

Easter Newsletter 2016

We would like to welcome all our new children and families to Cuiken Nursery. We have been very impressed with how confidently the new children have settled in, and are very proud of how kind and helpful our existing children have been.

Burns Celebrations

Our Scottish celebrations for Burns Day were fantastic. Ian and Callum came in and piped a Scottish song on the bagpipes. Claire and Ann recited the poem 'To a Haggis' and then we all toasted the haggis with a shot of Ironbru. After we piped our haggis around the school where we got a great reception from the whole school. Then we sat down to eat our Burns super.



We celebrated Chinese New Year at nursery, where it was the year of the Monkey. We made a dragon in nursery and then we walked it around the school showing him off. We tried traditional Chinese dishes such as noodles and prawn crackers and we practiced using chop sticks to eat our snack. In gym we used ribbons to create a traditional Chinese dance.



Looking after the Birds

Over the last few weeks we have been very busy at Nursery. The children have been interested in finding out about birds. They have been using the binoculars to spot birds outside and also been playing a game inside to identify and count birds. Most of the children made bird cake to take home with them and hang up in their garden or put on their windowsill.



World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite story characters and bringing in our favourite books. It was wonderful to hear children retelling their favourite stories to their friends.



Coffee Morning

We had a coffee morning where parents and careers came for a tea and coffee and some cakes. We managed to raise £150. Thank you for everyone who came and supported us. We have been learning how to take care of wildlife in our garden, making bird feeders and animal shelters. Therefore we will put the money towards something for our garden. We are hoping to buy a weather main, wind socks, new feeders and different resources to look after the different wildlife who share our nursery garden.



Castles

The children have been very interested in learning all about castles at nursery. We have looked how to build the castles and who would live in a castle. The children also made shields and looked at the different ways they were decorated. The children's minibus trip was to Edinburgh Castle where they saw different statues of past kings, the cannons, armour and swords.

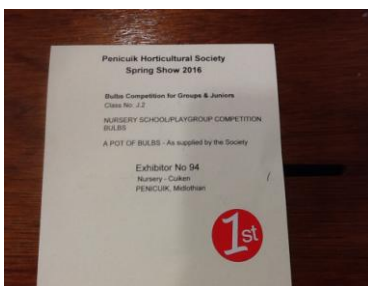


Numeracy - Dominos

The children have been enjoying playing dominoes. We have been looking at the patterns of the dots and some children have been making their own dominoes.



Daffodils



The children have planted daffodil bulbs last year and the children have looked after the bulbs and now they have grown into beautiful flowers. Ann entered the flowers in the Spring Show and we won first price.

The Term Ahead

We will be planting sunflowers and we will send them home once shoots appear. Please bring in photos of them as they grow in your gardens and homes. Will any of them grow taller than the children?

We will also be focussing on transition into Primary 1 for our pre-school children this term. We will visit the infant atrium and classrooms while working with children and staff from the wider school during shared learning experiences. Such experiences will continue with the transition topic involving a variety of shared learning experiences in the Primary 1 classroom and infant atrium.

Summer Outing

This year our family outing will be at Almond Valley Heritage Centre in Livingston on Monday 20th June. There will be more information about the trip after the Easter Holiday.

Your Nursery Needs You!

We are extremely grateful to all the parents that have helped us with baking, running our library, sorting our story sacks weekly, trips and gardening.

Please let us know if you would like to share any skills or help us in any way.

Before Nursery

The gates to the nursery do not open until 8.20am and 12.25pm. Please remember it is the parent/carer's responsibility to make sure their child is safe until the time they are registered and in the Nursery. Children should not be in the nursery garden or on any of the equipment prior to coming into nursery. Thank you for your support with this.

Dates for diary

Easter Holidays - Monday 28th March back Monday 11th April

Big Pedal - W/B 18th April

Summer Trip - Monday 20th June

