



# Learning and Celebrating

## Early Learning & Childcare Setting Term 1 Newsletter

Hope you all had a wonderful summer break. We are looking forward to the term ahead and getting to know our new families.

### Our current interests are:

**Signs and symbols in our local community:** After finding a 'no dogs allowed sign' on the school gate we have taken an interest in looking at different signs around the community. We went on a 'discover and see' walk to look at all the different signs we could find.

**Recycling:** Some of the children have taken a keen interest in learning about recycling after a group discussion about our recycling bins in nursery. We took a visit to the Penicuik recycling centre and looked at the different symbols to tell us what could be recycled. This also tied in nicely with our sign and symbols interest. We also visited the Penicuik library to find some books on recycling.

**Midlothian Rocks:** Many of the children have been talking about their rock painting/ finding over the summer holidays. We are going to be painting our own rocks to hide soon. Not heard of Midlothian rocks? Find out more on their Facebook page.

### Coming Soon

**Nature Play:** Over the next few weeks we will be taking small groups of pre-school children to take part in nature play alongside Cuiken nursery Children. This is a great opportunity to network with other nurseries and come together as a community. We will send a letter to parents detailing when your child's slot is. We will ask you to supply waterproofs and wellies for this.

**I Bike:** We have a Finding the Balance session on 4<sup>th</sup> October. This is a balance bike session with professional trainers. This will be offered to all nursery children in on that day in groups of 7 for 20 minute sessions.

### What's new?

**Why I was Changed Sheet:** We now have a sheet on the changing room door which details why your child has had a change of clothes.

**Three week Snack Menu:** We are now working from a three weekly healthy snack menu. This can be found in the cloakroom on the wall.

**Our Wellbeing Week:** We now put our plans for Memory Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Welly Wednesday, Thoughtful Thursday and Feelings Friday up in advance for you to see.

**Dojo:** We have a new dojo account. Please see a member of staff if you have not yet received your log in details.

### Pilot Scheme

As you know we are now offering full days to 32 children per day. This is going really well and the children seem to be settling nicely into their new routine.

### Snack money

Snack money for the term is £16 for half day children and £24 for our Full day children.

Any questions or suggestions? These can be popped onto the 'you asked we listened' board or posted anonymously into the suggestions bag in the front foyer.

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