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SCHOOL VISIT PROGRAM

The children who will be attending St John Paul II in August have been involved in a school visiting program.

This program is aimed at preparing the children for school, working on their self help skills such as putting on their own jacket and shoes, developing their independence and also ease transition from nursery to school.

The staff have been working closely with the school and with Mrs Mckee who is the principle for the infant department and the P1 teacher.

This program will run over a six week period twice a week.

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Early Years 29



The children from 29 participated in a wellie waddle raising funds for Easter treats. Well done to all the children and a big thank you to the parents and families for their kind donations.

The children and staff held a daffodil tea party. Lots of parents and family members came along to the tea party. All of the children sang some spring time songs the parents and families then had a cup of tea and cake. The children in the starlight and 3-5 room planted seeds and have been taking care of their daffodils and watching them grow, the parents then made a small donation and took home their child's plant. All the money raised is for "Marie Curie".

The staff and children would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone that attended the party and anyone that has donated through buying daffodil pins.



Early Years 123

The children at 123 enjoyed celebrating World Book Day 2015. On the lead up to this both playrooms enjoyed reading "The Tiger Who Came to Tea".

From this, the children in The Moonlight Room have been developing their interest in "The Jungle" with lots of fun experiences such as our jungle walk, face painting, dressing up, role play, arts and crafts activities and of course lots of Jungle stories.



DATES TO REMEMBER

The nursery will be closed on the following dates:

Friday 3rd April

&

Monday 6th April

Please remember that all dates of our 2015 closures can be found on our website

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Playroom News and Events

All at 123 would like to say a BIG thank you to Fiona Mooney, Archie's mum.

Fiona very kindly bought us new throws for our Storyhut. They are so warm and cosy and very much appreciated.

As you can see from the picture — Archie loves them



Parents may have noticed a few changes in the baby room at 29. We have moved furniture and added a variety of material to the ceiling/walls to enhance the sensory experience for children.

We would like to welcome our new Temporary Child Development Officers Charley and Lynsey. Charley is based in The Sunlight Room at 123, and Lynsey is based in The Starlight Room at 29.

We would also like to welcome our new full time Support Worker Amy.

Amy will be working between both 123 and 29.

The staff from the 3-5 Playroom would like to say a big THANK YOU to all parents and children who took time to make their 'Moppy' posters.



Outdoors & the Environment

The children from the Moonlight Room at 123 were invited to take part in a 'Good move, wee play' session held by Glasgow Life in Castlemilk Community Centre. During these session children have the opportunity to participate in physical activities, have fun, build confidence and develop positive self esteem.



The Moonlight room at 29 have been focusing on developing the children's gross motor skills. The children have been building their own balancing beams and obstacle courses indoors and outdoors using the tunnels, balancing beams and crates. During this play the children have had lots of fun and been practising their balancing, climbing, jumping and crawling skills.

Some of the children from the Moonlight Room at 123 visited the Library to listen to stories and choose some new books to take back to nursery.



Developing Literacy

Throughout April we will be learning and talking about spring time and new beginnings. We will be planting seeds, exploring soil and digging in the mud kitchen. Our book of the month will be "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" we will be exploring outdoors searching for caterpillars/ butterflies, tasting activities and lots more.



The 3-5 Playroom have been learning about emotions. The children used the Moppy Books to encourage them to share and express their feelings. The Moppy books help and teach children how to deal with the different emotions they may feel.



Responsible

The children and staff from 123 enjoyed 'painting their faces funny for money' for this years Comic Relief. We had lots of fun painting each others faces and even making funny face cakes. We managed to raise a total of £33.68

Thank you to everyone involved.



The Starlight room have been working on people who help us. The police came to visit us at the nursery, The police were talking about staying safe and how they can help, the children were wearing the police officers hat

Citizens

and where sitting in their police car listening to the sirens. Claire from the oral health team came to visit; she was talking about healthy eating, brushing our teeth and exercising. Claire brought a small dentist chair and dentist tools for us to use in our imaginative area.



Activity of the Month

Chocolate Easter Nests

Ingredients:

- 100g milk chocolate for cooking
- 2 shredded wheats
- Small chocolate eggs

How to make the Chocolate Easter Nests:

- Crunch the Shredded Wheat into small pieces
- Melt the cooking chocolate
- Pour the crushed Shredded Wheat into the melted chocolate
- Put a small nest of the chocolate Shredded Wheat into a cake cases and then add a few chocolate eggs on top.



Information Specific to 29 Dunagoil Road

- * Please ensure that your child's purple bag has spare clothes to allow for toilet training and messy play.
- * Please remember to sign your child in/out of the playroom, could you also advise staff if anyone different is collecting your child that day.
- The Sunlight Room at 29 are looking to develop their sensory area, staff are asking the parents to help and donate some small items.
- The staff will provide a list of items they would like.



Information Specific to 123 Castlemilk Drive

- * Can parents ensure that they change their child into soft shoes before entering the playroom.
- * Please remember to sign your child in/out of the playroom.
- * Please ensure your child has appropriate footwear to allow them to participate in outdoor play.

