



## Royal Mile Early Years Newsletter 2

2020/21

All the children have settled back into nursery life fantastically! We have been making new friendships, exploring the playroom and garden together.

We hope you have been able to view our outdoor SHANARRI display that is located just at the front of our nursery. The children were able to share their thoughts and feelings which then implement our findings into the design for our SHANARRI garden display.

Staff have gathered all the children's ideas, thoughts, feelings and have created a video to explain what SHANARRI means to them. **This can be viewed on the [blog](http://www.royalmileprimary.com). (www.royalmileprimary.com)**

### Our learning



So far this term the children have been learning about people who help us, relationships/families and under the sea (sea creatures).

There are lots of photographs and observations of the children exploring these themes through role-play, stories, artwork, and IT, all of which are on the children's learning journals which are updated on a weekly basis. We encourage all our parents to look at these and PLEASE feel free to add any photographs or comments!

Over the last week, the children have noticed the colder weather and the leaves falling from the trees, so we are looking at the season of Autumn. We have gone on local walks to find signs of autumn, collecting different coloured leaves and using them in displays and artwork. We will carry on working on this theme the next term.

## Reminders.

### Clothing



As always, the weather can be unpredictable. We do take the children outside in all weathers so please ensure your child is prepared with named clothing, suitable footwear and a coat every day. The current safety measures due to COVID 19 put in place by CEC and Scottish Government mean windows have to be open for extra air circulation so can we ask that all children wear an extra layer of clothing such as a long sleeved top under a jumper or cardigan.

Please be assured we are continuing to follow robust all safety measures and risk assessments these are in place to ensure the nursery is COVID-19 safe.

### Drop off/pick up times

The nursery team would like to thank you all for your patience and co-operation at drop off and pick up times. Introducing staggered pick up times has reduced overcrowding to ensure everyone's safety and allow for social distancing.

### Learning journals

We are delighted to re-introduce rhyme time online. You will find a rhyme each week on your child's Learning Journal. It would be great to see photos and comments from you and your child. We use Learning Journals to record observations of your child learning at nursery. These observations will be a mixture of individual, group as well as whole class experiences. Once your log in is set up you will be able to access your child's learning page to see what they have been doing at nursery. If you are having difficulties accessing your child's journal, please speak to our school office (0131 556 3347) to make sure we have your correct email address/to request a password reset or please feel free to book an appointment with your child's keyworker.

Please find the attached information sent from the City of Edinburgh Council with information on their [virtual fun day](#) during the October Holiday and an updated [menu](#) from the catering team.

### Dates for your diary

October holiday - week beginning 19th October 2020

Children return after holiday - Tuesday 27th October 2020

**The Early Years team**