



November Newsletter

Learning in Nursery and at Home

We are so proud of your children and really enjoy exploring the world with them through play. To extend their learning further at home, please take a look at the nursery blog and find out what things you could do together to support your child's learning and development. Copy and paste this link to find out more or see what we're doing on Twitter!

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/br/oxburnsnursery/>

Dates for your diary:

NURSERY OPEN AFTERNOON	24/11/17
12:30-2PM	
BIG BEDTIME READ LAUNCH	27/11/17
STAY & READ	
VISION SCREENING	4/12/17
NURSERY SINGALONG	19/12/17
10:00AM-10:30AM	
2:00-2:30PM	
CHRISTMAS PARTIES	21/12/17
LAST DAY OF TERM	22/12/17
NEW TERM STARTS	9/01/18

Welcome to our first nursery news letter for the 2017-18 session. We plan to send this out termly to update you on nursery news and keep you posted on any new developments and things to look out for in the nursery. We hope you find it useful and would very much appreciate any feedback you may have for us on how we can improve it.

Big Bedtime Read.

We are looking forward to launching our Big Bedtime read initiative at the beginning of Book Week Scotland on Monday 27th November. Your child will be coming home with a bag containing 5 books each week that can be read and bedtime and the returned to nursery the following week and exchanged for another bag! If you are able to donate any books that are in very good condition and can help to boost our current collection of books, we would be very grateful.

Open Afternoon

This event is going ahead on **November 24th** in the gym hall- 12:30-2pm. We have information to share with you about play, cooking, speech and language and lots more. We hope to see you there!



Wrap up warm & cosy! Parent Council

Your boys and girls LOVE to get outside and play, explore and discover and we LOVE taking them out! Can we please ask that your child comes to nursery in warm, cosy clothing and suitable footwear that allows them to run around safely on our grassy hill and adventure trail. We do, as always have clothing for you child to borrow but often they feel more comfortable in their own things. Remember to watch out for updates on activities on our twitter page and in your child's online journal.

Nursery Parent Council Meetings will resume in the New Year. Please watch out for dates in the next newsletter. And ask a member of the Nursery Team if you would like to find out more information.



Bike, Scooters & Buggies

We love it when your children come to nursery on bikes and scooters, it shows us how active they are outside! However, we would like to ask that you help your child to park their bike or scooter in the racks provided at the back of the school so they do not interfere with nursery play when your child is here with us. Buggies can also become a distraction and can cause unnecessary upset for children during the session, and these should be folded up if left. Thank you for your support with this.

In January 2018 we will be increasing the charge for nursery snack. The cost for snack will be going up to **£1.50 per week**. This will bring our charges in line with all other West Lothian Nurseries. This should be paid via i-pay. If you need any further info on this, please speak to one of your nursery team or our school office staff.



Allergies Information

We have a number of children who attend our nursery who have severe allergies to food items such as milk and nuts. These children react severely when they come in to contact with these foods. We would ask you to support us in our care of these children by taking your child(ren) to wash their hands on arrival at nursery or washing their hands before leaving home. We have a number of measures in



place during snack time to ensure these children are safe and would really appreciate your support in controlling what comes in to the nursery from outside. We also ask that children do not have snacks left in their jacket pockets during nursery time as these can also cause a risk and provide temptation for your little one to go to the cloakroom



when it is not necessary. Thanks in advance for your support with this, it is very much appreciated.

Christmas Singalong and parties

We have a number of events happening during the month of December that allow to take part in the festivities of the season. Our **Christmas Singalong** is happening on **Tuesday 19th December** in the school hall. We would like to invite you to come along and join in some festive songs with us and your child(ren) at either 10-10:30am or from 2-2:30pm.



At our Christmas parties, - **21st December**- we always have a special visitor who comes to see the children and you are invited to come along and see your child(ren) receive a little gift from him at the end of the party. Closer to the time, the nursery staff will let you know what time our visitor will be arriving and you can come along to take a picture before taking your child(ren) home. We will keep you posted on this time through the nursery notice board/parent email. If you have any questions about our festive arrangements, please do not hesitate to speak to your nursery staff team.

Achievements Outside Nursery

Please share your child's achievements outside nursery through the Online Journals or by telling a member of the nursery team, so we can celebrate these achievements with your child(ren) We are delighted that so many of you are enjoying this form of communication but if you have any further questions or feedback about them, please let us know.

We hope you all enjoy a happy festive season and we look forward to exploring the winter months with your child(ren) here at nursery and all the excitement that this season brings.

