

# Yokerburn Nursery

## Parent Newsletter November 2023



# hello winter



### SPONSORED WALK

The children recently took part in their Sponsored Pumpkin walk and a wonderful time was had by all. Firstly, we would like to thank all the parents/carers who came along to volunteer on the walks - your time was greatly appreciated and we hope you had some fun too!

We have raised:

£1,098.10



Thank you so much to everyone who sponsored the children - what an amazing amount raised!



### WINTER CLOTHING

The weather is getting very cold now, with some frost! We would ask that you please ensure that your child comes to nursery with a warm waterproof jacket, scarf, hat, gloves, wellies and a bag (with a spare change of clothing). If the day is mild we would ask that you please put these warmer items in your child's nursery bag as the weather can change very quickly. The children play outside every day and warm clothing ensures to make this experience as enjoyable as possible.

To help us identify any lost items we would ask that you please label all clothing and shoes with your child's name. We have teamed up with **My NameTags** - a website where you can order name labels for your child's possessions. These labels are easy to apply and can be used on clothes, shoes, water bottles, toys etc - they are microwave proof and stay on in the wash! If you wish to order labels these can be purchased via [www.mynametags.com](http://www.mynametags.com) - please make sure you quote our **School ID: 108839** when ordering!

Due to recent staffing shortages staff members may be covering in different rooms and may not be familiar with your child's clothing and shoes. If your child is sent home with any clothing that is not theirs we would ask that you please return it to nursery and we can make sure it gets back to its rightful owner.



### WINTER ILLNESS

If your child is unwell and unable to attend nursery we would ask that you please contact us by phone on 0141-952-9962 at your earliest convenience.

We would also like to remind parents/carers that if your child has experienced any sickness and/or diarrhoea they must be off nursery for **48 hours from the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea**. This is vitally important to prevent the spread of illness within the nursery.

We would ask that you please consider if your child will be happy to attend nursery when they are unwell. Although children can attend if suffering from a cold or mild illness they may not be feeling themselves within the playroom environment and may not feel entirely comfortable. We would ask that you please consider this before sending your child to nursery unwell.

If your child takes unwell at nursery we may call you to request that your child is collected. This is only done in the best interest of the child and we would ask that you please arrange collection of your child as soon as you can.



### STAFF NEWS

We would like to welcome Tracy Donald to our team as acting Team Leader. Tracy will be based in the Lomond Room, working with our 3 - 5 children. For parents/carers of the Giraffe group (Ash's group), Tracy will be the temporary keyworker contact.

Janice has now retired and will be greatly missed by staff and the children. We are planning on holding a 'wee afternoon' to say goodbye and wish her well!

Lorraine is also retiring at the end of December and we sadly have to say goodbye to her too!

Both Lorraine and Janice have worked in the nursery for a long time and will be sorely missed.



### SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Primary 1 enrolment took place between **Monday 6th November - Friday 10th November**.

If you have not yet enrolled your child for Primary 1 please ensure this is done as soon as possible. If you require any help or assistance with completing the form please feel free to pop into the office where we will be happy to help!

(If you wish to enrol your child for the start of the new school session in August 2024, they must have attained the age of 5 years between 1 March 2024 and the 28 February 2025).

Applications can be found by visiting Glasgow City Council website, click "*Schools and learning*" then "*Enrolment*". <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/18426>

If you are considering deferring your child from starting Primary 1 in August 2024 please still proceed to enrol your child for August 2024 pending outcome of Deferred Entry Application.

If you are also considering a placing request application, details of this can be found on GCC Web page "*Schools and learning*" "*Placing Requests*". Please note, you must register your child in your local catchment school before submitting a placing request application.

If you have any enquiries in regard to the process for P1 enrolment, please contact Glasgow City Council on 0141 287 8000, or email [cbshub@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:cbshub@glasgow.gov.uk).

## Room News

### Nursery Rhyme Week

The children in all rooms have been enjoying taking part in World Nursery Rhyme Week! The children have been learning a different nursery rhyme each day.

