



New Machar Nursery Newsletter



November 2017

We hope you all had a wonderful October holidays and are ready to return back to Nursery. This term always flies past and it will be Christmas before we know it!

What we are learning?

Last term the yellow and orange classes had lots of fun learning about dinosaurs. The blue and red children were learning about under the sea. Some of the children enjoyed a visit from the Peterhead fish company. We are hoping they can return to visit the other children to show them some animals from under the sea. This term we will begin by looking at Festivals and Winter. We will be exploring 'Festivals of light' starting with Bonfire night. We will continue to listen to the children's ideas about what they would like to learn and we encourage parents/carers to share any ideas with the nursery team too. If you have any ideas please let us know!

Staffing

Staffing this term will be as follows;

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

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 ensure children are dressed appropriately for Nursery- warm, waterproof clothing including sensible footwear- wellies for wet days. Gloves, hats and scarves in the cold. **Please, please, please name everything!!** 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 for up to 2 hours of the nursery session. This allows for the children to play across both nurseries. Children develop their skills of independence, by making choices as to where they would like to play. Children also experience more play opportunities.

Policy of the Month

We will be continuing with our 'Policy of the Month'. Please find copies on the noticeboard and we would welcome feedback on the post its available.

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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

Outdoors

This term we are focussing on improving our outdoor garden area. We have created an action plan and will be working to increase our use of this space. Please complete our online evaluation to allow us to make improvements.

Christmas Nativity-

All Nursery classes will begin to prepare for our upcoming concerts in December. Details will follow soon as to any costumes your child may require to wear for our performances.

Dates for your diary (it's a busy one!)

- Children in Need- Friday 17th November- The nursery will be taking part in a 'Spotacular picnic' children are encouraged to come to nursery wearing something spotty to take part in a teddy bears picnic. More information to follow.
- Coffee morning for Nursery parents - Wednesday 22nd November-

- Red and Yellow-parents/guardians- 9.10-9.40 and Blue and Orange - 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- Thursday 30th November- 9am.
- **Christmas Nativity:** in School hall
 - **Friday 15th December 2017 at 09.30 and 13.45**
- **Trip to collect the Christmas Tree: Tues 5th Dec PM** Blue and Orange classes trip to collect the Christmas Tree at Tyre bagger Forest. Yellow and Red children are welcome to meet the Blue and Orange classes at the forest however children will be Parent/guardian responsibility.
- **Christmas Parties:**
 - **Wednesday 20th December- Red and Yellow classes**
 - **Thursday 21st December- Blue and Orange classes**

Holidays

- In-service Days-Monday 13thNovember and Tuesday 14th November (school closed to pupils)
- Christmas school holidays-Monday 25th December to Friday 5th 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 am contactable by email or leave a message with the office. Kathryn.mcpherson1@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Kindest Regards,

Miss K McPherson

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