



# Rainbow Nursery

April 2022 Newsletter

## Staff News

Congratulations to Shannon G on her promotion to Senior Early Years Practitioner. We believe Shannon will do fantastic in this new role. With this, Shannon will also be moving to Preschool Room.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff members Laura our new nursery administrator and Robert our new Early Years Practitioner who will be joining the Toddler Room. We are really looking forward to having them on the team and wish them well in their new roles.

## Nursery News

### Learning Journals

We will now be using Learning Journals, an online platform to record your child's learning. This will allow staff to record much more detailed observations and track children's learning better and will replace the Seesaw app that we currently use. Staff are being trained on the new software and beginning to record their observations. All parents will have their own login details which will be sent out via email, so please look out for these and if you have not received these then please .

### Water Bottles

We are keen to find a more suitable way to give children access to drinking water throughout the day and we are asking that you provide your child with their own water bottle (or cup for babies), which can stay in the nursery. This will make it easier to ensure children have access to water and reduce the risk of cross contamination. Having their own bottle will make it easier for children to identify their own bottle also.

### Summer Menu

We are currently reviewing our menu for the summer, if anyone has any suggestions or feedback, you are welcome to share these with the team.

## Important Dates & Events

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Public Holiday (Nursery Closed)
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May – In-Service Day (Nursery Closed)
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Heads of Ayr Farm Park Trip
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Parent's Evening
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day (Preschool Room)
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day (Toddler Room)
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Graduation (Preschool Room)

## Baby Room News

The babies will be participating in planting seeds. Touching and feeding the soil with water. Learning about taking care of planted seeds and how things grow. We will be observing nature in our garden, during local walks and in local parks we will be looking at different flowers and plants.

## Toddler Room News

This term the boys and girls in the 2-3 room will be exploring the wonders of nature in our outdoor environment. We will be making improvements to our garden and have already updated our mud kitchen where we explore role play. As we spend more time outdoors we will be experiencing and exploring the changes in weather. Our indoor environment has seen many changes which will allow the children to investigate the wonders of loose parts. Our new sand and water trays within the room will encourage us to develop our early maths and science skills as we fill and pour and experience different properties.

## Preschool Room News

Our topic is the Farm. We are learning about what jobs the animals have on the farm. We are very much looking forward to our trip to Heads of Ayr Farm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May. This will tie in perfectly with our topic. The children are enjoying lots of arts and crafts and messy play at the moment. We are making good use of our new sand/water table for the toy farm animals to play in. Now that the weather is changing we will be having a spring clean-up in our garden. We will be planting and growing and even making a new scarecrow! With the warmer weather coming could we ask you to provide a sun hat and sun cream for your child.