

Eglington Community Nursery

Newsletter - September

Welcome

A very warm welcome to all our new pupils and parents.

We hope you all had a good summer and that everyone is well rested and ready for the year ahead.

The teacher in Eglington Community Nursery is **Mrs Emma Leonard**.

The nursery assistant is **Maire Nicholl**.

By now all pupils have had their 'Induction Day' and so will stay for 2 hours each day. Pupils will then experience their full three hour play session from September 23rd onwards.

Mrs Leonard will discuss with individual parents should she feel their child may not be ready for the full three hour stay.

<p style="text-align: center;">Times</p> <p>During the first three weeks of September, the Nursery times are 8.45am - 10.45am. When we move to the three hour play session, the times will alter slightly; 8.45am - 11.45am.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sickness</p> <p>If your child is sick, please do not send them to Nursery. This includes high temperature and a cough.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Forms</p> <p>If you have not already done so, please return all forms to Nursery as soon as possible (All About Me, data collection, permission slips).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Snack Money</p> <p>We ask for £3 per child each week to help cover the costs of snack money. This may be paid in cash to the Nursery or via the school app - details given out.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Routine</p> <p>Adults and children should wait outside the front door of the Nursery at the beginning of each session. Your teacher will come out to open the door at 8.45am. Children will then sanitise their hands and walk through the Nursery doors themselves. At the end of the session, the teacher will bring the children outside to meet their adult.</p> <p>Children need not bring a schoolbag each day unless being collected by childcare / childminder. All medication / medical issues should at this stage have been discussed with staff, as well as dietary requirements, allergies, intolerances, avoidances. If your child needs to keep medication in school please ask Mrs Leonard for a medicine request form (inhalers, antihistamines, etc.)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Breakfast Club</p> <p>Breakfast Club will commence at the beginning of term and run daily in the canteen in the primary school. You may drop your child there from 8am and a member of staff will walk them over to nursery at 8.45am. Daily menu is cereal, toast and a drink. Cost is £2 per day and is payable on the app.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Seesaw</p> <p>At Eglinton Nursery we use the 'Seesaw' app to communicate with parents - news, events and photos of your children during their session. Please see instruction sheet with code and be sure to return permission slip.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mini Professors</p> <p>Mini Professors is a science programme designed for young children and we are delighted to be able to provide the nursery class with monthly sessions. Adam Dickson is the Mini</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sun Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please apply sunscreen to your child before coming to school. Staff cannot apply sunscreen to your child. There will be sunscreen available at the

<p>Professors teacher and he leads the sessions. Each session will take place during nursery class time and is for the children only. They will focus on a new theme each time, and partake in experiments, stories and hands on learning.</p>	<p>Nursery front door for parents / guardians to use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children should bring a NAMED hat and water bottle to school for outdoor use.
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September Themes

- 'Settling-in' - getting to know our new Nursery, routines, boundaries, staff
- 'All About Me' - my likes, dislikes, family, new friend's names
- Colour - **Orange** - with anticipation of Autumn we will be exploring this colour through dough play and art and craft activities - mixing red and yellow paint to create orange!
- Shape - we will be looking for circles and spheres around our Nursery School. Drawing circles and faces, painting them and even attempting to cut them out!

Some Important Reminders

An important aspect of nursery life is developing children's independence and good social skills. You can support your child in this by encouraging him/her to....

- Hang up coats / school bag at school
- Dress / get ready for school
- Bring "Helping Hands" to school
- Assist with tidying up

Dates for the Diary

Monday 23rd September - Nursery session moves to 3 HOURS and first "MINI PROFESSORS" session

Friday 27th September - MacMillan Coffee Morning in nursery

Monday 30th September - Nursery closed for staff development day

Monday October 21st - MINI PROFESSORS

Friday 25th October - Autumn walk to St. Columb's Park (each child must have an adult with them)

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November - Nursery closed for half-term break

November 4th - children return to school