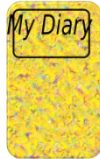


Rattray Primary School Nursery Class Newsletter May 2020



Dates for your diary:



Friday 22nd May: Staff training day. We are not expecting children to participate in online learning and staff will not be available online either.

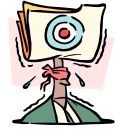
Future Dates (In anticipation of a school return this school session!!!)

Wednesday 3rd June - Nursery Sports Day.

Wednesday 24th June - Nursery Graduation

If, however, no school return is possible, we would hope to have a virtual Nursery Sports Day and Nursery Graduation.

This month **We Are Learning To** (W.A.L.T.) will focus on:



- investigating objects and shapes and sorting, describing and be creative with them.
- enjoying exploring events and characters in stories and other texts, sharing my thoughts in different ways.
- able to describe common objects, saying two things about them.
- demonstrates good control when using tools including writing tools.
- enjoying daily opportunities to participate in different kinds of energetic play.

And finally.....

We are glad that all our families are continuing to stay safe and healthy during these very different and challenging times.

Remember our Rattary motto:

"Together we all can."

The Nursery Team
May 2020

Nursery News



Home Learning

Teams is the preferred method of sharing learning with our pupils and families and it is proving to be an invaluable educational tool for us. We are delighted that the levels of learner engagement with our online learning materials continues to increase. This is largely due to the efforts from our staff who are working so hard to provide learning opportunities which will encourage, motivate and engage our pupils. Using Teams to share learning has really helped strengthen our relationships with families who have been very supportive and positive in their praise of our online learning efforts. We really appreciate this. Thank you to all staff for the incredible commitment they have shown to our school and pupils.

The staff love seeing the children's posts, comments and home learning tasks so please continue to upload these. It would be helpful for staff if all pupils were able to post learning daily, as teachers are building daily feedback opportunities into their day, but as previously stated we understand that family circumstances may make that difficult.

At Rattray, we do check all our pupil's engagement with online learning and their submission of learning activities and we will be contacting some families as we want to ensure that all our families can access Teams if they choose too. Therefore, if you are experiencing any difficulties in being able to engage and access our online learning materials please get in touch via the school office rattray@pkc.gov.uk as we may have solutions which can support your child's learning.

Please remember that Microsoft Teams can, and should, be accessed through pupil GLOW accounts. Please also note that Office 365 is available free of charge, also through GLOW to download onto home devices. If you have lost the details for your child's login, please contact the school email address too.

Activity Centres

As some of you may be aware, Newhill Primary School is being used as one of the PKC Children's Activity Centres for the children of key workers and other children in the community. A number of staff from Rattray and other local schools have been supporting this activity centre and other centres too over the past few weeks. Our thanks go to all our staff who have been involved in this.

Perth & Kinross Council is providing childcare for the children of key workers at six Children's Activity Centres and through partner providers and childminders. (Children's Activity Centres look after the children of key workers who have no other means of childcare. Key workers involved in the response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak can submit applications for places at Children's Activity Centres by visiting the following link <https://www.pkc.gov.uk/coronavirus/schools?fbclid=IwAR2I9TrT5qvI6nJ1m3WVqkpgDTKocEbuM8uwuie9r387d5I9fe2XAfK5MDI>

Additionally, key workers whose partners work in food production, agriculture, postal and delivery services or in the agriculture/food haulage sectors can apply for places if they cannot care for their children at home.)

Transition from Nursery to Primary 1

Nursery children have already been using many areas of the school during their sessions at Nursery, for example, there are regular planned opportunities for them to use the dining hall, library, science room and gym hall as part of their Nursery experience.

Nursery and Primary 1 staff are currently putting together transition information/opportunities for children starting P1 in August 2020.

If you have the option to defer your child's entry into school, your child will not receive this information this year.