



Royal Mile Early Years Newsletter 3

2020/21



We are pleased to see that the children have settled back in well after the October holidays and we are excited to get started in this new term.

A very warm welcome to new parents and children starting in the Nursery. We are looking forward to sharing your learning journey.

Learning Journals



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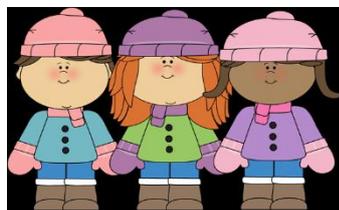
Learning journals are a valuable connection between home and nursery just now when we cannot meet inside in person. We'll keep you up to date with our current interest/theme as well as giving you an insight into your child's play and learning during their sessions. Keyworkers observe the children in their group in different ways to build a picture of your child's learning and development. You can see observations made during their free play and how it links in to their learning in the curriculum areas e.g expressive arts, technology, social subjects, science! Observations in small group time focus more on literacy and numeracy and we'll let you know how they get on as part of a larger group e.g gather time, walks around the local community & play parks. We really appreciate working with you to support your child's learning.

A simple 'like' let's us know you have read the journal post but we also enjoy reading your comments too and sharing them with your child!!!

Remember the journal is a log of your child's learning and shouldn't be used as communication between nursery and school. If you have questions or concerns you would

like to discuss, please give us a call (0131 556 3347) or email admin@royalmile.edin.sch.uk

Change of Clothes & foot wear!



At this time the Scottish Government guidance is to maintain effective ventilation throughout the nursery. This means that the doors and windows need to be open so it may be cooler than normal indoors. Please send your child to nursery with 'layers' of clothing so that they can stay warm indoors and outdoors.

The children love to play outdoors and will get muddy so please send them in clothes that are not 'special'. We'll provide every child with waterproof trousers and a waterproof jacket but they will need their own gloves and hat etc.. Can we also ask if you can ensure your child has a spare change of clothes (just in case). Please name every item of clothing, thank you.



Our spare stock of clothes is running very low. So please return any you have borrowed or even donate any that your child has grown out of. We will quarantine cleaned clothes for 72 hours to be extra safe.

School Enrolment



If your child's date of birth is between 1 March 2016 and 29 February 2017 they are due to start primary school in August 2021. Registration for primary school is from Monday 9th November. Information is available on the Council website

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/p1registration> . Please contact your catchment school if you have specific questions. Schools will ask for;

- Your child's birth certificate
- Proof of child's baptism in RC faith (if applicable)
- Council tax demand notice for the current year in your name
- A utility bill (gas, electricity, landline telephone or broadband) in your name and dated within the last 6 months Non-catchment application forms will be available soon.

The Edinburgh Children's Partnership is looking to gather the views and voices of parents and carers about how their families are being supported during the initial and ongoing COVID-19 lockdown peri-od. By completing this survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/famspc> you will be helping us to better understand how we can continue to serve the needs of families in these difficult times and influence the

design and shape of Family Support Services across the city. We would be very grateful if you could complete the survey before **Friday the 20th of November**.



All Early Learning and Childcare settings are monitored and inspected by the Care Inspectorate regularly. Part of their inspection process is gathering regular self-evaluation evidence for a new key question "How good is our care and support during the COVID 19 pandemic?" *Next week we are holding a straw poll (you'll will be giving a straw to pop in either the yes tin or no tin), our question to all families are "Did your child take part in any activities that were provided on the learning journals"*



Scottish Child Payment <https://www.mygov.scot/scottish-child-payment/> helps towards the costs of supporting your family. It's a weekly payment of £10 that you can get for every child you look after

who's under 6 years of age. You'll get the payment every 4 weeks if your application is successful.

It's up to you what you choose to spend the money on. You could use Scottish Child Payment for things like: travel costs, nappies and other

essentials, childcare, family days out

Scottish Child Payment does not affect any other UK or Scottish Government benefits that you, or any person in your household, currently get.

Only one person can get Scottish Child Payment for a child. This means, if two people apply for the same child, Social Security Scotland have a process of deciding who gets the payment. This is called a double claim. The process depends on the benefits that you and the other person are getting. More information is available on the school website.

The Early Years Team