



**ARROCHAR PRE-5 UNIT
NEWSLETTER
October 2019**

Dear Parents

Our topics this month be:

- ❖ Autumn
- ❖ Halloween

If anyone has any books about Autumn or Halloween please bring them into nursery so that we can share them with the group.

The children's evaluations for August/September were:

- ❖ Adriana – "I like going to Primary 1 to learn how I keep healthy and about personal space".
- ❖ Niamh – "I liked playing with the baby when my sister came to visit nursery".
- ❖ Nicole – "I like going up and down in the tunnel in our playground, it is dark inside".
- ❖ Elsbeth – "I like driving the cars along the big planks of wood outside in our stone garden".
- ❖ Isla – "I made my Mummy, Daddy, Lily and me with playdough and my dog Dolly".
- ❖ Leo – "I learned that we need to brush our teeth or they will go bad and black".
- ❖ Hattie – "I liked seeing the dentist lady and learning to keep my teeth healthy".
- ❖ Ally – "I loved the sponsored walk, walking with Mummy and finding some cows and having a snack and the BBQ".
- ❖ Alyssia – "I liked going on the walk with Mummy. We went up the hill and we had a burger".
- ❖ Rowan – "I liked going on the walk with my Mummy and my friends up the water track. I had a veggie burger in the playground when we got back".
- ❖ Flora – "I liked making a leaf man using leaves we found on our walk in the woods".

Autumn Weather

As we have now entered the season which brings us much wetter weather, it would be very helpful if parents could dress their child in leggings/jogging trousers. This will make it easier for the children and staff getting our outdoor waterproof trousers and jackets on and off for our regular visits to our outdoor play area. Please remember there are toilet visits to bear in mind and the children struggle with tights & dresses with their waterproofs, so the simpler the better, to make our transition from indoors to outdoors and vice versa as smooth as possible. We would appreciate it if everybody could leave a named pair of wellies by your child's peg, along with their indoor shoes. Hopefully we can all enjoy exploring outside in all weathers with the necessary clothes for our changing weather.

P.E / Fitness

We will continue to have Fitness with Mrs Nicolson on a Wednesday and P.E with Mrs Dodson is now on a Friday for the nursery children. From time to time the days may change, so if possible, please leave your child's bag containing their P.E kit on their peg – please remember, no drawstring bags or plastic bags for safety reasons. Please can we remind everyone to name clothes, shoes and wellies as we have recently had some unplanned swapping of clothes. The children have a habit of spreading out when changing and they do not always recognise their own clothes, so unnamed items cause confusion when trying to give clothes back to the right child.

Pre-5 Fund

The £10 termly Pre-5 fund money will be due when we return after the October holiday. Please hand this to a member of staff on our return. Thank you.

Lunches

Please can we ask that parents sending in packed lunches remember that we are unable to allow products containing nuts, due to allergies in the school. We are aware that many cereal bars contain nuts or may have traces of nuts so please be careful when choosing these bars. Please leave bars in the

wrappers to help us. Please can we also ask that grapes and tomatoes plus similar shaped foods are appropriately sliced to prevent any choking hazards. Thank you.

Pre-5/P1 Liaison

As part of the transition programme the Pre-school children will continue to work with Mrs Hendry and P1. Our pre-school children will visit P1 for two, time-tabled sessions per week where they will work on health outcomes following the PATHS programme. This started in September once all of the new children had settled into school. The PATHS programme is a programme which promotes alternative thinking strategies.

Soft Start

Our next soft start session will take place on Thursday 31st October from 8.50 – 9.15am. Please try to come along to work with your child and to enable you to have the opportunity to look through your child's personal learning plan and their individual floorbook.

Dates For Your Diary

Snappy Sounds

Susan Tighe from Snappy Sounds will visit for her monthly music workshops on Monday 21st October, Monday 4th November and Monday 2nd December at 9.00am. The children really enjoy experimenting with all of the instruments.

October Holidays

The nursery will close at 2.50pm on Friday 4th October and re-opens at 08.50am on Monday 21st October.

Book Fair

Scholastics are visiting from Wednesday 30th October to Wednesday 6th November. You will be able to buy some lovely books which will benefit the school, as we get commission on each sale

PTA Meeting

The next meeting of the PTA will be on Monday 21st October at 9.00am. Please join us if you can.

Regards

Pre-5 staff

Arrochar Primary Pre-5 Unit
Comments and Suggestions – October 2019

Please hand this in to a member of staff or e-mail your comments/ suggestions to the school: enquiries-arrochar@argyll-bute.gov.uk

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