



## New Machar Nursery Newsletter



August 2017

A warm welcome to all our new children, parents/carers and returning families to the nursery. We hope you settle in well and enjoy your time with us at New Machar Nursery. Returning families, you may notice we have had some building work completed over the holidays. We now have a purpose built changing area for changing children. Nursery staff have worked tirelessly to ensure the nursery is looking fab for the children's return!

### What we are learning?

We will start this session by familiarising the children with their nursery, the school environment and the staff working within it. We will work with the children to find out their interests to enable us to provide stimulating learning opportunities over the next term. We are always keen to listen to the children's ideas about what they would like to learn and encourage parents to share ideas with the nursery team. If you have any ideas please let us know!

### Staffing

We have had some changes to staffing over the holidays. Mrs E Johnston has left her post as Lead Practitioner. Mrs G Bruce will take up post of 'Acting Lead Practitioner' until the post is advertised. In the interim staffing will be as follows;

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Orange and Yellow	Miss Fair Mrs MacInnes	Miss Fair Mrs MacInnes	Miss Fair Mrs Coleman	Miss Fair Mrs Coleman	Miss Fair Mrs Coleman
Red and Blue	Mrs Bruce Ms Rhodes	Mrs Bruce Ms Rhodes	Mrs Bruce Ms Rhodes	Mrs Bruce Ms Rhodes	Mrs Bruce Mrs Steel

**Mrs Steel will continue to work across both sides of the nursery.**

### Cloakroom area

Remember to check our noticeboards in the nursery areas to keep you updated as to what is happening on a daily basis. We do try to encourage the children **not** to bring toys in to the nursery to prevent them getting lost or damaged. If your child does bring something please feel free to leave it in their bag in the peg area. We also thank you

for your co-operation by keeping buggies outside the cloakroom area. Please also remember to check your child's tray, daily, for letters and pictures.

### **Clothing**

Please make sure that your child comes to nursery with suitable footwear and clothing for indoor and outdoor experiences. Days that start off with nice weather can change quickly and so please ensure that your child always has a jacket with them. Sometimes we get involved in activities which are a little messy, such as gardening and painting, so please ensure that your child comes with practical clothes on to allow them to play freely without fear of getting special clothes dirty.

### **Free-Flow**

This term the Nursery staff will be facilitating daily free flow play sessions. This is when children can play in either of the Nursery rooms or outdoors. Children develop their skills of independence, by making choices as to where they would like to play. Children also experience more play opportunities.

### **Website**

There is now a Nursery tab on the school website and we will endeavour to add photos, videos and information more frequently. Please have a look!

[www.newmachar.aberdeenshire.sch.uk](http://www.newmachar.aberdeenshire.sch.uk)

You will find a Nursery tab along the top menu.

### **Policy of the Month**

We will be introducing a Policy of the Month. Please find copies on the noticeboard and we would welcome feedback on the post its available.

### **Care Plans**

Later this term, you will receive a care plan to complete. This is to provide nursery with information to help us fully support your child. Thank you for your cooperation in their prompt return.

### **ILD**

Please remember to check Interactive Learning Diaries regularly. Nursery staff love seeing learning which is happening at home- so please do add any special events. If you are having any problems logging on, please speak to the nursery team or you can email Miss McPherson (DHT) for support. [Kathryn.mcpherson1@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:Kathryn.mcpherson1@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

### Dates for your diary

- Coffee morning for Nursery parents - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September-

AM-parents/guardians- 9.10-9.40 and PM-parents/guardians- 14.50-15.10

**Come along for a coffee, cake and a chance to meet other nursery parents for a chat.**

- Parent Forum meeting- More information to follow- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September- 9am.

### Holidays

- October school holidays-Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October (both dates inclusive)
- Inservice-Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November (school closed to pupils)
- Christmas school holidays-Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January (both dates inclusive)

Please remember we have an open door policy at New Machar Nursery. The nursery team are always happy to help. Any bits of information really do help us support the children better. Do let us know the little details- what kind of sleep/morning the children have had, changes in routine etc.

I am always happy to help too- I have a teaching commitment Wednesday, Thursday and Friday but am always contactable by email or leave a message with the office.

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Kindest Regards,

Miss K McPherson

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