

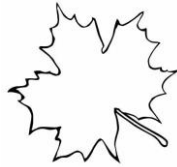
Eglinton Community Nursery

Newsletter - October

Colour - Brown

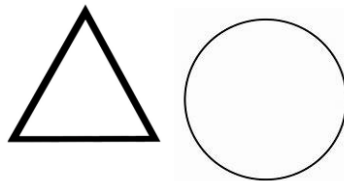
We are really coming into Autumn now and will be exploring brown leaves, pinecones and hedgehogs as well as attempting to create them from brown dough and paint!

We will also continue to look at other autumn colours - red, gold, orange, yellow, green.



Shape

We will continue to look for circles in our surroundings. And we will start to become aware of the triangle! Perhaps you can start to identify these shapes around your home too!



Food

We will include some 'brown foods' into our menu this month! We will encourage the children to 'taste and see'. These foods will include brown breads - veda, wheaten bread, pancakes, sausages, raisins, chocolate, cheerios. We are aware of certain dietary requirements but please chat to Mrs Leonard if you have any queries regarding snack foods.



Pancake



'Star of the Week'

At the end of each week 'stars' will be chosen and praised for great play, manners, helpfulness, kindness.....the adults see it all! The 'stars' will receive a certificate and a badge, and their photo will be posted onto Seesaw.

Forest School

Forest School will commence on Friday 4th October and will run every Friday in the nursery outdoor area. Children should wear their own clothes to school on Fridays - dress appropriately for the outdoors: warm joggers, long sleeved top, fleece, cosy socks, runners. Waterproofs and wellies are in nursery and staff will see to it that the children are wrapped up warm. A spare woolly hat for nursery would also be a good idea. Photos from each Forest School session will be posted onto Seesaw. If we experience extreme weather conditions, Forest School will move indoors or we will resume the following week.

This year we are looking for parent volunteers for a few hours on Fridays. Parents can help in many ways during these sessions: getting children suited and booted, assisting with tasks in the garden, play and observation, helping with outdoor maintenance (weeding, gardening). A sign-up sheet will be at nursery door. We would hope for maximum 2 parents per session and would encourage a rotation of faces.

Lending Library

Our 'Lending Library' will kick off during the first week of October. On Thursdays, each child will have the opportunity to choose a book they would like to borrow and take home. They will also receive a red book bag to keep their book safe. Library books should be returned the following Monday. If a book has not been returned by Thursday, another book cannot go home. We want to teach the children the importance of borrowing, returning and looking after someone else's items.

Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all those donated treats for the children and money towards MacMillan. The class had a wonderful end-of-month 'treat day' and together we managed to raise £170.50 for this fantastic charity. Thank-you again.

Sickness

There are plenty of viruses and infections doing the rounds at the minute, as well as head lice. If your child is not feeling well or is on a strong antibiotic, please do not send them to school. A Nursery session is a long time for a child who is not feeling 100%. If you have any queries please chat to Mrs Leonard. Could you also let school know if your child is absent due to sickness - via the app or a quick phonecall, thank you.

Autumn Walk

Our much anticipated Autumn Walk in St. Columb's Park is planned for Friday October 25th. Children plus an adult (parent / grandparent / aunt / uncle / childminder) will meet us at the **SMALL** carpark off Browning Drive. More details will be given out in due course. Approximate times - meeting at 9.30am to finish up around 11.30am. It might be a good idea to chat to other parents to share a car.

'Wee Free Library'

Some of you may have seen our bookcase at the front door - we have a small collection of books available for the adults - novels, etc for you to borrow, exchange, donate.

Parent - Teacher meetings

We are already half way through our "Settling-in" period!
Parent - Teacher meetings will be held from Monday 21st October onwards. These meetings will be to discuss your child's progress to date.

There will be a timetable at the front door - please check for a suitable time and sign your CHILD'S NAME beside it. If you sign up for a slot during class time (11am onwards) you may take your child home with you afterwards. If you are coming in for an early morning slot, you may bring your child with you and a member of staff will keep an eye on them.

Dates for the Diary

Forest School sessions	Friday 4 th , 11 th , 18 th October
Mini Professor Session	Monday 21 st October
Parent -Teacher meetings	Monday 21 st - 24 th October
Halloween "dress-up" party and movie 'Room on the Broom'	Thursday 24 th October
Autumn Walk	Friday 25 th October
Halloween Break	Monday 28 th October - Friday 1 st November
Return to nursery	Monday 4 th November

A few things to remember:

- It is starting to get cooler now - please ensure your child is sent to school with a coat as we do try to get outdoors as much as possible.
- Weekly £3 to be placed in a named purse or envelope, or sent via the school app.
- Put names on all clothing.