



## Twechar Early Years Centre Autumn Newsletter 2021



Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter

We hope everyone has settled well into the new term and the staff and I would like to take this opportunity to give a huge welcome to all of the children and their families that have joined us this session.

The children and staff would like to welcome Mary Conroy to the team who will start with us on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November as our Housekeeping Assistant. Mary will be there to provide your child with their warm food and support them during lunch.

We have been very busy here in the nursery and the children and staff hope you have been able to see all of our fabulous experiences on our Learning Journals or Twitter page.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> September everyone attended nursery in their pyjamas and had delicious cake to raise awareness and collect donations for **MacMillan's Bug Coffee Morning**. The total raised by the nursery and school was an impressive £230.00! Well done everyone.

We displayed our support for **Show racism the Red Card** on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October by wearing something red. As a charity, they tackle racism through education and aspects of our health and wellbeing curriculum is supported by this organisation. Thank you to all who participated.

Children attended nursery on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October all dressed up for their **Halloween Party**. I have to say you all looked fantastic and our best dressed awards went to Tedi Whiteford and Blair Fisher, from our 3-5 room, and Colby Gallacher and Logan McRoberts, from our 2yr old room. Everyone had a fun filled day with party snack, games and activities.

Our fabulous Parent Group have arranged a Halloween Party for children from the nursery and the primary school at the Healthy Living Centre this evening, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October. We hope you all have a frightfully fun time!

A big thank you!! to Sandra and all the staff at the Centre for donating loads of pumpkins for our children to participate in a pumpkin hunt. They really did have a fantastic time and were excited to take them home.




Through your child's Learning Journal we are asking you to share their amazing pumpkins that they have carved for Halloween. Staff will print pictures of their creations and the children will vote for the winner who will receive a special prize! If you have not already done so please upload pictures of their pumpkins onto their Learning Journals.

During the next week Mrs Smith will be posting next steps for your child on their Learning Journal that we will be working towards in the nursery. We would be really grateful if you could add a next step that you would like to work on at home e.g. getting dressed by themselves in the morning.

As the weather gets colder I would kindly request that children arrive at nursery with a hat, gloves, waterproofs and wellington boots. If possible a change of clothes in their bag would be greatly appreciated. Even though the Winter months are near we continue to encourage all of the children to access our outdoor area and areas in the local community. Please remember to put your child's name on their belongings. If you have any clothing your child has outgrown, these would be greatly received by the nursery. We are very low on socks and trousers for both boys and girls. Thank you.

As a staff team we have begun planning for Christmas and all of the exciting events this entails. We would love to be able to have a Fayre and Nativity here in the school, however with some restrictions still in place we are unsure this will be permitted and alternative arrangements have been considered. We will make sure this is still a fantastic and memorable time of year for the children!

Finally.....after an amazing 3 years here at Twechar as Depute Head of Centre, I will be moving on to a new post within the Authority at the end of November. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the children, parents, families and staff during my time here, for all the fantastic support you have given to both myself and the nursery. It has been such a privilege and a pleasure to work within a community that is so helpful and caring. I will take with me so many fond memories and you will all have a place in my heart. #TeamTwechar 

*Margaret Harris*

