



Broomlands Primary School

Nursery Newsletter (ELC 3/4)

MAY 2021

At Broomlands Primary school we provide play experiences for children in their ELC year 3 and 4 to progress in their development through play. We aim to provide a happy, secure and stimulating environment where active learning supports children's development and helps children on their way to becoming successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens.

Our new children have settled in well and are enjoying all our nursery experiences. Our Practitioners at Broomlands have helped your child to settle in quickly. We are always happy to offer support and answer any questions you may have.

Early Learning and Childcare is the first vital step in education. In our carefully structured learning environment Nursery staff encourage and direct your child's natural curiosity through, the core provision and planned learning intentions, to meet their needs at the Early Level of the curriculum. It is very important that the provision in the Nursery is of a high quality if children are to benefit socially and educationally from their early learning experiences; evidence shows that quality provision in the education of young children is crucial for success in later years.

Moving Forward

We continue to adhere to all regulations regarding the pandemic as advised by the Scottish Government and Scottish Borders Council. Please ensure that you adhere to drop off and collection times. Many of you have requested different drop off times and although we would like to support this, we are now full to capacity and need to adhere to staff to child ratio's at all times so unfortunately we are unable to support any request for a change of times at this time. On our return in February as you are aware we formed bubbles for our children. As we progress further and thinking of transition for our children going into primary one, we have now formed two bubbles – Positive and Rainbow. We have been very fortunate to secure funding for a new fence to divide our outdoor area in two. This allows all our children to access the outdoor areas at all times.

Glow

Please ensure you log onto our glow page where you will find lots of ideas for learning and catch up on our weekly updates of our learning in nursery. We have emailed you with your child's next steps for you to discuss with your child. (Outwith COVID-19 these would normally be sent home in your child's learning journey) If you could complete and return via email we will print off and insert into your child's learning journey. There has been a step by step guide to help and support you in this process sent via groupcall.

Learning Through Play

We follow the children's interests to progress them in their learning, this term there is lots of interest in mini beasts, fairies and planting. We will also be focusing on gross motor skills and prepositions.

Sun Protection

Please can we ask you to ensure that your child has sun cream applied before they attend nursery, a sun hat is vital too as we are outdoors most of the session. For those children attending all day please can you provide sun cream; our Practitioners will support them to apply it.

A Huge Thank You

After our plea for help on Facebook, we were very fortunate to be contacted by Mrs Baird (a truly wonderful lady) who kindly made and donated our wonderful new mud kitchen ensuring each bubble has access to this vital learning experience.

Staffing

Mrs Anderson – Senior Early Years Officer
Ms Miller – Early Years Officer
Mrs Abbott, Mrs Cheyne, Mrs Simpson, Miss Hill, Miss Canning Mrs Portsmouth, Mrs Laing
Mrs Renton, Miss McGarvey and Miss Fairbairn - Early Years Practitioners
Miss Horsburgh– Modern Apprentice

Absence

If your child is going to be absent from Nursery can you please phone the Nursery directly on 01573227452 to let us know. We would appreciate if this can be done before 9.15am to save a group call being sent out.

Change of Clothing/Shoes

It is essential that all children bring or leave a set of spare clothes at nursery, please ensure these are suitable for the weather. We would also appreciate if each child has a pair of wellies left at nursery to change into for the garden so they can play on the grass and in the sand pit. We would also ask that all of your **child’s clothes** and **shoes** are **clearly labelled with their name.**

Snack

We encourage independence at snack time. Children eat together as a ‘come as you like’ basis and serve themselves both indoor and out. The snack menu for the week is displayed in the cloakroom. Every Friday we consult with the children to incorporate children’s snack choices for the following week. Fruit makes up for approximately half of the daily snack and water and milk are provided to drink. We do encourage children to try different foods, however if your child has any food allergies, or particular dislikes, please inform us when completing the Nursery Information Form which you will be issued to you at the start of term. Snack fees are now due for this session.

Transition

We are now into the last few weeks of the academic term and we have put together a plan to support our children moving into primary one in August. We will be spending time with Mrs Currie and have activities planned in the primary one indoor and outdoor area. We want to ensure our children experience a smooth transition as they undertake the next step in their learning journey.

Kind Regards
The Nursery Team ☺