



Whitecraig Nursery Newsletter

November 2021

We recently had an unannounced visit by the care inspectorate and are delighted with their feedback. Their feedback reflects all the hard work the nursery team have made since our joint inspection in June 2019. The team work relentlessly to ensure the best experiences for our children, as well as working alongside our Headteacher and ELC support teacher to develop our processes. Our report will be published in the coming weeks and we will share the link with parents as well as adding the report to the school website.

We were awarded grade 5 - VERY GOOD across the inspection. The 4 quality areas we were inspected on were Quality of the Care and Support, Quality of the Environment, Quality of Staffing and Quality of the Leadership and Management.

Children's Learning

The school website is updated each week to show our families the children's learning. The website link is www.edubuzz.org/whitecraig/

Weather

As the weather changes please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. We would like to remind you that children can access the outdoor areas all day and in all weathers so please dress your child in old clothes that you don't mind getting messy as well as wellies/waterproofs as we come into winter. We would appreciate if you could provide hats, scarves and gloves and an extra jumper / cardigan.

If your child has outgrown any pairs of wellies or clothing we are happy to recycle these and take them off your hands.

You Speak! We Listen! - Transition Questionnaire.

Thank you to all our families who took part in our Transition Questionnaire. Thank you for the many additional positive comments.

We are glad that our children and families had a positive transition experience and continuing to enjoy their time at nursery. After reviewing, prior to children's start dates our staff will continue to make contact and provide children and their families with the opportunity to visit the nursery prior to starting. We will also review and update our website providing families with up to date information.

Contacting Nursery

If there are changes in circumstances about who will be collecting your child from nursery or absences. In the first instance, you can contact the school office on 0131 665 3278 between 9-3. Out of school hours you can telephone the school line, pressing option 4 which will direct you to the nursery where you can speak with a member of the nursery staff team.

Shared Learning

Our Shared Learning consultations will take place via telephone, week beginning 15th November 2021. There will be a variety of different times both morning and evening throughout the week.

Staff will liaise with you to arrange an appointment and we will once again stick to the allotted time for this. The consultation will be around 10 minutes and give you an update of how your child is developing in nursery. There will be an opportunity for you to discuss any queries you may have.

Our Community

The Nursery children enjoy visiting our local community hub week. Each week there is a stall provided by Roots and Fruits from Monday to Wednesday which gives families the opportunity to purchase fresh fruit and vegetables. There is often free fruit/ vegetable available too.



Group Time

From week beginning 1st November, nursery staff will be running weekly small Talking Time and Physical Skill groups with our children. These groups will run once per week for a maximum of 30 minutes. Talking Time sessions are designed to encourage children to listen, take turns and develop their understanding of language. Physical Skills sessions are designed to improve motor skills, balance and coordination. These are fun sessions and the children are always keen to participate.

Dates for the session ahead

November 2021

Week Beginning 15th November - Shared Learning sessions. Please make an appointment.

December 2021

22nd December - Term Ends

January 2022

5th - All return