

Newsletter January 2019



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Memory Café

We have been asked by the Old Girls School if we would like to integrate a small group of children with a small group of the elderly, joining in with singing alongside a pianist. This will take place on Monday afternoons, 2.30pm until 3pm. We will be asking you to sign a permission slip for this and the appropriate risk assessment will be completed. We are very excited about this as we know the benefits that intergenerational work can have on both age groups. We will continue to visit the local nursing home on Thursday mornings as part of our 'Voices Together project'.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Our named First Aiders are..

Dawn Stevenson

Sarah Balata

Kate Johnson

Kim Foxhall

Lucy Bingham



Many thanks to those who bought raffle tickets. We raised £65 which will be going towards an outdoor canopy in the Spring.

OUTDOOR PLAY... COULD WE PLEASE ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO PACK HATS, SCARVES, GLOVES AND WELLIES FOR THE CHILDREN AS WE WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY OUTSIDE IN COLD WEATHER... THANKS



Please can we remind everyone that mobile phones must not be used in the nursery.



We continue to plan outings in the community. As numbers continue to grow we would still like to do this and would benefit from parental support. If you feel you are able to occasionally do this, please speak to your child's Key Person.

We would like to make you aware of our **Supply Early Years Practitioners**, Gaynor and Georgina. We believe that consistency is crucial for young children, however, on occasions there may be a time due to unforeseen circumstances that we need to ask for supply cover. We feel that by having the same practitioners will help us to ensure we retain the quality care and education for your child.

DIARY DATES

Training Day 3rd April 2019 & 22nd July 2019

We will be closed on the following days:

Easter Bank holiday Friday and Monday.

May Bank Holiday 6th May 19

May half term 27th May 19 31st May 19

Parent Partnership is crucial to us and your child. Thank you to all those parents who share their child's adventures and achievements via our parent email (kirkgatechildcarePP@outlook.com) and in their Learning journey. Please could you let us know if you and your family celebrate any religious festivals and we will share these at nursery.

Please take a look at our planning board which is displayed near the water area.

Question of the month. Do you you and your child feel welcome and listened to when arriving at nursery?

100% of you answered 'Yes' to " Do you think your child is making enough progress?" which was the question for December. **Parent Partnership helps us plan effectively. Thank you.**

Can you help?

We always encourage the children to access our 'Creation Station' and create their own individual pieces of art work. Please could bring in any unwanted.

- Jar lids
- Shiny paper
- Rolls of wall paper
- Small cardboard boxes
- Ribbon
- Kitchen roll tubes



Book Lending Library

We have a basket of books near the question of the day that is filled with books. You are more than welcome to lend a book and take it home to read with your child and then bring it back and swap it for another one.



We encourage the children to recycle by helping them to understand which items in nursery we can do this with e.g their yoghurt pots. We have a recycling box in nursery and the children are beginning to use it independently, once a week a couple of children are chosen to help transfer the items to the council boxes situated at the rear of the Old School. Please can you help your child to recycle at home. **Thank you**

Names in clothes please

As part of offering your child rich learning opportunities, we encourage them to explore and follow their interests, this can sometimes mean they can get a bit messy. Please can we ask that your child's clothes are labelled to prevent them getting mixed up with other children's clothes and that they bring spare clothes which can be kept on their peg if they need changing.



Thank you