

Penilee Nursery School Newsletter March/April 2024

Diary Dates

PEEP Sessions **Health Week begins-** 11th March **Easter Fun Week begins-** 25th March
(Information below)

Spring Holiday/Easter: For Term Time Families- Friday 29th March and reopen Monday 15th April
For 50 Week Families-Friday 29th March and Monday 1st April

Teaching and Learning: Last term staff observed children closely to see what their interests were. This information will be used this term to ensure children are offered provocations to engage them in learning experiences that will be based round what they want to do. These are the interests we will be basing learning experiences round:

**Building amazing structures *Pretend play with small world *Skilfully creating art with nails and shapes (TapTap) *Creating marvellous models, houses and animals, in the junk area*

**Board games with friends *Games to show matching skills *Having the best fun using our digital Sphero in the art area *Making sandcastle, pizzas, cakes in the sand *Imaginary play involving dinosaurs and fairies outdoors *Being ECO warriors gathering the rain water to use in other areas outdoor*

**Water play in the discovery area using interesting vessels and instruments.*

The Global Goal we will be exploring is 15- Life on Land.

Please see attached clip on SeeSaw messages that will tell you all about GG15.

Children's Diary Dates There are also some dates in the nursery diary that we will be focusing teaching and learning on and finding out more about.

---Ramadan Starts:12th March ---World Book Day:7th March ---Celebration Day: 27th March

**Please note we do not expect children to dress up for World Book Day as we know this can be an unwanted cost, as well as a possible point for a stressed morning for families.*

**On Celebration Day children's achievements will be celebrated and documented on their Celebration stickers as well as through party snack and dancing and games.*

Partnership Events: Book Bug Sessions in Penilee Community Centre every Thursday. Please contact Catriona or Carol-Anne if you would like to come along.

Book Bags (Lending Library) are chosen every 2 weeks by your child. Please take them home and enjoy 10 minutes with a cosy story. Children's artwork is also placed in the bags for you to store in a safe place at home. Children's artwork can also be collected from their group art box at the register station...feel free to have a wee check for their masterpieces 😊

Visits to Deanfield Care Home will be confirmed once we have firmed dates up. Children will be visiting the care home garden to care for and nurture the seeds and bulbs they have planted in the area that the care home have gifted to us.

PEEP Sessions: Our family learning programme returns on Tuesday 27th February at 10.30am and 2.00pm. Week 1 session is all about Musical Interactions.

Information on this has been and will continue to be posted on Seesaw weekly.

The topic cards for each session will also be shared on Twitter and Seesaw a week in advance.

Sessions will run weekly with a different focus each week for you and your child to participate in.

Week 2-Tuesday 5th March: Exploring Movement

Week 3-Tuesday 12th March: Exploring Numbers

Week 4-Tuesday 19th March: Mark Making

Week 5-Tuesday 26th March: Environment Print

Please let Catriona or Carol-Anne know if you would like to joining with these sessions

Nursery Business- We have formed a partnership with Linburn Academy after inviting some students in to sing and sign Christmas Songs. Every Tuesday morning, Ricardo and his keyworker from Linburn, will be joining us again this year for an hour to take part in some tasks in nursery.

The students we have this year are:

Maddison, NC Childhood Practice, who will be with us on Mondays and Tuesdays until June

Mariam, NC Childhood Practice, who will be with us at the end of the week until June

Health Week- During health week Team Penilee will be promoting all things healthy from staying safe to healthy foods and taking part in activities to promote health and wellbeing through fun exercise to yoga sessions.

Easter Fun Week- Children will be taking part in various fun experiences to celebrate Easter.

Below are some examples of what children will be engaging in:

Easter hunt

Decorating Eggs

Easter treats throughout the week

Learning about the event around Easter

Stay and Play- Thank you so much for coming along to our Stay and Play session. We always look forward to opening the nursery up to our families and the children really love that they can show you round their nursery. Please let us know if you have any suggestions of themes or learning ideas for the Stay and Play sessions ahead.

Seesaw- We are relieved that it has been confirmed that Glasgow City Council have made the decision to fund Seesaw for another year. Given this, all learning, teaching and messages will be shared on this platform. We would be so grateful if you engaged as much as possible through likes, comments and sharing information on how you have followed your child's learning. We would love to hear about any achievements from home for example learning to swim, riding a 2-wheeler bike, giving up a dummy, getting certificates for activities out with nursery. It would be fantastic to celebrate these achievements with your child and Team Penilee

Garden Development- I am sure you will agree that our outdoor spaces are beginning to take shape. I would like to say a huge thanks to the children, grown-ups and families of Penilee Nursery for all their work and contributions 😊 This is an ongoing project, therefore, we will thankfully accept anything you think may be useful for the children's outdoor space all through your child's time at Penilee and beyond!!

WANTED....Please😊 As well as items for developing outdoors we would really appreciate if you had any old reading or sunglasses for the children to use when dressing up (we will take the lenses out). We would also appreciate if you had any old clocks or watches that you do not use, working or not working. Thank you, as always, for your help.

Personal Care: As children may get wet due to taking part in water play or having a toileting accident you must ensure that you provide several changes of clothes (Tops, bottoms, pants and socks). Please check your child's bag daily to make sure they have enough clothes as well as to ensure wet clothes are collected from the changing area. This will save any inconvenience that may be caused by calling you to bring clothes to the nursery for your child. Thank you for your co-operation.

Lost Property: We have a coat stand with lost property and cannot match them to their rightful owners as there are no names on them. The coat stand is located in the main entrance.....have a wee look.

As mentioned before..... please, please, please put your child's name on their belongings to ensure they are matched to the correct owner.

Keeping Connected

Seesaw: Check this out daily for important information on your children and the life of the nursery.



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As always if you have any comments or suggestions please email or call using the details above.

Thank you for your continued support *Amanda and Team Penilee*