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Dear Parent/Carer,

The past weeks have seen the smooth return of all the nursery children after the Christmas break. We would like to welcome all our new families both at Broughton and The Lavender Room in Drummond. We look forward to getting to you know more and your families over the coming weeks.

Learning Journals

Thank you to everyone who continues to engage with their children's Learning Journal. The Journals are a great way of linking home and school. Please continue to log in frequently and share with us any activities that you may be doing when they are not at nursery, and we will continue to share their learning in nursery with you. It is also lovely to have you back in the nursery at drop off and pick up time and to see the corridor busy with parents and staff chatting to one another.

School Deferrals

Information was sent out to any families who can apply for a school deferral for their child. This can be applied for using the link in the guidance sent out. Before you apply for a school deferral can you please arrange to discuss it with myself and Mrs Quinn. All applications must be submitted to the Council no later than 28th February 2023. Late applications may not be considered. Please be aware that when you apply to request a continued year of early learning and childcare, you are also agreeing that a place in Primary 1 will not be required until August 2024. When your application is approved, any Primary 1 application previously made will be withdrawn, along with any placing request that may have been made.

Learning in the nursery

Last term was very busy in the nursery. Please use the link below to see all the learning that took place across all our rooms and outdoors.

<https://sway.office.com/PMh5MpJzqv5x9zMf?ref=Link>



Our Plans for this term

This term we will continue to respond to the interests of the children when planning learning experiences. We will also be exploring the following with the children:

- Chinese New Year
- Robert Burns and poems
- Winter weather
- Traditional Fairy tales

Staff Changes

This term we welcome Caroline Wagstaff to the nursery team. Caroline is a peripatetic teacher with the Council Early Years Team. She will be with us alternative weeks supporting us to develop the use of pupil voice and interests when planning learning experiences. We will share the work we do on the Improvement Plan Wall in the corridor. We have also said goodbye to Lisa Grieve (Administrator) and Belen Rodriguez Blanco (Early Years Assistant). We wish them the best of luck in their new roles.

Information for Families

Our next PEEP group, which supports parents and children to learn together, will start on Tuesday 21st February at 1.45pm – 2.45pm. Look out for further information in the coming weeks.

Below are some links that may be of use:

1. Early learning and Childcare Information for Parents:
<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/nurseries-childcare/find-early-learning-childcare>
2. Maximise Newsletter. Latest winter newsletter which contains all the latest Cost of Living info and benefits news:
<https://tinyurl.com/MaximiseDecember2022>

Upcoming Dates

Friday 10 February – term time children finish for midterm break

Monday 20 February – term time children return to nursery

Thank you for your continued support.

Warmest Regards

Samantha Rushforth and The Nursery Team.