

# Cedar Nursery Newsletter - Spring/Summer 2009



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## April 09

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Welcome back to everyone who was away over the Easter break and we hope that not too much chocolate was eaten. Our children enjoyed having the Easter egg hunt in and around the nursery.

Our parent evenings have been well attended with parents remarking on the new *Curriculum for Excellence* folders and *Birth to Three* folders and finding them really helpful to understanding their child's progress. "Far simpler to understand" Mrs A – Rainbow Room parent. Also parents were very pleased to meet our visiting teacher who works with our 3-5yr old children on developing literacy. "Our daughter is so much more confident about writing and using pens and pencils" Mr M – Blue Room parent.

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May sees our pre-school children going on visits to their Primary 1 classes and hopefully having visits from their new school teachers to the nursery. We usually have a visit from the Primary 6 buddies who will be your child's playground contact when they go into Primary 1. We also have a photographer coming to take graduation photographs **during the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> May**. For details please see the display on the wall just outside the Rainbow Room.

**The Rainbow Room** will be having a strawberry fayre on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**. An invitation will come out to parents/grandparents/carers.. Whoever can make it along to join in with the children and staff will be very welcome. Also over May and June our children will have visits to the rooms they will move onto in the next academic year; this always helps to make for a smoother transition when the move becomes permanent.

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## June 09

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This month will see our pre-school children graduate from nursery. The children will have their graduation party on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June. All children, whether they attend on a Wednesday morning or not, will have an invitation to come along. More information will follow shortly.

The **Blue Room** are having a **Grandparents Day** and we will give invitations out shortly. This will be grandparents – who play a very important role in the nursery - the chance to have some time getting to know staff and see what their grandchildren do in nursery during the morning session.

The **Green room** are having a **Celebration Party** to which parents/grandparents/carers will be invited to come along. You will be able to toast your child's successful pre-school year.

## Themes

The **Blue room** children have chosen their theme as *Spring/New Life*..

The **Green room** children have chosen the **Mr Men** as their theme. The Mr Men books/characters feature strongly in this theme and again it would be good if parents could check the activity at home sheets to help us develop the topic.

The **Rainbow room** have chosen the theme **People who help us/ Doctors and Nurses**. If we have any parents in the rainbow room who happens to be a Doctor, Nurse or medical professional could you let Laura know in order that we might get you to come and talk to the children about what you do.

## Special Announcements

Our pre-school children took part in the Young Writers (My First Poem) competition and six of our children have had their poem published in the Young Writers Book – which is displayed in the Green Room. Well done to *Jacob Clark, Daniel Coffey, Emilie Lawrence, Sonam Misra, Erin Morrow and Ross Pinkerton*.

## We need your HELP!

Now that the sunnier weather has arrived, we would ask that parents think about suncream and sunhats. It would be appreciated if children could come to nursery with suncream already on – **we are suggesting using Boots own make called 'ONCE' which only requires one application lasting up to 6-7hrs**.

Last year we found that it could take up to one and half hours to apply suncream to all children using each child's own cream. I am sure you will agree that staff could be using that time to more benefit with your child so your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Also we would like to ask parents to bring a change of clothes, particularly underwear and socks, to have on each child's peg at all times. Little accidents can occur and we can quickly use up our limited supply of spare items. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

## School Holidays and Dates for your Diary

Please note that the remaining school holidays are:

- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> and Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> and Tues 26<sup>th</sup> May

Induction Visits for Parents and Children will take place on:

- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May at Millersneuk Primary School
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> May at Lenzie Primary School

At the moment I do not have information for the other schools, but as soon as they are confirmed we put notices up on the Green Room whiteboard.

Cedar Nursery will be **closed on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May**.

## Reminders for Parents

- Sunhats and suncream – applied before the child comes to nursery please.
- Check your child's dookit
- Any help with our themes would be appreciated.
- Please check Activity at Home Sheets
- Holiday dates for this term are listed above.

## A Big Thank You

**We would like to thank the parents who volunteered to help with the pre-school to primary school visits.**

And finally, a thank you to all parents who gave information about photographers. We tried to choose a photographer who came recommended and who also had prices in the mid range.

The feedback we have had from parents and children was that he was very good, made the children laugh and the photographs were of a high standard. We raised £260.00 from this and we will be using these funds to buy new outdoor equipment and toys. We will have a display (over the next couple of weeks) to let you see what the children have chosen and photographs of them using these new items. So once again thanks for your support.

**Feedback on the newsletter would be appreciated via our website**