

January 2024



Busy Days at Strathfoyle Nursery School



The staff would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and thank you for your kind Christmas wishes, cards and gift donations, including £274 cash donation to Strathfoyle Community Association. You can check out the website for some nostalgic 'Christmas moments'. We welcome everyone back after the holidays to Term 2 where we will be getting re acquainted with our friends as we work and play together and learn new things. We will also be developing our themes of Winter, Animal Planet and People Who Help us through the six key areas of the curriculum.

The children are enjoying getting back into the school dinner routine and we continue to encourage and monitor them in developing good eating habits and ongoing hand hygiene. We will liaise with parents on an individual basis if there are any ongoing concerns.

Reminder: Please ensure your child is fit and well to be at nursery school and contact us for further advice if needed.

If your child is unwell with a tummy bug, please keep them at home for at least 48 hours after the bout of sickness and, if your child needs Calpol, they should remain at home until they are feeling better.

Dates for your Diary

Fundamental Movement Skills begins on Tuesday 16th January for both classes and will run every Tuesday for 14 weeks. Children should wear tracksuit bottoms/leggings and trainers.

Mini Professor Sessions begin Thursday 25th January 2024, more details to follow
Story bags—The borrowing of Story Bags will resume on Thursday 18th January, Thank you for your continued support with your child's bedtime reading. Story bags will go home on a Thursday each week and should be returned the following Monday.

Please return any outstanding story bags and books as soon as possible.



Skills and Attributes your child will be developing this month.

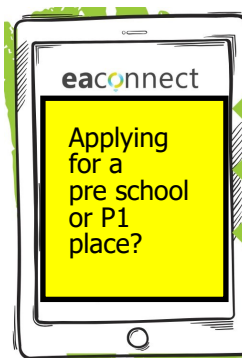
I am trying hard to:

- stop and listen to what is being said
- build on my concentration skills
- recognise my own name
- use materials to make 3D models
- count small sets and count aloud
- explore shapes and colour—rectangle/white
- observe and explore 'winter'

What you can do to encourage and help at home

- engage your child in two-way conversation
- use their name first when you seek them to follow short instructions, make eye contact
- ask your child to carry out tasks that are a little tricky to do and give them time to do these
- make your child's name together and display at home
- have fun with recycling materials to make anything you want
- invite your child to count objects in the kitchen, setting the table, washing, etc
- shape and colour hunt
- winter walk—talk about changes/weather what we wear
- have fun in the snow if it comes! - freeze some water, observe ice etc

Applications for SNS 2024 Intake & P1 2024 Intake



Key Dates
September 2024 to
June 2025 school year

12 December 2023
Admissions Criteria published

9 January 2024
Applications open at 12noon

26 January 2024
Applications close at 12noon



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more information



Key Vocabulary

Winter—frost, snow, ice, cold, freezing, bitter, slippery, icy, melting, sparkling, glittering, blizzard, softly, gently, twigs, branches, de-icer

Cold Lands—Arctic—Inuit, igloo, huskies, polar bears, icebergs, penguins, sledges, puffin, arctic hare, caribou, seals

Hot lands—Jungle, forest, bamboo, trees, mud, swamps, lion, tiger, giraffes, elephants, parrots, monkeys

Birds—robins, crows, sparrows, bird cake, seed, bird table, crumbs, currants, raisins, lard

Road Safety—zebra crossing, traffic, footpath, pavement, dangerous, careful, accidents, safety, car seats, reflective vests

Winter clothes—warm, woolly, furry, coat, scarf, hat, gloves, mittens, cosy, boots



Uniform

We would like to remind parents that we will be outside every day—During this cold weather we would like you to ensure that your child has a **WARM WATERPROOF** coat with hood in every day.

All children should be wearing suitable (correctly sized) shoes—No laces please. Please check that coats, gloves, shoes and hats are named. Thank you.



Term 2 School Funds & Dinner Money

Dinner money is £2.50 per day, £12.50 per week or £140 for term 2.

School funds is £4 per week or £44 for term 2.

Wanted please

Old Christmas Cards, shoe boxes for craft, white polystyrene pieces, gift bags, empty tins of sweets or biscuits (including inserts). Empty perfume/aftershave boxes or bottles. Empty tubes from sweets such as milky bar sweets, jelly tots etc. Boxes for chocolates i.e. Toblerone, Ferrero Rocher.

Thank you

January Rhymes

Little Robin Redbreast

Little Robin Redbreast sat upon a tree,
Up went pussy cat, and down went he!
Down came pussy, and away Robin ran;
Says little Robin Redbreast, "Catch me if you can!"



Five Little Penguins (tune of five currant buns)

Five furry penguins in a toy shop
Black and white with some snow on the top
Along came (child's name) with a penny one day
He/she bought a little penguin and took it away
(do 4,3,2,1,0)



A Winter Song

It's wintertime and cold.
It's wintertime and cold.
Hi, Ho, the derry-o
It's wintertime and cold.

The trees have lost their leaves.
The trees have lost their leaves.
Hi, Ho, the derry-o
The trees have lost their leaves.

The bear sleeps in his cave.
The bear sleeps in his cave.
Hi, Ho, the derry-o
The bear sleeps in his cave.



Funny Snowman

A Funny little snowman had a carrot nose.
Along came a rabbit..and what do you suppose!
The hungry little rabbit, while looking for his lunch—
He ate the snow man's nose.
Nibble, nibble, crunch!



Miss Polly

Miss Polly had a dolly who was sick sick sick
So she called for the doctor to come quick quick quick
The doctor came with his bag and his hat
And he knocked on the door with a rat a tat tat
He looked at the dolly and he shook his head
He said "Miss Polly put her straight to bed"
He wrote on a paper for a pill pill pill
"I'll be back in the morning with my bill bill bill"

Dance like Snowflakes (Frere Jacques)

Dance like snowflakes, dance like snowflakes
In the air, in the air
Whirling, twirling, snowflakes, whirling, twirling, snowflakes,
Here and there, here and there.

