



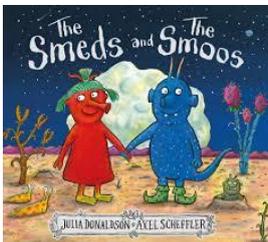
Royal Mile Early Years Newsletter

2020/21

It was great to welcome everyone back to Nursery on 22nd February and to welcome some new families, who had waited so patiently. We'd like to say a big thank you for your understanding and patience whilst we have settled in to being back.

We are delighted to have both playrooms open again. The age groups are mixed in both rooms. This means we can maximise the number of children attending and stay within our staff: child ratios. The activities and experiences on offer will reflect the age and stage of the children, ensuring everyone can access stimulating and challenging play with the support of experienced staff. Our planning is child centred, following children's interest and curiosity.

This term we will be starting to think about moving on for our Pre Schoolers. Whatever the topic there is a focus on pre writing and reading skills. This will include mark making in play, being encouraged to add detail to drawings, compiling lists for snack suggestions. The children will be supported in developing independence skills and organising their belongings. All this will support them and ensure their readiness for school.



Transition may not look quite like it used to but we are still planning a varied and supportive programme. There is a city wide transition programme like last year and you will start to see the Edinburgh Bear popping up. Every year there is a book focus, this year it is *The Smeds and The Smoos*, so children from every early years setting will have had the same experiences whichever primary

school they move onto.

We really want to offer all our pre schoolers a chance to come together and experience being in the Primary 1 classroom and trying out the dining room etc, as in other years but this will depend on the guidance from Scottish Government. Our priority, like yours, is to keep all our boys and girls safe and well.

Art Gallery - Theme Hope around the World We are using the Little Book of Hopes as our inspiration this year. The boys and girls are working hard on their contribution to the exhibit and we hope you will go online and enjoy a virtual tour. Parents are invited to contribute too! Just send us a word or phrase that makes you feel Hopeful. Send it by email to admin@royalmile.edin.sch.uk

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journals

Staff are still regularly updating Learning Journals. **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 email admin@royalmile.edin.sch.uk

