



LASSWADE NURSERY

NEWSLETTER



Living it, Learning it, Loving it Lasswade
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It is hard to believe we are in the final term of Nursery for this academic session already! As always we have a fun filled and busy term ahead with lots of exciting learning opportunities for our children.

Throughout this term we have been learning about Spring time and the changes which have been happening in the world around us. The children have been asking lots of excellent questions which has led to us learning about life cycles of tadpoles and caterpillars. We now have some caterpillars in Nursery and we are looking forward to watching them turn into butterflies.

We will also be learning about going to school this term and what to expect in Primary 1. We will have opportunities to visit the school and also play in a school role play area! You might even see some of our children dressed in Lasswade Primary School uniform! To help learning at home, encourage your child to talk about their thoughts and feelings in preparation for Primary 1.

To conclude this term, will also be learning about the season of summer and will be looking forward to the adventures our summer holidays will bring. We also look forward to some visits from our new nursery children who will be starting in August 2017.

Kind regards,
Miss J Watson
Depute Head Teacher



Learning about the lifecycle of a caterpillar!



Enjoying the spring weather!

Nature Nurture Sessions

Our outdoor Nature Nurture sessions are in full swing! Children are really enjoying exploring the natural world as well as building relationships with peers who are moving into Primary 1. Group 2 from our morning nursery are looking forward to starting their sessions on Wednesday 24th May. Here is an overview of what the children have enjoyed so far.

Session 1 - The children set boundaries around the play area and discussed which areas were safe and which areas were not safe to play in. The children were then involved in a game of hide and seek ensuring they understood the safe use of the boundaries. Children learned that there is a whistle to listen for. This whistle tells us when we should return to the main camp area. This session focused on the children's ability to manage risk.

Session 2 - Following on from session 1 where children found leaves with holes in them, in session 2 the children went hunting for minibeasts. This session focused on lifecycles particularly the lifecycle of a caterpillar.

Session 3 - The children explored patterns in the world around them and rubbed different natural objects to see these patterns. Children went foraging for different natural materials to make nature pictures. Children explored the wider garden around them. They went to see bee hives and chicken pens. This session focused on creativity in the natural world.

Session 4 - We look forward to a final session which will round up our learning across the sessions and will continue to follow the interests of our children.

Throughout all sessions children are engaged in free play and exploration.

"I like sticking the stuff we find on our pictures." Chloe



*"I like climbing the tree outside."
Kerr*



*"I like playing hide and seek and finding the snail shells. It is good."
Marley*

Pre-School Parents Consultations

Our preschool parents consultations will take place this term during the week of Tuesday 22nd May 2017. These meetings will focus on your child's progress and next steps in learning in preparation for the transition to Primary 1. Appointment times have been issued to parents and carers. If you are unable to attend your appointment or unsure of your appointment time please speak to a member of the nursery team.

Group sessions are as follows:

- **Blue Group** with Miss Scott - Tuesday 23rd May
- **Yellow Group** with Mrs Edgar - Wednesday 24th May
- **Green Group** with Mrs Cook - Thursday 25th May
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We look forward to meeting with you.

P1 Transition

Our Primary 1 transition sessions begin this week with many exciting opportunities for children to enter the Primary 1 classrooms and meet different school staff.

The transition sessions will take place within the current Primary 2 wing as this will become the Primary 1 classroom wing as of August 2017.

Just a reminder our Primary 1 Parents Information session is on Wednesday 7th June at 9.30am. Children should attend this session as they will be invited to meet with their Primary 1 classmates and teacher.

Please keep an eye on our lasswade Twitter account for updates on how our transition events are going!

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End of Year Graduation



Our end of year graduation for our preschool children will take place on Tuesday 27th June at 9.15am for our morning children and 2.15 for our afternoon children. During this our children will perform The Three Little Pigs and there will be a short presentation for our children moving on to Primary 1. Parents of ante preschool children who are returning to Nursery next session are also invited to attend the performance. Tea and coffee will be offered in Nursery after the performance.



Staffing Update

We are delighted that Mrs Deborah Taylor now joins us for all morning sessions in Nursery. She also works with us on Wednesday afternoons to support our Nature Nurture sessions. Mrs Taylor is a child care development worker in the Lasswade Early Years Team. She is enjoying spending additional time supporting our children at Lasswade Nursery.



Play on Pedals

We are very lucky to have received a set of 8 balance bikes and helmets for our Nursery. During our Election Day Inservice, Miss Pache attended Play on Pedals Training to ensure meaningful and exciting play experiences using our new bikes. Our children have already enjoyed playing on the bikes and we look forward to providing further engaging learning opportunities.



Last Day

Our last day of term will be **Thursday 29th June** for our morning children and **Friday 30th June** for our afternoon children. As there was a morning session only on the last day before Christmas, our afternoon children will have the final session of term 4. This ensures all children have equal hours of Nursery education throughout the year.

On this day our pm children are offered a **morning session** which starts at 8.30 and finishes at 11.30. No am children should attend this session. Nursery closes at 11.40am.

If you have any questions regarding this please speak to a member of the Nursery team.



End of Term Trip

We are getting closer to our end of term trip to East Links Farm on Thursday 30th June. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting day with our children and their accompanying adult.

Just a reminder, all forms and money should be handed into the school office as soon as possible.



Dates for your Diary



Tues 23rd May	Blue Group Parents Consultations - Preschool Children
Wed 24th May	Yellow Group Parents Consultations - Preschool Children
Thurs 25th May	Green Group Parents Consultations - Preschool Children
Wed 31st May	Early Level Sports - 1 st choice (10.15 & 1.30)
Wed 7th June	Early Level Sports - 2 nd choice (10.15 & 1.30)
Tues 27th June	Nursery End of Term Graduation
Thurs 29th June	East Links Farm trip Morning children last day
Fri 30th June	Afternoon children last day (8.30 - 11.30am) Happy Holidays!