

# Little Einstein's Nursery Kirkcaldy

March 2016

## LOOK WERE IN THE FIFE FREE PRESS!

As part of our Eco School project we are focusing on helping the local community and environment. We applied for trees to be delivered by the Woodland Trust. The 3 - 5's (Inventors) have been maintaining land at our allotment at Ravenscraig Park, Kirkcaldy, where the children have grown potatoes, carrots, onions, tomatoes, beetroot, raspberries, strawberries and radish. The children also grown sunflowers this year. We received 140 young trees which were allocated at an area in the Park by Fife Council. Mike Grieve, Little Einstein's gardener also helped Kirsty and Karena to plant the trees. We will look forward to these growing over many years!

**Outdoors**

### Nursery creations

Children from Little Einsteins Nursery in Sang Road, Kirkcaldy recently took part in creating a different kind of nursery in Ravenscraig Park.

As part of their Eco Schools project the nursery applied for young trees to plant from the Woodland Trust's community initiative. They received 140 young trees and after being allocated an area in the park by Fife Council the children planted the saplings, helped by Mike Grieve, Little Einsteins gardener and Kirsty Haston, deputy manager.



Youngsters from Little Einsteins helped plant the trees.



The children helping to maintain the plot at the allotment.



Alaina was managing so well to stick the trees into the ground.

Mike, the nursery gardener demonstrating showing the children how to plant the trees.



# Few Quick Reminders



Quick reminder that the use of mobile phones are not permitted inside the nursery premises. If you are on your phone while in the nursery you will be asked to put it away.

Our next nursery event will be to celebrate **World Book Day**. On **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**, we ask that all children come to nursery/afterschool dressed as their favorite book character. If the children have the story book to go along with their character you are more than welcome to bring it in so they can read it. If it is a special book we ask that it stays at home in case it gets ripped. Can't wait to see the children all dressed up.



Can we please remind everyone that snacks / bottles of juice are not permitted at nursery. We are encouraging and promoting healthy eating in the nursery and some children have been very upset when staff / parents have had to remove packets of crisps or sweets off the children when they come into nursery. If your child/children is needing breakfast in the morning we serve toast and cereal until 9:15am.



## KEEP UP TO DATE

If you would like more information regarding what is happening at Kirkcaldy Nursery, please visit our website at;

[www.littleinsteinsnursery.co.uk](http://www.littleinsteinsnursery.co.uk)

Or on the parent information board in the cloak room.



## Toys

Please can we ask all parents to encourage their children to leave precious toys/dressing up outfits at home. We don't want children to become upset when things become damaged or lost. Staff are on hand and remind children as well.

Thank you



## Look what we have been learning?

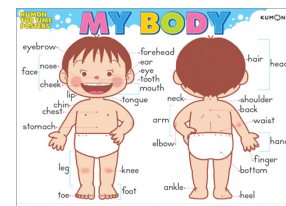
### Discoverers 1 / 2

Discoverers 1 / 2 have been focusing on physical development recently through the use of walkers and table top activities for the younger children. Outdoor play and parachute games have been a big focus in the room encouraging the children to share and take turns. They have also been learning about zoo animals making the animal noises and pretending to be animals through role play. The staff have also been encouraging the children to self-feed, it can be sometimes messy but, it's a fun way of learning. The children love using cutlery to feed themselves.



### Discoverers 3

Discoverers 3 children have been learning about a topic called "all about me", where the children have been making self-portraits of themselves by looking in the mirror. The children have been learning all about body parts and staff encouraging the children to sing "head, shoulders, knees and toes" so the children can point to the different part of their bodies.



### Inventors

The Inventor children (3-5's) have been very busy celebrating Chinese New Year. The children have been practicing Chinese animal writing, dressing up with clothes they wear in china and even had a delicious bowl of noodles. The children all helped to make a Chinese dragon in the hall, he was a friendly dragon though I was told by the children. The children in 3-5's are going to be doing a "Clean for the Queen" on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at Glebe Park. Fife Council are organizing the event and encouraging the children to do litter picking in the local area by providing all the appropriate equipment. This is a great event which will count largely against our Eco School green flag assessment which is taking place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.



