

NEWSLETTER...January 2017

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I hope that everyone had a fantastic Christmas and New Year and you are excited and ready for the year ahead.

Training

We would like to congratulate Chloe and Jodie for completing their level 3 training with us, and wish them every success in the future.

Our domestic will complete an update on her infection control training this month as well as our fabulous cook will be completing her refresher course on food hygiene and handling.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 25th January - Burns day - **Wear something tartan!** We will be exploring Scottish dance, traditional Scottish foods, and singing some Scottish songs.

3-5 dept - **Monday 23rd January 9.00-12.00** - Outdoor training for the children will take place alongside 'Wild Sparks'. Our children will be involved in creating homes for animals, building a fire pit, making bird feeders, along with much more. Please ensure your child comes to nursery prepared with a warm jacket, wellies, hat, gloves etc. Please note do not bring your child in in expensive clothes as these may get muddy.

3-5 dept - **Thursday 26th January**. The pre school children who will be attending Cadder primary are invited for an induction session between 9.30-10.30am. Please inform us if you would like your child to attend this.

Saturday 28th January - Chinese New Year - we will be celebrating **Chinese New Year week commencing 23rd January**. Throughout this week we will be building a giant Chinese dragon, tasting Chinese foods, and craft activities.

Staff News

Duckling Department

We would like to welcome Cooper to our Baby room family. This month the children are enjoying exploring their new mud kitchen in the garden.

The babies will also be listening to Scottish music, tasting Scottish foods and learning the song Ally Bally Bee. Please wear tartan on Wednesday 25th January for Burns day. We will also be exploring risky play both indoors and out to continue developing physical play experiences.

Owl Department

We would like to welcome Hunter, and Eva into our room from the ducklings. They are enjoying exploring their new surroundings and making new friends. This month the owls will be focusing on attachments and transitions. They will also be celebrating Burns day on 25th January (please wear something tartan). They will enjoy making shortbread, Scottish dancing and learning the song Ally Bally. It is also Chinese New Year this month so our owls will be helping to create a Chinese dragon.

Monster Department

This month our monster children have chosen to learn about how to care for animals, pets, and others. We will have a visit from wild sparks, allowing children to learn and build animal habitats and how to build a fire pit.

Our children will also enjoy learning, exploring, investigating, and celebrating Robert Burns and Chinese New Year.

Our children will enjoy being little scientists as they research new experiments to explore with their friends.

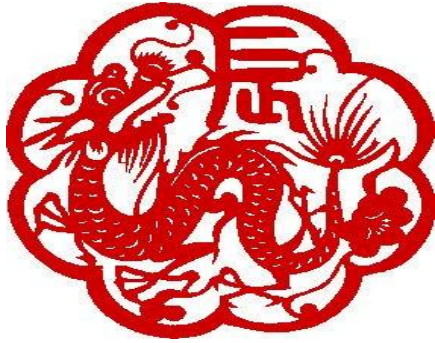
Can we please remind parents that we are discouraging home toys in the monster room.

Can all parents with children who are going to school this year please let the monster staff know what school they are going to as we would like to start planning transition days. If you have any questions regarding this, please speak with Kathleen.

We would like to say a big welcome to Mirren, Aspen, Rebecca, Sophia, Darragh, Mohammed, and Emeli to our Monster family.

Phone numbers

Please ensure you inform us of any change. For example: work numbers, change of mobile numbers. This is paramount we have up to date information in case of emergency.



Fees

Please note: Fees are due weekly in advance, per your terms and conditions of contract. In the first instance we will send a txt message as a reminder payment is due. Receiving payment in a timely manner ensures the smooth operating of our nursery, the more time and effort our admin staff must continually spend on this matter, the less time we have to spend on day to day nursery life.



Thanks, Annette and team

Wow Wall

Our wow all is located on the stairwell on the way up to our office area. Our wow wall is for parents to write achievements they have seen within the nursery, for example staff development or an area with in the nursery. Please let us know what you think and leave a comment on our wow wall.

Suggestion Box

We now have a suggestion box located in our down stairs in our reception area. Please feel free to post suggestion as this will be looked at on a weekly basis. This is also a way for us to improve the service we provide, we would really appreciate your thoughts and ideas.

Ladies night

We are looking to hold a ladies night around the beginning of March time. We are looking for suggestions, eg: Venue, theme (curry night, karaoke).

If you would like to be involved in helping to arrange this with us please speak with Annette.

This would be a night for friends and family.