



New Faces

Before Christmas we were busy recruiting additional staff to help us with our significant growth. We are pleased to announce that on the 18th January Senga Ross and Ilona Wajdzik joined us from other early years settings in Edinburgh. Many parents and carers in Daisy will now be familiar with both Senga and Ilona.

In addition to growing our care delivery teams, we have also been joined by Margaret Gordon in our Admin Team. Margaret has many years nursery admin experience.

Sadly we have also said goodbye to two members of staff who leave us to explore new careers elsewhere. Fran Roldan left our Pre-School Team and Shirley Urmson left our Baby Team. We wish them both well in their future careers. Fortunately however as we have been actively recruiting and re-profiling our staffing, Shirley's hours will be picked up by other part-time members of the Baby Team whilst Fran's role will be replaced by Micha Konieczna – one of our temp staff known to you all - Micha is a specialist Pre-School Practitioner.

We are delighted to have all four staff members on board. We trust you will join us in welcoming them to our team.

We are also taking this opportunity to let you know that due to a sudden family bereavement, Lynn our Director of Operations has been absent for the last few weeks. We have covered Lynn's short absence by sharing her duties amongst the management team until she returns. We expect her back imminently.

Nursery Management Systems

After a selection process, we have chosen Family as our nursery management system. Family is a Danish nursery system that meets all our needs, and as a bonus it has a parent app to sit alongside our cloud based system. We are currently in discussions with Family about rolling it out to staff and parents and hope to be up and fully functioning on the system by the start of April 2016. Watch this space for more information. We are certain you will like the functionality of the system and the enhanced communications it will provide for staff and parents.

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Weather Appropriate Clothing

We are sad to report that we have a number of children missing out on outdoor activities as parents have not provided us with suitable outdoor clothing and footwear for their child. This means whilst their friends are out enjoying our bracing winter, those children are indoors not getting the same outdoor experience their peers are getting.

To help us, and to help your child get the most benefit from each day with us, can we ask that you provide your child with suitable outdoor clothing and footwear to fully participate in the life of our nursery.

Garden Project Update

We are pleased to announce that the outdoor classroom has been a big hit since coming into use. The children have been active in deciding how it should look and what activities can take place there. The outdoor area beside it is also being actively used. You will no doubt have seen the chalking from our Pre-School children who are drawing clocks and numbers after learning all about time.

Unfortunately due to the continued harsh weather (it seems like it has been raining all of 2016) we have had to further postpone the delivery of the soil for the top garden to prevent creating a mudslide, which would set us even further back. We hope to take delivery in the next few weeks....weather willing.

Toys to nursery

May we also take this opportunity to ask that parents discourage their child from bringing home toys in to the nursery. We have sufficient toys for your child to play with and additional toys brought from home is becoming a real distraction from each days learning experience. Your co-operation in this regards would very much be appreciated.

Reminders

We would like to remind parents to phone the nursery prior to 9am if their child is unable to attend that day. Can we also please ask you to remember to label your child's clothing and belongings. Finally, any artwork or crafts done by your child will be placed in their tray, please check this so they can take this home.

We hope you find this interesting and please do speak with a member of staff if you would like further details or if you would like to comment or make suggestions for future topics.