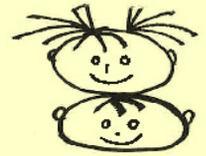




Cockenzie Nursery News

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Welcome back everyone after the half term!

This is a busy term for us at Cockenzie Nursery. This term we welcomed more new children into our ante-preschool class, we have been running Nature Nurture and aim to run Play on Pedals with our preschool children, our Travelling Teddies have been busy visiting the homes of our afternoon children and the story sacks are rotating across our morning children. This term we are also thrilled to welcome back Miss Sami Neil from maternity leave. She has joined Mrs Karyn Pollard as the Key Worker for the green group and will also be running Nature Nurture this term with Mrs Pollard.

It was lovely to see so many parents/carers of our pre-school children attending the Preparing for Primary 1 talk. The power point from this is available on the [school blog](#) and attached at the end of this newsletter is the current information about our transition programme from nursery into primary 1. Do keep checking future newsletters for up to date information on our transition programme.

Natasha O'Connor
Deputy Head Teacher



Dates for the Diary

- World Book day - Thursday 7th March
- Red Nose Day - Thursday 14th March (pre-school children)
Friday 15th March (ante pre-school children)
- Last day of term -Friday 5th April



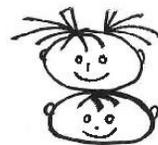
World Book Day

For World Book Day this year we will be carrying out lots of activities related to some of our favourite books. Your child does not have to dress up for World Book Day but they are free to bring in and share their favourite story in the week leading up to World Book Day.



Red Nose Day

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day this year by wearing something red and dressing up. Your child is free to join us by dressing up too for a small donation.



Snack Money and School Pay

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Snack money for January - April term is currently due. If you have not yet set up your School Pay and do not still have the relevant log in information required to do so, then please let a member of the nursery team know and they will ask for you to be re-issued with your log-in details.



Speech and Language Therapy Drop-In Consultations

Linzi Fowler, a Speech and Language Therapist currently based in the school for a day and a half per week, is running drop-in consultations to allow parents to discuss any concerns they might have about their child. This will be held on **Wednesday 6th March** with parents/carers being free to drop in any time from 8.30 am - 9.30 am or from 2.30 pm - 3.30pm via the main school office.



Nature Nurture

Most of our pre-school children have now attended a block of Nature Nurture sessions run by Karyn Pollard and Sami Neil, with the final children attending over the course of the next few weeks. Thank you to all of the adults who have volunteered and supported us in running these sessions. The feedback from parents/carers and children has been that this has been a huge success. We are very lucky to have trained staff who are so keen and enthusiastic to provide this opportunity.



Stay and Play

The Stay and Play timetable is now up in the nursery. This is a great opportunity to come in and join your child in exploring the nursery together. Please feel free to phone or drop a note to your child's key worker if you will not be physically in the nursery to sign up.



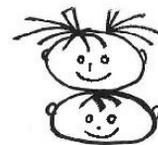
Oor Wullie

Our pre-school children will be working in collaboration with our primary 6 children to decorate an Oor Wullie statue. This statue will become part of [Oor Wullie's Bucket Trail](#) which will be happening this summer in aid of the Sick Kids Foundation.

Thank You!

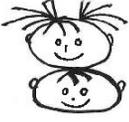
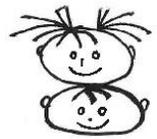
A huge thank you...

- first to a grandad of one of our children who built us a tower to support our water butt. This is a huge help in allowing the children to access the water.
- to all of our parents/carers and relatives who attended our morning and afternoon Christmas performances; we raised £114 for the John Bellany Day Centre. This has been hugely appreciated.
- finally to Zero Waste in Dunbar for their donation of a selection of books to the nursery.



Nursery to Primary One Transition – Key Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
7 th & 14 th May	1000hrs	Nursery children & buddies in Infant Playground
21 st May	1025hrs	Nursery children & P1s in Playground
28 th May	1000hrs 1800hrs	Garden Party + P1 Parent/Carer Information Talk P1 Parent/Carer Information Talk
4 th June	1000hrs	Nursery children visit empty P1 classes & playtime
5 th June		Graduation Photos taken (<i>current CPS pupils only</i>)
10 th June	TBC	Sports Day (<i>current CPS pupils only</i>)
11 th June	TBC	Trip (<i>current CPS pupils only</i>)
17 th - 19 th June	1100hrs – 1155hrs	Trial Lunch (<i>your child's day will be confirmed nearer the time</i>)
20 th June	TBC	Pre-schoolers become P1s (<i>no morning nursery</i>)
21 st June	TBC	Whole morning in Primary 1
27 th June	1000hrs	Nursery Graduation (<i>current CPS pupils only</i>)



P1 TRANSITION



Primary One Transition

Parents/Carers were invited to attend a talk on Thursday 5th February which outlined the main events that their child will participate in as they begin their transition into Primary One. There was also talks on how best to prepare your child for school, [please click here to view the presentation.](#)

In preparation for the term ahead here are the key transition events:

- **Tuesday 28th May - Garden Party**

Parents/Carers will drop off their children and head into the nursery garden, we advise drop off at the second opening if possible so you don't have to hang around too long, and once all the children have arrived they will be put into their P1 class and will meet their P1 teacher. The children will then come into the garden class by class so that you can see who is in their class. We will then have a morning of activities that the P1 teachers will participate in so that the children and yourselves get to know them informally before we end the day with a show, funded by the PTA.

- **Tuesday 28th May at 11:00hrs and repeated again at 18:00hrs - Parent Information Evening**

Parents and Carers are invited to attend. As well as a chat from our Head Teacher, Jacqui Mackinnon, about the school, you will learn about our expectations and housekeeping for Primary 1.

- **Tuesday 5th June - Graduation Photos**

Graduation photos are being taken on Tuesday 5th June during nursery hours and will be available for sale a few days afterwards. We will need two or three parents/carers to come in and assist the photographer and staff putting on/taking off the gowns and mortars, please speak to a member of staff if you are able to help.

- **Monday 10th June - Sports Day**

More details regarding timings, etc will be confirmed in due course. This event is weather permitting.

- **Tuesday 11th June - Trip**

TBC

- **Monday 17th to Wednesday 19th June - Trial Lunch**

Further details of the specific day children will attend their trial lunch will be confirmed nearer the time.

- **Thursday 20th and Friday 21st June - Transition Days**

The children will spend the Thursday afternoon and Friday morning in their P1 classrooms with their teacher. *Please note this is a different time to your child's normal nursery time of a Thursday morning.*

- **Thursday 27th June - Nursery Graduation**

Children will come into nursery at the usual time and parents/carers will return for 10:00hrs for the graduation starting at 10:15hrs. If the weather is fair we will hold the graduation outdoors and you should enter by the nursery garden gate but if the weather is not suitable we will hold it in the main hall and entry will be via the main office. The graduation will last until 11:30hrs approximately upon which all children should be signed out of nursery.