



Staff News

Staff Training & News

- Whole team numeracy training will take place in October, from our Early Years Consultant Samantha.
- We have a new **Nursery Domestic** - Kirsty who will be starting as soon as her PVG has been received. Kirsty is also qualified in early care and learning and has several years experience as a practitioner so she will be able to cover during holidays and sickness also.

Nursery Improvement Planning

1. As part of a national strategy to improve numeracy we have been looking at numeracy across the curricula. We have carried out numeracy audits, and have whole team numeracy training planned with our Early Years Consultant Samantha. Staff have also included a Numeracy week into the long term plan and will be carrying out a week long range of experiences and activities to promote numeracy - dates soon.
2. We have also been raising awareness of the new Quality Assurance document *How Good Is Our Early Learning and Childcare HGIOELC*, and have begun using this to monitor aspects of nursery.

What improvements have we made recently as a result of monitoring and parent consultation

1. Parents have all responded positively to the improvements to the children's individual learning journals, with parents commenting they feel more involved in their child's learning and progress.
2. One parent suggested they would like more information on events, staff holidays - we will ensure each parent receives a termly newsletter, Kim will make more use of facebook and text to update parents on day to day events, and we have created a private facebook group to share photos and updates on daily activities and trips. If you have any ideas on how this can be further developed please speak with Kim.
3. Adventure Tess - Carlien has introduced Adventure Tess as part of our literacy program. Each child throughout the nursery will have the opportunity to bring Tess home for the weekend. Tess will be given out on a Friday and returned the following Monday. Children and parents are encouraged to involve Tess in family life during her stay (Eg) attending a wedding, birthday party, swimming, holiday, visiting a family member or shopping. On Tess's return your child will be encouraged to give a brief account of their adventures to staff and children. To support your child in this activity, we ask parents to write a brief note of Tess's adventures in the notebook provided. (This will help us prompt your child if needed). **Tess will be sent home randomly. However if you have a special event coming up please speak to a member of staff who will arrange for you to have Tess at that time.** We look forward to hearing about all your adventures ☺

The children will have opportunities to :

Extend their memory by recalling the event
Gain self-confidence in retelling their story,

Learn to listen to others,

Learn to share,

Learn about the written word,

Develop a sense of belonging and of being valued,

Develop a greater knowledge and understanding of others' lives and the world in which we live.

Parents' Forum

Parents' Christmas Get-together - Wednesday 13 December 6pm - 7pm - join us for coffee n mince pies.

Diary Dates + PSF and College Holidays

October Week - Mon 16 - Fri 20 Oct inclusive

Christmas Party - Tuesday 19 Dec 2017 12pm - 3pm

End of PSF Term - Thursday 21 December 2017

Nursery Xmas Closure - Monday 25 December to Wednesday 3 January 2018 - INCLUSIVE

Start of PSF Term - Thursday 4 January 2018

