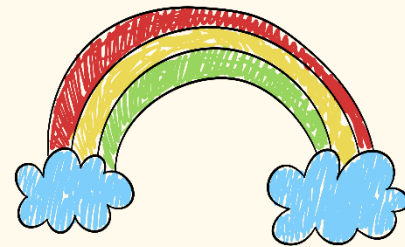


TWECHAR EARLY YEARS CENTRE



DATE : JANUARY 2024

WELCOME

Welcome back, we hope everyone had a lovely time over Christmas and New Year. A special hello to the new families who have joined us. We sadly said goodbye to our Housekeeper Natalie, and we wish her all the best for the future!

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas show. We really appreciate your continued support. Our Christmas Fayre raised £512.80! Some of this money was used to buy books, selection boxes and snacks for our Christmas party.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 25th January – Burns Day
Friday 26th January – Scottish Assembly 9.30am
Families Connect – February tbc
Come and Read with me – tbc
Bookbug Sessions - tbc
Family Learning – April tbc
Stay and Play – May tbc

SCRAPBOOKS

Scrapbooks will be available to take home from Friday 19th January for you to see your child's work. Please return these no later than Friday 2nd February. Feel free to email us some photos from learning at home.

ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent, can parents/carers please ensure that they contact the nursery/Kerry in the office by **9.30am/1.30pm**. If we do not hear from you by these times, we will begin to follow the absence procedure. More information about this can be found on our handbook online.

TREAT FUND

We kindly ask that parents contribute towards our Treat Fund, £2 per week. We use this for snacks, baking, outings and for special events and parties.

E.g. Easter/Halloween/
Christmas/Graduation

CONTACT DETAILS

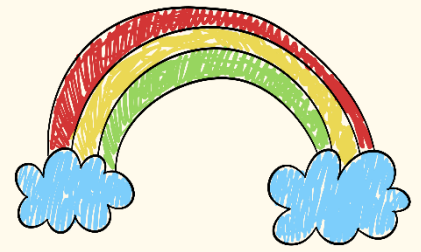
Please let us know if you have changed your phone number or home address recently. It is very important we have working contact details in case your child becomes unwell or we need to contact you urgently.

CLOTHING

We kindly ask that belongings are clearly labelled to ensure items can be found with ease. To ensure your child is comfortable, soft shoes should be worn indoors. We ask that these shoes are not slippers as they can become loose easily and/or children can slide in them. We play outdoors in all weathers, so we recommend clothing for all seasons. We often explore the local area, and wellies and a jacket are essential throughout the year.



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QUAD/GARDEN AREA

We are looking for some helping hands to develop our outdoor garden space. Please speak to one of the early years staff if you are interested in helping.



FAMILY LEARNING

We are looking to start a family learning programme and would like to gather some ideas/suggestions from parents on topics. For example, a 4-week block of baking/gardening/craft sessions with your child. Please share your ideas by emailing us or add to our suggestion box in the foyer.



FAMILIES CONNECT PROGRAM

Families Connect is a programme that builds on parent's existing skills and knowledge, providing confidence to support your child's learning.

Families Connect also builds relationships between parents and the nursery and provides opportunities for parents to share ideas and experiences with each other. Further information about when we will be running this programme will follow. Please note your interest with Tracy or Debbie as spaces will fill!



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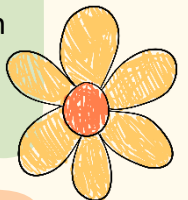
If someone else is collecting your child, please let us know and we can add them to the list of authorised people to do so. It is important that whoever collects your child, has the password given at enrollment and I.D.

Please see the table as you enter the main cloakroom and sign your child in and out at the start and end of each session.

Remember to close the black gates in the playground as you enter and exit.

NO BREAKFAST CLUB

For your information, we do not have a breakfast club at Nursery. Children should have their breakfast before attending.



LENDING LIBRARY

You will find our lending library at the front door of the Nursery. Please feel free to choose a book with your child to take home and sign the book in/out.

BIRTHDAY CAKES

You may hand a shop bought cake in for your child's birthday, if you wish. This must not contain nuts (traces are OK).

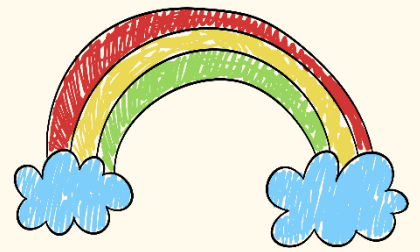
FRUIT BAGS

We have ordered lots of yummy fruit for the children to take home. You will find your bag at the front entrance. Look out for veg bags coming soon!





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LITERACY FOCUS

Last term our Talk4Writing story was Goldilocks and the 3 Bears. This proved a very popular choice and the children were very engaged in this story, taking part in a variety of learning experiences across the Curriculum. The children became authors & illustrators as they created their own story maps using Goldilocks as the structure for their stories.

This term our new Talk4Writing story is The Gingerbread Man, as the children were showing an interest in this story before Christmas. We have already read the book and started to learn actions to the story using the Model Text. Our Word Aware words will be selected from the story.



NUMERACY FOCUS



This term we are continuing to work on counting forwards and backwards plus recognising numbers. We will be focusing on 1 to 1 correspondence and subitising. 1 to 1 correspondence is learning how to count a group of objects by assigning one number to each object and only counting each object once. Subitising is learning to look at a group of objects and realise how many there are without counting. This helps with the development of early number sense.

Please take time to look at our "We are Learning...." board in the cloakroom. This will be updated regularly with information about the main focus for learning in Literacy & Numeracy.

