South Morningside Nursery Newsletter
Friday 13th October 2017

General Information

After an incredibly busy term, it is nice to take a moment to reflect upon all the children have achieved since arriving at nursery in August. Many new friendships have been made, nursery routines are now well established, lots of new names have been learnt, a lot of fantastic art work has been produced, many an interesting and entertaining discussion has been had, lots of counting has occurred, favourite songs have been sung, and most importantly, happy and smiling children have arrived through our doors each day!

Thank you to all who managed to come to our fundraising bake sale this week and for purchasing your children's canvases. With the money raised, we plan to improve our Bedtime Stories book selection, by investing in a new range of recommended fiction and non-fiction texts, as well as, a selection of audio books and CDs for the children to borrow. We will also use the money to replenish the role play toys and furniture for the playroom.

We hope you all have an enjoyable break and look forward to hearing the children's tales from their holidays when they return.

Morning Group:

This week during group times, the children have enjoyed playing Rapido, which is a fun game that involved creating various play dough models, racing their friends to be the first to create various dough animals and guessing what each other had made. This activity encouraged a lot of talk between the children and also promoted fine motor skill development.

Please engage your child in a range of exciting activities at home to help develop their fine motor skills; before we need to worry about their pencil grip, we need to build those little hand muscles! www.finger-gym.com may be a website of interest.

Morning Group Diary Dates:

Wednesday 25th October: weekly dance classes to commence – 9am-10am, eight-week block *Please note: the cost for eight classes is £8.50, which should be paid to the nursery staff before the first class. Wednesday 13th December: Final dance performance – all parents and carers welcome to attend (this will take place at Deanbank)

Thursday 26th October: Deanbank all session – Sleeping Beauty Theatre Production (no Forest Kindergarten on this day; alternative session will take place on Monday 30th November)

Monday 30th October – Friday 2nd November: Eco Week

Thursday 2nd November: P1 Open Day – 9:15am-10am

Monday 6th November: 1/2 group to Morningside Library – story teller
Monday 6\textsuperscript{th} November–Friday 17\textsuperscript{th} November: Make a Difference Project - Children will raise money for a local charity

Thursday 9\textsuperscript{th} November: P1 registration morning - Deanbank Infant Campus

Friday 10\textsuperscript{th} November: Parents invited to visit the One-ery. Sign up for a slot: 9:30-10am/10-10:30am

Monday 13\textsuperscript{th} November: 1/2 group to Morningside Library - story teller

Thursday 16\textsuperscript{th} November: Nursery will take place at Deanbank (normal session times) (Thursday Forest Kindergarten group will take place on Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} November)

Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} – Friday 26\textsuperscript{th} November: Road Safety Week

Monday 11\textsuperscript{th} December – Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} December: Nursery will be based at Deanbank this week

Tuesday 12\textsuperscript{th} December: Oaklands Care Home visit - Christmas songs performance

Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} December: Nursery/P1 Nativity performance (parents encouraged to attend)

Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} December: Nursery Christmas party

\textbf{Afternoon Group:

The children have been enjoying playing outside in the garden in the autumn leaves and brought the outside in, through their wonderful leaf rubbings pictures. They selected and described the leaves before creating the very effective art work, using chunky crayons. This is a really easy activity that can be done at home too, and now that the children have experienced it first hand, they can explain exactly how it should be done!

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\textbf{Afternoon Group Diary Dates:

Wednesday afternoons: Forest Kindergarten sessions will commence

Tuesday 14\textsuperscript{th} November: Trip to Morningside Library - story teller

Tuesday 21\textsuperscript{st} November: Trip to Hermitage of Braid

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderful holiday!

Hannah Williams