gentle Reminders

- Please ensure your child has a set of spare clothes within their bag each day and this is brought to nursery with them.
- We kindly ask you to make sure you name all of your child's items as they all look similar and can easily be lost or mistaken for someone else's belongings.
- Please encourage your child to leave any toys or belongings from home, at home so these do not get lost or broken.



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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WEBSITE: <https://parkheadprimary.westlothian.org.uk/>

PLANNING AND LEARNING

The children have been continuing to explore the focus of "families" so far in the nursery where the children have been using what they have learned about different types of families, homes and people and incorporating it into their play. This has involved a lot of role play with the babies and other children in the house corner, building homes and beds for each other in the construction area and completing daily tasks such as chores, shopping etc. The children have been using these skills to then look after our Parkhead Panda at home for a few days and sharing these experiences through seesaw.

With the change in the weather recently, the children have become interested in the season of Autumn and the changes that occur during this time. The children went on a local walk around our community to collect natural resources including leaves, twigs, acorns, conkers etc. These have been used within our play and to make collages and pictures of our homes. Throughout this interest, the children will continue to learn about the changes that occur in the leaves, the animals that they may see, the temperature and the nights becoming darker. This will lead into investigating hibernation and the things may need in the Autumn during play i.e. warmer clothes, torches etc. We aim to continue this throughout the month of October and begin to explore Halloween before our Halloween party and stay and play on the 31st of October.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

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.

We are looking for empty soap dispensers for the children to use to distribute their own paints.

AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS!

Izzy has been learning to play her uncle's electric guitar.

Cameron and Joshua have learned to ride their bikes without stabilisers.

Jack was an amazing page boy at his aunty's wedding.

Millie has learned how to make a banana loaf and knows which ingredients she needs.

Dahlia has been very brave and went on a pedalo and water walking on holiday.

Rocco learned how to fly while in Manchester.

Home Learning

CAN YOU GO ON AN AUTUMN WALK TO COLLECT THE MOST LEAVES, TWIGS AND ACORNS?

CAN YOU CREATE THE PERFECT BED OR SHELTER FOR AN ANIMAL TO HIBERNATE IN?

CAN YOU READ AN AUTUMN STORY TOGETHER?

WEST LOTHIAN COLLEGE

We were recently invited to West Lothian College to the Childcare students' outdoor classroom to explore the woodland area and be part of the experiences on offer within this. The children were very excited to travel on a bus to the college with their peers and meet new people. Here, the children were observed climbing trees, building forts, painting leaves, making clay animals, creating tree decoration and collage gluing pictures. They also enjoyed some snacks and drinks in the outdoor classroom. It was a huge success with smiles all round! We will be sharing the photos of this with our parents and hope to have this opportunity again.

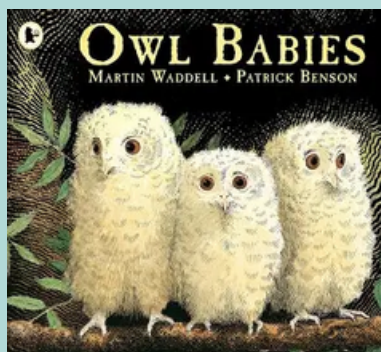
PARENT FEEDBACK

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](#)

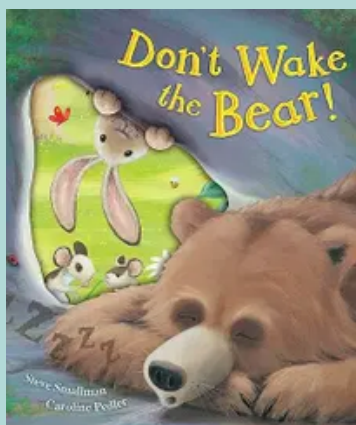
THE BOOK NOOK



If you don't have the book at home, why not watch this video of the story with your child

(click on the links underlined below)

[Owl Babies](#)



[Don't wake the bear](#)

HERE ARE SOME SONGS THAT YOU CAN SING TOGETHER:

[Autumn Leaves colour song](#)

[Autumn leaves are falling down](#)

