



Gorebridge Early Learning and Childcare Setting

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Welcome!

Newsletter

November 2022

Welcome & Staffing

Welcome to our first newsletter of the term.

It has been a very busy few months for the nursery, we have welcomed back our returning children and had many new families join us. Our returning children have been great at showing our new children, around the nursery and offering those help when needed.

Miss Rae and Miss Morris will be heading off on maternity leave shortly. We wish them all the best and look forward to them visiting the nursery with their new bundles of joy.

A huge thank you to our families, who helped us raise **£240** at our recent Halloween craft & bake sale! We are currently looking at new resources with the children, we will share these with you when they have been purchased.

Dates for the Diary

Term ends: **Tuesday 20 December 2022**

New Term starts: **Thursday 5 January 2023**

Up and coming events -

Monday 14th - Friday 18th November - Stay and play

We are inviting parents/carers to come in to nursery with their child to spend some time playing and see what your child gets up to at nursery. These sessions will run from **8.30-9.30** each morning, you will be given an allocated day, depending on what group your child is in. This is to ensure we don't have too many adults in the building at once, as it can be overwhelming for some children.

The days are as follows:- **Monday 14th - Stars, Tuesday 15th - Circles & Rectangles, Wednesday 16th - Squares, Thursday 17th - Moons and Friday 18th - Clouds.**

If you are unsure which group your child is in please see a member of staff



Monday 21st November - Parent Consultations

Signup sheets will be available for this closer to the time. These are informal conversations in person, that last around 10 minutes and will be with one of your child's key workers. They will chat with you about your child's progress and their time with us this session. There will also be the opportunity to have look at your child's learning folder in setting after the consultation.

Thursday 8th December - End of term Magic Show 10-11am

The nursery children will have a special end of term treat, a christmas **MAGIC SHOW** with Magic Gareth! Magic Gareth has previously visited the school and the nursery children loved him!

Monday 12th December- Christmas Craft & Bake Sale 2.15 - 3pm

Come along and grab yourselves some yummy home baking or some christmas decorations made by your child, any money raised will go towards nursery resources.

Thursday 15th December- Christmas Sing-Along 10 - 11am

You are invited to watch our nursery children perform a festive sing along, this will take place in the school gym hall. Please enter VIA the school office.

Friday 16th December - Christmas Party

On this day, the children will have a short visit from Santa, who will be dropping a sack of presents to all our amazing learners. The children will have time in the gym hall, playing party games and taking part in some Christmas dancing. We will also provide some festive treats!

Festive attire is optional.

Clothing & Weather

Please remember to put your child's name on their jumpers, jackets, hats, gloves, scarves and footwear. For any missing items please check our lost property, which is usually on display at the nursery entrance.

As the weather starts to change and become a lot colder, can parents please ensure that they dress children appropriately for the weather. Our garden can become very cold and windy in the winter. If possible please provide indoor/outdoor footwear and a few spare changes of clothes.

Thank you



Our Learning & Interests

Since our return we have been enjoying small group times, this allows the children to express themselves and get to know one another more. We have spoken about our nursery promises and our zones of regulations, which helps everyone to feel safe, secure and included in their nursery environment.

We have also started taking small groups to our local library, during this time the children can choose some books to look at, the librarian also reads stories to the children. This supports children to engage with their local community, and encourages them to develop an enjoyment for books and stories which is the foundations for reading and writing.

Woodland Adventures has also resumed for our Pre-School children, these sessions take place on a Tuesday/Friday. We are taking our older children at the moment, as it's quite a walk for little legs! Woodland play is such a valuable experience for children to be able to connect with nature, play a part in caring for their environment, and to learn about risks and safety, with the support from adults. If you would like to volunteer to help at these sessions or just come along to see what they are all about, please see a member of the nursery team.

During our recent trip to the woods and within the nursery garden, the children have come across many interesting things, such as mushrooms, acorns, leaves, berries and pine cones. These findings have sparked lots of learning opportunities and discussions around the changing of the seasons, the environment around us and also what is safe for us to eat.

Our Developments

Throughout the year in nursery we are always working towards making improvements within the setting, and working together as a team to achieve this. As these developments are part of your child's setting and impact their learning opportunities we would like to share with you what we are developing and how we are going to do this. We will share this with you on a regular basis and if you would like to give us any feedback please feel free to do so using our compliments slips or via email. Our three main areas for improvement this year are, Enhancing the use of digital technology to support children's learning, using nurture to support children to feel included and also to develop numeracy and literacy experiences within the nursery.

Here's what we have done so far to support the above areas:-

Digital Technology- We have attended iPad training to support us to be confident in using digital technology to support children's interests.

Nurture and Inclusion- We have attended training for Autism spectrum disorder and have started to explore the UNCRC rights and have started to introduce them to the children through games, activities and routines.

Numeracy and Literacy - Staff have been developing children's learning folders which we hope to be sharing with you soon and some staff are involved in maths champions project and have been discussing how to introduce more numeracy and maths in the nursery setting.

Some of our favourite photos



Pumpkin Exploration



Making Music



Trip to our local Library.



Sharing books with friends at the library.



Tree climbing



Woodland Adventures



A visit from Child Smile, showing us how to look after our teeth.



Celebrating Maths Week.

Communication

As well as using seesaw to share what we have been up to through the day. We also use Twitter to share our developments within the setting. If you would like to follow us then please search **@GorebridgeEarly** or **@GorebridgePS** for the schools page.



Parent/Carer Feedback

We value your input into the service we provide. If it is something we have done well, need to improve on or you would like to make a suggestion. Please let us know. We keep a record of these within our parent communication folder and would like to move back towards papercopy feedback. If you ever want to leave us a message to review. Please ask staff on the door/gate for a feedback slip and we can give you it to complete in your own time. Or use the email address at the beginning of the newsletter with the attention of nursery staff and it will be passed onto us to print out.