



GREENHAW NURSERY SCHOOL



OCTOBER 2024

September was a very busy month with the children being introduced to the daily routines of the nursery, meeting new friends and getting to know the staff. Everyone is now well settled! Children are developing their independence and self-help skills in nursery. They are learning how to put on their own coats. A good tip is to teach the children to put their hoods on their head first, and then put in their arms. We would greatly appreciate if you could continue this practice at home and encourage your child to try to put their coat on by themselves. Please, also encourage your child to pull up/down their own pants, trousers/leggings when they go to the bathroom. Your help, as always is greatly appreciated! So here comes October! Busier than ever!

Themes and Rhymes

Our themes this month are Halloween and continuing "getting to know you". We will also be introducing signs of Autumn. We will be reinforcing Halloween through activities, stories and rhymes. An October song and rhyme sheet goes home with the Tots News. Please sing and say these songs and rhymes with your child at home. Starting 7th October we will have the great joy of having weekly Jo Jingles music sessions with each class. Each session costs **£1 per child per week** to be put into an envelope with their name on the front.

Halloween

We will celebrate Halloween with the children with a dress up party on Friday 25th October. We encourage all children to come to nursery dressed up on this day. Some children don't like dressing up -if this happens you should bring the child's costume with you and when they see everyone else dressed up, they usually join in. We will also be having a Halloween interest area this month. Your child may bring in an object for discussion, for this area.

New lunch time/dinner routine

Children have just started this new routine. At home, please encourage your child to use a knife and fork to eat with and reinforce the need to stay at the table. Please remember to send a healthy packed lunch.

Snack, dinner and Jo Jingles money

On a Monday morning please put snack money (£3) dinner money (£12.50 weekly or £2.50 per day) and Jo Jingles (£1) money into an envelope and write the child's name/amount on the front. (Please include correct money as no change can be given!). Your child can post this into the class post box. They love doing this!

You will soon notice that your child will wear a coloured name badge when they come into their nursery classroom each morning (this badge will be kept in the nursery), to help us with the management of our classes.

Mrs Molloy's class will wear red or blue badges.

Miss Mc Callion's will wear green or yellow badges.

Dates to remember

The health visitors will visit the nursery this month for your child's 3+ Review. Prior to this you will be sent out a questionnaire which should be filled out and sent back to the class teacher ASAP. These meetings will take place on:

Wednesday 23rd Oct. Mrs Molloy's class

Thursday 24th Oct. Miss Mc Callion's class. More details to follow on Seesaw.

Halloween Break

**From Monday 28th October, return on Monday 4th November.
(last day Friday 25th October)**

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Language Development



The Halloween Theme will provide an opportunity for the staff to extend the children's language -for example, the water tray becomes 'a witch's cauldron' and we talk about all types of creatures that a witch would put into it. This is all done in a fun way so that children will not be frightened. Some of the key words that the children will be learning are: Witch, wizard, cauldron, spooky, pumpkin, bat, skeleton, ghost, spider, web, cloak, fireworks, black cat, broomstick, spell, skeleton, ghost, spider, web, cloak, fireworks, black cat, broomstick, spell, crescent moon and Abracadabra! Some of the stories that we will be reading will be about 'Meg' (the witch) and 'Mog' (her cat) because Meg is not a scary witch. The children will also be painting Meg and Mog - so look out for some wonderful photos of these on our school-website and Seesaw app!

Nursery curriculum/Home-school links

As the children have all now settled into nursery we would like to draw your attention to the importance of home-school links. The Seesaw app is a wonderful way of communicating between home and school. It gives parents/guardians a window to their child's learning and gives an insight to our nursery curriculum. Teachers and nursery assistants will work very closely with your child over the course of the year and this app will keep you up to date about and celebrate their progress. Please look at the Seesaw app and school website for regular updates.

Reminders

- A change of clothing should be left in school in case of 'little accidents'. This should include trousers/leggings, jumper, socks, vest and pants. All school jumpers and coats **must** have your child's name on them.
- Remember to bring a coat **everyday** and sensible shoes for indoor /outdoor play activities for climbing, jumping etc. **Velcro shoes** work best for nursery aged children.
- We would appreciate it, if parents/guardians could help by bringing in scarves, handbags, and items for our junk art area such as old birthday cards, yoghurt tubs, triangle cheese boxes, kitchen roll tubes and cereal boxes. Any unwanted toys in good condition are always appreciated! For example, baby-cots, dolls clothes and old phones/mobiles etc., to help to replenish and enhance our imaginary play and art & craft areas.
- Also we would love any donations of bikes, motorcycles or little trike coupe cars, scooters etc. that children no longer use (for outdoor play).
- We would also appreciate some more tissues and wipes! Thank you.
- Each child is invited to bring in a pair of welly boots to leave on their hangers for outdoor play as we move into the autumn and winter period. Children love to explore outdoors even in the wet weather! Please also note that the nursery day is filled with many activities (some of which are messy !). We encourage all children to participate in messy play, so please don't panic if their uniform has dirt on it when they leave school, this is all a great sign of lots of learning taking place!
- Please remember to collect work from the children's pouches each day.

If your child is sick and requires medicine including Calpol or Nurofen please keep them at home. Coughs, colds and flu spread very easily among young children.

Please let us know by phoning the school on (028)71351908.



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A huge thank you from all the nursery team for your continued support !