



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2014

Halloween celebrations

This year's Halloween celebrations went off with a spooky vibe.....

The children had great fun taking part in messy, sticky activities. A big THANK YOU to staff for all their hard work and preparation in making the day great fun and a special thank you to all the parents who took part.



Little Einstein Nurseries Perth

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If you would like more information regarding what is happening at Perth nursery, please visit our new website at;

www.littleeinsteinsnurseries.co.uk

Or follow us on twitter



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Upcoming events

If you would like details of upcoming events, please see the parent's notice board outside the kitchen for details.

Alternatively, if you would like to make a suggestion that the children could take part in, please feel free to speak to a

Leaps & Bounds

Our new term class begun last week. The children have loved every minute and are especially enjoying getting their stickers and report cards at the end of each session. If you would like more information regarding the class, please feel free to speak to a member of staff in your child's room. If your child does not attend on a Tuesday, you are more than welcome to come along and join in. Classes start at 9.30a.m for the 0-2yrs age group and then change every 30 mins.



Spare clothes

During the children's busy day there are times that they may become messy or have little accidents. We would ask that children bring in at least one full set of change of clothes (please could these be clearly named)

Weather

Please could we ask that all children are brought to nursery with appropriate clothing to support outdoor play? We aim to allow the children access to outdoors a minimum of twice per day. Please ensure that items are clearly named. Could we also ask for appropriate footwear to be kept at the nursery wherever possible? Slippers or indoors shoes are encouraged.



Toys



Please could we ask all parents to encourage their children to leave precious toys etc at home? We often have an increased supply within the center which leads to children getting confused or upset when things are lost or damaged. It is sometimes hard for a child to watch another enjoying their toy, leading to tears. Staff are on hand and will remind children as well. If you would like support, please ask.



We are pleased to announce that our latest report following our recent inspection is now available to view.

Our most recent grades for this year have seen an improvement on last, with many positive comments from parents. A big THANK YOU to all who completed questionnaires and took the time to speak to the inspector on the day.

Care and Support

Environment

Staffing

Management and Leadership

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Some of the positive comments and feedback included;

* We saw that children throughout the nursery were happy, settled and secure. We saw that they had formed good relationships with staff and we saw children approaching staff readily for help and support and to initiate conversations;

* We saw that staff were making good use of current curriculum guidance to inform planning and to help them organize interesting activities for the children that promoted learning.

To summarize, we found that there were good outcomes for children and that their general health and well-being needs were met by caring staff, who knew the children well.

Following our inspection, we were asked to put together an action plan to identify areas of development and with recommendations from our inspector on how to take things further this has now been put into place. Details of this inspection and our action plan are available on the SCSWIS website. A copy of the report is also attached.

In the coming weeks we will be putting up a display showing parents the areas we have developed, we hope you will take the time to read and contribute.

New policy & Procedures

This month we are highlighting our Infection Control policy. A copy is attached to this newsletter for details. We would draw parent's attention specifically to the section detailing 'Unwell children'.

We would ask all parents, if your child is unwell please consider the following points before bringing them to nursery;

- Are they well enough to cope with the day?
- Are you or someone suitable available within a 1hr period, should your child need to come home?
- Have they had a bout of sickness or diarrhea?

IF SO THEY MUST NOT ATTEND NURSERY FOR 48HRS FROM THE LAST BOUT

- If they require medication, it must be supplied following our medication policy (in last months newsletter)

The nursery will in each case make the decision regarding when to send a child home due to being unwell. When there are cases which will result in exclusion from nursery from known illness, parents will be contacted in the first instance for exclusion. If you would like to ask questions or make suggestion, please feel free to contact us.

Improvements/ resources

The past few months have seen many improvements and additions to the resources and nursery as a whole. Staff have been completing training and gaining experience in a wide range of ages as they have had the opportunity to support other playrooms.

We have had minor refurbishments, including the center being fitter out with new hand washing equipment to improve the children's experience.

The 0-2yrs group have had an additional £200 of equipment added to the playroom which the children have had great fun exploring and interacting with.

Employee of the year

We would like to invite parents, visitors, colleagues and children to take part in our annual employee of the year nominations. We are asking you to nominate a member of staff that you feel has 'gone the extra mile' in making your experience with the nursery enjoyable or rewarding. Staff will be invited to the annual award ceremony and receive 5 days holiday in recognition of their dedication. Thank you for taking part.

The voting box is available in the foyer (reception) and will be available from 17th November – 28th November.

We will be putting together voting forms for you to use and would appreciate if parents could encourage children where possible to vote with these as well. One vote per person 😊



Get involved

We are keen to encourage you to become part of our life in nursery. As of 1st November we are introducing a parent's forum with focus groups. We would like to invite parents to become part of the membership committee and be a representative that parents can contact. If you would like to become part of the committee, please speak to management for details. Ideally we would like a parent representative from each age group. You do not have to be part of the committee to attend meetings. The idea behind the focus group is that you can attend only the meetings that you feel are relevant to you and your family. Please keep an eye out for details.

Sad farewell

On November 26th, we say a sad farewell to DJ our chef. He and his family are moving to sunny Fife. DJ has worked with the nursery for the past 7 years. He will be missed by staff and children. We are currently recruiting and will keep you informed when we have filled the position.



Fees

Please could we remind all parents that fees are payable in advance. We would request that fees be paid in the morning to enable us to bank them before the end of day.

The nursery does not hold change, therefore we would request that you have the correct fees.

Failure to pay in advance will result in you being refused entry.



Please remember we welcome feedback and suggestions from parents and service users regarding what we offer. If you would like to make a comment, or suggestion please feel free to contact us on;

Tel: 01738 626 700 (option 3)

E-mail:

perth@littleeinsteinsnurseries.co.uk

Or in person to a staff member or management. Our office door is always open.

INVENTORS

This month our Inventors are beginning to explore Hibernation. They have been learning about the different animals and how they prepare for the colder weather. There has been great interest in the topic, which can be seen by the colorful displays emerging in the playroom.

Following from this, they are planning to begin to introduce winter towards the end of the month. The weather has begun to become colder and the children have noticed now the need to wrap up before going outdoors.

If you would like to make any suggestions and offer support for the topic, please speak to Holly, Kassi or Rachel in the playroom.



EXPLORERS

Our explorers have been exploring the recent changes in temperature. Staff are supporting them with this by introducing new vocabulary and pointing out the changes as they observe them. We have also been celebrating each child's developments and achievements. Staff have put an achievement tree in place and would welcome feedback and participation from parents.



DISCOVERERS

In the discoverers we are learning all about pets. The children have been experiencing the different types of pets their friends have. Staff would welcome input as well as any photographs to support the experience.



Dates for your diary

NOVEMBER

REMEMBRANCE DAY – 11.11.14, children will be encouraged to part where possible to take part in Remembrance Day with staff.

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS FAYRE & CAROL CONCERT – 12.12.14, The 3-5yrs will be holding a carol concert on Friday, 12th at 3.30pm. Tickets will be 50p.

CHRISTMAS CLOSING DATES

24.12.14 07.00-16.00

25.12.14 CLOSED

26.12.14 CLOSED

29.12.14-30.12.14 07.00-18.00

31.12.14 07.00-16.00

01.01.15 CLOSED

02.01.15 CLOSED

INVESTIGATORS

Our investigators have recently enjoyed the Halloween topic and had great fun at their party. They have been exploring the autumn theme and have particularly enjoyed the art activities that accompany this.

