



## Royal Mile Early Years Newsletter 4

2020/21

### The Children are Planning great things!

The children have come up with great suggestions for our Christmas planning.

They have asked about ice and are keen to make some in the water tray.

They are curious to find out why we have Christmas trees and festive foods and would like to explore flavours and spices at snack. They would also like to practice wrapping presents.

Look out on the BLOG and Learning Journals for pictures, story telling, tasting sessions and shows all about celebrations and fun!

learning  
journals

Staff will regularly update the Learning Journals to keep you informed of your child's progress and achievements at nursery. **Please** take the time to look at the journals with your child, it is a great opportunity for them to share their learning with you. If you have questions or concerns you would like to discuss, please give us a call (0131 556 3347) or [emailadmin@royalmile.edin.sch.uk](mailto:emailadmin@royalmile.edin.sch.uk)

*Thank you to everyone for taking part in the online rhyme time, we have enjoyed looking at the photos and hearing about your games.*



Big thank you to all parents who took part in our straw poll, this poll will support our evidence gathering for our self-evaluation. Our question to all families was "Did your child take part in any activities that were provided on the learning journals", from this we found that 11 parents said no & 13 parents said yes.

We will be looking at ways to improve and get more families using the Learning Journals and joining in activities. If you have any suggestions please let us know

Next week's question will be "Do you feel our service provided adequate support during the Covid 19 lockdown?"

### Safety

Please can families keep everyone safe by supervising children and not allowing them to run or scoot amongst people whilst they are waiting at the gate. Thank you!

## Support

We appreciate that all our families are going through very difficult times at the moment. If any of you are finding things particularly hard for any reason, please do send an email confidentially to [admin@royalmile.edin.sch.uk](mailto:admin@royalmile.edin.sch.uk) to see if we can help. We work with lots of different agencies who might be able to offer some support.

**DO YOU NEED ADVICE?**

Free money advice is available for anyone!

- BENEFIT ISSUES
- INCOME MAXIMISATION
- DEBTS & ARREARS
- BUDGETING
- HOUSING PROBLEMS
- HELP WITH FOOD & BILLS

Citizens Advice Edinburgh | EDINBURGH | GIC | CHAI

0131 530 5510 | 0131 200 2300 | 0131 551 2459 | 0131 442 2100

## Useful Contacts

Social Care Direct - 0131 200 2324 (social work service). Opening hours Monday-Thursday 8:30am-5pm Friday 8:30am-3:55pm

Emergency Social work service - (out of hours) - 0800 731 6969

Domestic abuse helpline - 0808 802 3333

Children 1st - 0131 446 2300

NSPCC - 0808 800 5000

Samaritans - 116123

Parent line Scotland - 0800 0282233



## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas School Lunch

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Our on-line magic show

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020- Nursery Party

Children can come to school in party clothes or Christmas

jumpers, but be ready to go outdoors.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 12 NOON - Nursery closes for holidays

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 - Nursery reopens at usual times

*We wish you all happy holidays. Stay safe and well, take care of each other.*

*The Early Years Team*