**Inventors - If your child is due to attend West, Torbain or Dunnikier Primary or Nursery this year and you are considering using the nurseries transport. Can you please see Irene to ensure we have the spaces available? It is a first come first served basis and spaces are very limited.**

### Investigators 1 / 3

The Investigators (2-3 year olds) have been learning about pets. The children took a walk to the pet shop where the pet keeper was showing the children different animals. The children have been making dogs, cats, birds through arts and crafts. The children have been learning counting through playing a game of "fish counting" where they had to place the correct number of fish into the fish bowl. The children loved doing this activity. The children also made their own fish bowl by sticking glue and glitter onto the bowl.



### Afterschool

Afterschool children have been focusing on Road Safety. The older children have been "teaching" / giving responsibility to show the younger children how to cross the road safely. The children went out for a walk where staff gave the children instructions they had to follow. The children have also taking part in a quiz about road safety. The children have also been learning about dissolving after finding salt out on the paths in the garden. The staff provided the children with different colours of tissue paper which changed the salt different colours. The children have also learnt how to dissolve jelly and corn flour. As part of Chinese New Year the children made their own stir fry, learning basic cooking. It tasted yummy!!



## Staff News

We are sad to announce that Shelly has had to take early maternity leave due to health reasons. Baby is growing strong and healthy. Shelly is enjoying her time off before baby is here.

Leanne is leaving as off 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016 to have some time off before due her baby boy. Sandra has been working for over a month now and will be taking over from Leanne as deputy manager. Sandra is fully qualified with many years' experience and will be covering between the office and afterschool.

Karen has decided she fancies a room change as she has had many years in afterschool. Ruth and Sandra have been working very hard in afterschool club together to ensure they are fully aware of the room's / children's routines. We will keep you posted on when and where Karen will be moving too as we still looking at possible room moves.

Paula has also settled in very well into Discoverers 1 with Jemma and is enjoying her time with the babies providing many messy activities / experiences.

We have recently employed 2 Modern Apprentices to join the Little Einstein's team. Jamie-Lee and Carly have been working for the company for many weeks now and will be starting their training with thistle training in March. Jamie-Lee is currently based in 3-5's (Inventors) and Carly is in 2-3's (Investigators 1).

Karena will also be breaking off in April as she is expecting a baby girl we are in the process of recruiting a fully qualified member of staff to cover Karena's maternity leave.

## New to the Team



Sandra  
Deputy  
Manager



Jamie-Lee  
Modern  
Apprentice



Carly  
Modern  
Apprentice



Ruth  
Early Years  
Practitioner



Paula  
Early Years  
Practitioner

# A Big Thanks

Thank you every one for your patience with the door entry buzzer system. There was a few faults with the buzzers which have now been identified and we are awaiting on a new part to be delivered.



Thank you too all parents who completed our parent's questionnaire in January.

We have collated all questionnaires together and evaluated each of them.

Please see following outcomes that were mentioned on many questionnaires:

## Menus:

New spring menus will be coming out in the next month. We are in the process of evaluating the menus and putting forward suggestions of any changes we feel that need to be adapted. If you have any suggestions please feel free to put them in the suggestion box which is located at the front door or via email. Vegetables is served with all main course meals, we have addressed this issue with staff as they have not always been reporting to you on their daily sheets which vegetables the children have had that day. You can requested a copy of the winter menu which we are on at the moment or see menu's at the front door.

## Books / music in different languages through-out the nursery:

We are in the process of sorting through our library of books to identify what books / music we are short of. If you have any books/ music at home in different languages, please feel free to bring them in.

## Décor of nursery:

As you have noticed the nursery is needing an update of carpets, paint etc. We are scheduled to be getting a refurbishment in July 2016 when the nursery is quieter. If you have any suggestions please pass these on.

Thank you for taking your time to read from Little Einstein's staff team.

See you all in 2017 from Leanne

