



Welcome back to a busy term at Riverbank Nursery!

So far this term the children have been learning about the world of 'Frozen'! We have had lots of science investigations into ice and snow, made beautiful wintery art and have been learning about animals we would find in cold places.

We will be moving onto the topic of 'Superheroes' which will tap into a lot of the children's interests. We will be thinking about what makes someone a superhero, how we can help others like superheroes do, and who are our 'real-life' superheroes who help us every day.

We will also be celebrating 'Robert Burns' Day on 26th January, and Chinese New Year on 19th February.

Other events to look forward to are our annual UNICEF Day For Change, and Comic Relief. Dates and information can be found within this newsletter.

Staff Update

Due to a change in staffing circumstances within the school, **Mrs Lade** will be teaching Primary 3 for the remainder of the school session. In her absence, Mrs England will take over the Blue Group's Learning Journey folders. Miss Logan will remain as teacher in the nursery.

Miss Walker will be absent for a few weeks from the end of January as she is due to get an operation on her foot. She will be back with us in the nursery as soon as she is fully recovered.

We will keep you updated!

Special Events and Dates to Remember

- **Wed 4th and Thurs 5th February** – Parent Sessions 3.45pm-5.30pm (Further information will follow)
- **Friday 6th February** – UNICEF Day for Change
- **Monday 16th February** – HOLIDAY
- **Tues 17th and Wed 18th February** – In-Service Days (School closed to pupils)
- **Friday 13th March** – Comic Relief
- **Friday 3rd April** – Last Day of Term
- **Mon 6th to Fri 17th April** – Easter Holidays
- **Monday 20th April** – First Day of Summer Term

Learning Journeys

Please remember you can add to your child's learning journey folder at any-time. Please feel free to talk to your child's keyworker if you would like advice on this – or you can pick up the guidance from the cloakroom area. Your child's keyworker is identifiable by the colour of folder they have.

- **Red:** Miss Logan
- **Blue:** Mrs Lade/Mrs England
- **Yellow:** Miss Walker
- **Green:** Mrs Fettes

English As An Additional Language

Barbara Szumanska from the EAL service will be in the Nursery every Wednesday to support children with English as an Additional Language. Barbara is a fluent Polish speaker and additionally can speak some Russian. She is also available for translation if parents need assistance in speaking with staff.

Reminders

Toys from Home: A lot of children have been bringing toys into the nursery from home. Can we please remind you to encourage your child to keep these in their bag or not to bring them at all – they can get lost or broken and we have plenty of toys in Nursery already!

We will be starting weekly 'Show And Tell' for the children to bring in something they would like to share from home. Keep an eye on the nursery boards for when this will be happening.

Snack: We have been noticing that some of the children have said they have not had breakfast or lunch before they arrive for their nursery session and are very hungry. Nursery snack is sadly not substantial enough to replace a meal for the children and we would encourage you to try to ensure your child has eaten something before they come to nursery.

Security: Please can you ensure you write the correct adult on the collection section of the sign-in/out sheet. If you are unsure exactly who will be picking your child up, please put down all possibilities. Additionally, if your circumstances change and someone else will be picking up your child, please call the nursery to inform us. This will avoid any unnecessary confusion or delay at the end of the session.

Toilets: For child protection reasons, please use only the disabled toilet area for changing or accompanying your child to the toilet. Parents/Carers are not permitted in the children's toilet area.

Communication

Please keep an eye on the main nursery door, notice boards and the letter trays in the cloakroom for information and important letters. We would hate for you to miss anything!

We now have Nursery Blogs for morning and afternoon which are accessible at:

Morning Nursery:

<http://riverbank.aberdeen.sch.uk/blogs/nurseryam/>

Afternoon Nursery:

<http://riverbank.aberdeen.sch.uk/blogs/nurserypm/>



If you have any concerns, comments or ideas please do not hesitate to speak with a member of the team or write them on a sticky note to add to our comments tree in the cloakroom.

Our Deputy Head Teacher, Mrs Sunley, is also in the nursery at Wednesday drop-off time to meet with parents.

The Nursery Team

Miss Logan, Mrs Lade,
Miss Walker, Mrs Fettes, and Mrs England