



St Cyrus Nursery- Term 4 2023/24

I would like to start this newsletter by sharing the nursery's most recent care inspection as this highlights the hard work all our practitioners have put in to make your child's experience the best it can be. This can be found on the care inspectorate link (<https://www.careinspectorate.com/index.php/site-search>) and type in St Cyrus for our most recent inspection.

This consisted of gradings of 5's (Very Good) in all areas. Some of the lovely comments in the report are:

'Children were happy, having fun and fully engaged in their play.'

'Play experiences provided opportunities for children to develop their skills in language, literacy and numeracy.'

'A parent shared, "The staff are welcoming, they meet the needs of my child, adapt to my child's needs".'

We would like to thank all our families for your continued support and helping us make St Cyrus Nursery **'Reach for the Stars'**.



On another note: we would like to congratulate Donna who is going on a secondment. She has moved to a promoted post in another setting in Aberdeenshire.

Literacy

Our learning over the next few weeks, as requested by parents and children, will be about space. We will be finding out information about the solar system and asking the children what in particular they would like to learn.

How to support at home: If you have any books that would be useful for us to find information, please feel free to share these with us.



Numeracy and Mathematics

We are working on developing our block play area to help promote curiosity, inquiry and creativity. You may have noticed that we have moved around furniture to create a space where children can use the blocks. We have introduced a chalk board at this area to develop mark making as part of their creations.

Health and Wellbeing-

As the better weather approaches, we will be learning about how to stay safe in the sun. We have already sent home permission letters for sun cream in nursery (if these could please be returned). We will be learning about why we wear sun hats, put on sun cream and practitioners will be monitoring the UV levels.

How to support at home: Attached to this newsletter is a leaflet with more information to learn about how to stay safe in the sun and how to detect early signs of skin cancer.





Important dates for your diary

Transition dates have been sent out with the transition email.

29th of April- Open evening from 3-4 for all families to visit us in the nursery. Child smile will be here with some fun activities, baking from the children, all practitioners here for a chat and a cuppy. We would love to see everyone join us.

30th of April- Beach trip- Group 1 (*Weather permitting*).

6th of May- Nursery Closed- Holiday.

7th of May- Nature Nursery.

14th of May- Beach trip- Group 2. (*Weather permitting*).

21st of May- Nature Nursery.

4th of June- Nature Nursery.

5th of June- Sports day 9.30-10.30 More information to follow.

7th of June- Your child's learning journals will be sent home for the weekend. You can take your child's learning journal home at any time during the term.

10th of June Holiday.

18th of June- Nature Nursery

2nd of July- Fun day in the morning with a picnic lunch. This year instead of a trip we will have a fun day at nursery which will include fun activities and visitors to the nursery. More information to follow.

Moving on celebration- A celebration of your child's year/s at nursery this will be from 1.45-3pm. More details to follow.

5th of July- Church Service at 9.30 and last day before the summer holidays.

26th of April/ 24th of May/ 21st of June - Assembly for pre-school children.

Every second Tuesday between 2-3pm we will be outdoors with the primary one class or join the primary one in the classroom for free play.

*Please do remember that we have an open-door policy, if you ever just want a chat just ask-
Lauren, Bev, Jodi and Marie*

