

Learning Journals – guide for parents/carers

November 2024



Learning Journals is a tool for Abernethy School and Nursery where staff can record significant learning of children. By sharing this with you we can help you know what your child is learning and developing during the school day and sometimes give you ideas and tips for further practice/support at home. When you log in, you will hopefully feel more informed about your child's learning – you can also comment and send us photos of wider achievements experienced beyond school.

You can log into your child's profile in 2 ways – using the web interface or through the Parent app which is free to download from the Apple Appstore or google Play Store (search Learning Journals for Parents).

We have already sent your log in details. If you can't find them in your email, please contact the school office and we can send them out again for you.

There are 2 different types of posts you will see on Learning Journals – an observation or a story.

Staff can also send out class reminders or important information to remember.

Observation Published Edit

Wednesday, 23 October 2024

Curriculum for Excellence - First Level

By Seonad Pamar

Wednesday, 23 October 2024

Curriculum for Excellence - First Level
Expressive Arts

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What was I doing?

After learning about the artist Andy Goldsworthy we explored making artwork using leaves.

What did I learn?

was able to discuss the natural materials used by the artist and to try some artistic techniques. He discussed what he liked and disliked about different methods.

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Observations are records of significant learning linked to the curriculum for Excellence and National frameworks called Es & Os (Experiences and Outcomes.) These are what we use to plan and record evidence of progress and development. Simply put, they inform you about what skills, attributes, knowledge and understanding your child is working on - there will be teacher comments and a photo to show your child's successes and achievements too.

Tuesday, 05 November 2024

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What was I doing?

P1 today were learning all about fireworks and fireworks displays. We wrote about fireworks, created some artwork and then watched a beautiful Disney fireworks display.

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Stories are a really easy way for staff to share something, generally, with families. A story is not as comprehensive as an observation. We can share a story that may be a lovely learning or play experience, an event that involved everybody, or something that your child/group of children have been proud of – examples could include an art activity, something they’ve built or a trip out and about in our community.

Children and staff love it when you contribute to an observation/story. It’s easy for you to do this – simply click on the ‘like’ button to acknowledge you’ve seen a post, or even better, leave a comment to let us know what you think. This is an ideal way to engage with Learning Journals

If you see a blue box on your child’s profile it means we’ve set up an area for you to contribute further to the profile. You can add some successes from home – maybe a sporting achievement or something you learned to do at home. These sections will be named ‘Wider Achievements’ and often match the 4 capacities – which match our school aims. Please see the diagram below for examples.



Alistair
 D.O.B: 23/02/2015
 Start Date: 01/01/2016
 Age: 54m (4yrs 6m)
 Curriculum:
 Curriculum for Excellence - Early Level
 Room: 3-5a

Keyworker:
 Marion Smith

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When it’s time for your child to leave our School, you can export everything that has been shared on Learning Journals. First click on the convert Profile to PDF button. You’ll then just select from some options...then the system will then create a PDF for you which will become available from your downloads tab. Please note, this feature cannot be performed using the Parent App.

You will need to log in through the internet first, this is how you set your security details. Once you have done this you can then access your account using those same login details.

The parent app has a basic interface to allow you to do the following:

- View observations and stories for any linked children
- Add in parent contributions
- View your gallery
- Receive messages

Please note:

We kindly ask that parents/carers do not use Learning Journals to tell us day-to-day information about their child such as absences or lost property etc. Please continue to use the school office for this type of communication.

Appointments can be made with staff at any time via the office. You can also email the school with information and we will ensure it gets to the right adult.