



Nursery News Letter Term 2 2023

Happy New Year to all our lovely families and children. We hope you all had a very restful holiday and are ready for the exciting term ahead. We have a lot going on at Mauricewood ELC and we look forward to sharing these with you in the months ahead.

Again we are looking for parent/family helpers to come and help us run our story sack lending library and Big Bed Time Read. If anyone can commit to an hour or so once a week we would love to have you. Again please come and speak to Mrs Forbes!

We are really enjoying having all our parents/carers back into nursery every day and having a quick catch up. We have identified some parents/grandparents who will be coming in to help us with activities each week. If you would like to come and help or just stay and play just let us know. Please call us or catch us if you have any questions and remember you are all more than welcome anytime! Our phone number is 0131 271 4631 and our email address is

Mauricewood.ps@midlothian.gov.uk.

We are looking forward to reintroducing our beautiful Story Sacks with families starting soon. These will go home with your child once a month or so on a Thursday and should be returned to nursery on a Monday. These are a great resource to use with your child and a great way of developing early literacy skills. Along with this we will continue to provide Big Bed Time Read Packs which will go out every week. The Big Bed Time Read bags go out on a Thursday and should be returned the following Wednesday. Please tweet any photos @mauricewoodey. Happy story time! We have also introduced our 'Every Where Bear' with story and diary that will go home with children every Thursday and return to ELC on a Monday. We look forward to hearing all about his adventures!

We have re-started our Nature Play sessions in Beeslack Woods and are looking forward to lots of exciting learning taking place. We will also be going to visit Penicuik Library on a Thursday morning, along with weekly visits to Aaron House on a Tuesday and Wednesday. We will put a sign-up sheet in the foyer on a Monday to inform you of the trips we will be going on each week and if any parents/carers/grandparents wish to join us they can pop their name on the sheet and we look forward to them accompanying us. We will also be running a cooking club, gardening club and parents groups. The dates for these will also be posted in the foyer area for people to join us. All are welcome.

Ground Force Day

We are very proud as a school to announce that we have been awarded £2800 from Education Scotland to develop our nursery and school garden. We are looking at creating sustainable food sources that we can use for cooking club and snack. We have purchased the wood to make planters and soil so we can begin to plant vegetables etc. We are looking for volunteers to come along on Friday 27th January from 9am - 11.30am to help us build these and transfer soil to the nursery and school garden. Please, please if any family members or parents are available to help we would really appreciate it. Coffee and biscuits will be provided! Please speak to Mrs Forbes if you are able to come.

As the weather is changing and becoming increasingly colder can we ask that parents provide their child with a hat, scarf and gloves for them to wear while outdoors. Could we also ask that all your children's clothing is clearly labelled with their name as this makes it easier for staff to match up clothing. We do have spare waterproofs, wellies and other outdoor wear for the children to borrow if they need.

As we are reaching that time of year where Norovirus and other illnesses are around we ask that if your child is sick or has an upset tummy you inform us and keep your child at home until they have been clear of these symptoms for **48 hours**. If your child has any other illnesses please let a member of staff know. This helps staff and children remain healthy at nursery and keep our setting open to everyone.

Please **REMEMBER** to check your child's tray every day to collect any letters, beautiful art work or information you may need. **Can we also ask that when your child signs themselves into nursery using the self-registration sheets that the adult dropping them off initials next to the child's name. Thank you.**

Seesaw

We have had some fantastic feedback from parents, carers and childminders regarding the use of Seesaw. It is a fantastic way for parents to see the wonderful learning their child is taking part in each day and sharing the learning with our partnership providers and childminders. If you are still not registered on Seesaw and require more information or help please talk to a member of the ELC Team.

We will be sending out a link to a questionnaire this term asking for your feedback on the use of Seesaw and would appreciate your time to fill it in and we will collate all the feedback and ensure this is shared with you all.

Daily Nursery Information

Please check the white board in the Reception area to see what is happening in nursery every day. This will give you information on trips, library, Big Bed Time Read and any other visitors or exciting things happening within the nursery that week. The information is updated on a daily basis.

Your child's lunch choices for the week ahead will now be displayed on the wall within our foyer for you to see.

Dates for your diary...

Parents Group Meeting Numeracy
Ground Force Day
Gardening Club
Family Cooking Club
Parents Group Meeting Health & Wellbeing
Stay and Play Week/Parent Consultations
Daffodil Tea Party for parents/carers

26.01.23 at 2.30pm
27.01.23 at 9-11.30am
30.01.23 at 2.30pm
09.02.23 at 3.20pm
23.02.23 at 2.30pm
20.03.23-23.03.23 - All Day
23.03.23 at 2.30pm