### 3-5 Rooms

We are talking with children about keeping safe and have invited our Community Police Officer, Mark, to visit and chat with us. Children will get the chance to ask Mark questions and investigate police uniforms and equipment.

Last month we discussed pirates followed by a treasure hunt. Children also took part in role play imaginative experiences and had opportunities to use early maths skills, counting, number recognition and sorting tasks. We also talked about our families and Brooke has developed a lovely wall featuring photos from home. Thank you to parents for providing these.

We also have been able to purchase some new furniture and craft materials recently for all of our rooms.

Elizabeth (formally from Duntarvie Preschool Development and Assessment Centre) and Belle (Support for Learning Worker) have visited both 3 - 5 Rooms over the last few weeks looking at our environments. They will share thoughts on improvements and strategies to support many of our children including language and communication strategies, sensory preferences and stage appropriate play opportunities.

### 0-2 (Wee Nessie's) & 2-3 (Kelvin) Rooms

We have been exploring our local area during walks outdoors and enjoyed our recent Sponsored walk around the Campus. On our last walk we collected some branches and these are going to be used for our Talking Tree in the Wee Nessie's room. We hang all our new words and sounds on the leaves.



### Parent Meetings for 3 - 5 Room Children

We had planned to hold parent meetings recently, however due to the Industrial Action and short staffing, it has been difficult for us to arrange these.

We understand parents/carers would appreciate feedback on how their children are progressing, so we have put a date in the diary for **anti-preschool children only**. Keyworkers will speak with you to arrange a 20min discussion for either during the day or early evening of **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023**.

Room 1 - Staff team is Brooke, Belquis, Amber. Karen, Angela/Jill & Cindy

Room 2 - Staff team is Orla, Jakki/Kirsten, Ash (currently Tracy - keyworker) and Claire

In March 2024, we plan to meet with parents/carers of pre-school children. Prior to your child attending school, we put together a transition document with information on your child's development. This document will be available around this time, which we can discuss at the parent/carer meeting. However, if any parent/carer would like to request an individual meeting for their pre-schooler before March 2024, please speak to Mary.



### Foodbank Donations

As we have done successfully over many years we will be collecting donations towards prizes for a Christmas Raffle (first prize is always a lovely Hamper of goodies) Any miscellaneous gifts you are able to donate would be greatly appreciated! Please note we cannot accept alcohol donations for raffle prizes. We are also collecting tinned foods, dry goods etc for a donation box to our local Trussell Trust Foodbank who are always very grateful. You will find the food bank donation box in the foyer throughout December. Anything you can donate is greatly appreciated!



### Children in Need

Children in Need takes place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Children can wear Pudsey clothing or their pyjamas if they wish, however this is not necessary.



### CHRISTMAS

Christmas is just around the corner and we have lots of fun activities planned! See the list of dates below:

#### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Sing a long**

Your child can wear their favourite festive jumper (or t-shirt) for the day where we will be singing some of our favourite Christmas songs! We will be inviting our parents/carers along to join in the festive fun. More details to follow..

#### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - 3 - 5's Room 1 (Nevis Room) Christmas Party**

Christmas Party. Times yet to be confirmed

#### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - 3 - 5's Room 1 (Nevis Room) Christmas Party**

Christmas Party. Times yet to be confirmed

#### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - 0- 2 & 2 -3 Rooms Christmas Parties**

More details to follow...



### SANTA VOLUNTEER

Are you feeling extra festive!? We are looking for a volunteer to dress up as Santa for the children's Christmas parties. Please do get in touch if you are available to do this for our children, a Santa outfit will be provided.



### WIN BIG THIS CHRISTMAS!

We will be running our Christmas Lucky Numbers game again this year - pick a number and pay £2 to be in with a chance of winning **£100!!** Look out for the lucky numbers board in the foyer throughout December to take part! You've got to be in it to win it!



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Christmas Holiday **TERM TIME** - Finish Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023  
Re-open Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Christmas Holiday **52 WEEK** - Finish Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023  
Re-opens Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024