



Greenshoots News February / March 2018

Topic this term

The children are currently learning about healthy eating and how to keep our teeth clean. As you are aware we have started a new toothbrushing scheme at the setting. Laura and Kirsty have attended oral health ambassador training and they are now dental health champions, which helps to support this scheme. The children really enjoy brushing their teeth in the setting.

Tapestry

Can we please remind parents/carers that your child's learning journey is created on our online system called Tapestry. You will receive an email which will guide you on how to set up an account. Once you are signed up you will be able to see your child's photos and observations. If you require any help to set this up then please speak to your child's key person.

Students

We currently have 4 students who are training in the Early Years and come to us for work experience placements. We have Maili and Nyah from Discovery college and Beth and Jodie from Achievement training.

Staff qualifications and training

- Natalie is now qualified to level 4 in Advanced Practitioner for the Early Years.
- Laura has recently attended some training on physical development
- Natalie, Laura, Kirsty, Sammie and Katusha are all first aid trained.
- Natalie is our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator as well as our trained Fire Marshall.
- Kerry is our Designated Safeguarding Officer and Natalie is the Deputy Safeguarding Officer.

Reminders

- We are running very low on supplies of spare clothes, so could you please provide your child with a bag of spare clothes each session they attend. Plus if you have any spare clothes you would be willing to donate to the preschool then this would be much appreciated.

- If your child is in nappies could you please provide at least 2 nappies for each session they attend, in case we need to change your child more than once.
- Just to remind you that your child can wear slippers within the setting for comfort.
- Please inform a member of staff if you or any of your child's emergency contacts have a new mobile phone number. As you can appreciate in the event of an emergency you would need to be contacted.
- Please remember to bring your child's bookbag so that they can have a new book to take home to support reading at home.
- If your child have been suffering with sickness or diarrhoea please do not bring them to preschool until they have been clear for 48 hours. This is to prevent them from passing it on to others.
- If the security gate is closed and we let you in to the premises via the intercom system or when you are leaving the premises and need to open the gate via the button, please remember to wait for the security gate to close before walking away.

Co-op Funding

We will be starting to purchase new technology based resources with the co-op funding that we have received. We have already purchased some new child friendly cameras which the children love. Please share any ideas you may have about resources they you think the children would enjoy.

Easter celebrations

We will be holding our annual Easter Bonnet parade in the last week of term. The date will be confirmed and invites will be sent out closer to the time.

Thank you all for your continued support, if you have any questions or queries please speak to Kerry or Natalie.

Kind Regards

The Greenshoots Preschool Team.