



## Penilee Nursery School Newsletter February/March 2021

### *Diary Dates Ahead*

**Easter Fun Week:** Week Beginning 29<sup>th</sup> March

**Easter/Spring Break (Term Time)** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April

**Easter/Spring Break (50 Week)** Friday 2<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April

### ♡ Welcome Back ♡

We are so happy to have all children back to nursery. Thank you for your patience over the past few months as we continue to work through these unusual times. We know that it can be frustrating that things are not as they used to be in nursery and there are times when we have had to follow guidance from Test and Protect with regards to children isolating but please be assured everything we do is for the safety of all. At Penilee Nursery we are following the health and safety guidelines from Scottish Government as well as Glasgow City Council's health and safety department. **This includes wearing masks outwith playrooms and adults keeping a 2 metre distance from each other.** Whilst in the playrooms with children adults do not wear masks or distance themselves from children, only other adults. Given this there may be times due to children being in close contact with each other and with adults that there is a need for Test and Protect measures to be put in place. Please be assured everything we do is with the guidance of Public Health. Should you have any questions with regards to our Risk Assessments please do not hesitate to ask.

**Forests-** We will continue to work in Forests (bubbles) until we are advised that it is safe for children to flow freely round the whole nursery. Please see below the groups and staff that are in each bubble as well as the area of teaching and learning they are leading in the bubbles:

#### Glentress Forest

**Owls:** Amina: English as an additional language

**Dormice:** Carolyn: MTV (Making Thinking Visible)

Catriona: Numeracy Lead

Jade: LfS (Learning for Sustainability) /Literacy Lead

Heather: Gender Friendly Nursery awareness

**Frogs:** Louise: Gender Friendly Nursery awareness (Louise Wright has been with us for the past few months covering Donna who is the original keyworker of the Frogs)

#### Caledonian Forest 1

Cheryl: Health and Wellbeing promotion

Carol-Anne: Literacy Lead

**Rabbits:** Dominique: English as an additional language (Dominique has been with us for the past few months covering Louise Curley who is the original keyworker of the Rabbits)

**Deer:** Rachel: MTV (Making Thinking Visible)

**Foxes:** Sarah: LfS (Learning for Sustainability)

**Hedgehogs:** Teresa: Gender Friendly Nursery awareness

#### Caledonian Forest 2

**Badgers:** Brenda: LfS (Learning for Sustainability)

**Squirrels:** Chelsea: Gender Friendly Nursery awareness

Gillian: LfS (Learning for Sustainability)

**Otters:** Kim: MTV (Making Thinking Visible)

Mari: PThS /MTV (Making Thinking Visible)

**Pine Martens:** Miriam and Lorraine: English as an additional language

Sarah: Health and Wellbeing Lead

The leads in each Forest meet regularly to ensure the key teaching and learning in Numeracy, Literacy and Health and Wellbeing is being cascaded throughout the whole nursery.

Please note all staff provide all children with learning experiences to cover all areas of the curriculum.

**Teaching and Learning-** As all children return to nursery the main focus will be to ensure they feel safe and secure in their nursery environment. Staff will be spending time with children settling them back into the nursery environment offering fun planned learning experiences initially to promote literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing. Staff will be observing children for the rest of the month to identify interests to focus on when delivering learning experiences.

**Changes of Clothes for your Child-** As all children may get wet due to taking part in water play or having a toileting accident you must ensure that you provide several changes of clothes (Tops, bottoms, pants and socks). Please check your child's bag daily to make sure they have enough clothes. We do not have any spare clothes in the nursery to use for children. This will also save any inconvenience that may be caused by calling you to bring clothes to the nursery for your child.

**Requests for August 2021 placements-** A form to request adjustments of nursery placement for August 21 will be given out next week. This will allow you to make a request for changes to your child's placement should you wish. Please complete and return these as soon as possible.

**Following the Nursery Rules** -Below are our nursery rules. As children adapt to their nursery environment again we speak to them about these and explain that the rules are there to keep themselves and others safe and to make sure we take care of each other and the toys in our nursery.

Please help us by speaking about and reinforcing these rules at home with your children.

#### Our Rules



Listen Carefully!



Share!



Tidy Up!



Quiet Voices!



Gentle Hands!



Walk!

**World Book Day-** We will be celebrating world book day which is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March from the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> March. To mark this occasion we will be speaking to the children to get their opinions on their favourite books and why. We would love for you to share your favourite books to read at home either via twitter or by emailing photographs to Head teacher's email address. **Should they wish to, your child can dress up on World Book Day we will leave this decision up to you.**

Should you have any questions about this please give us a call.

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**As always if you have any comments or suggestions please email or call using the details above.**

Thank you for your continued support

*Amanda and Team Penilee*