



Little Einstein's Nurseries Dundee

Welcome to our Winter news letter

By Nursery Manager

We would like to take this opportunity to tell our parents about the exciting things that have been happening in our nursery over the last few months and to share with you any upcoming events that will be happening.

Explorers (0-1 years)

Over the last couple of weeks, the staff have been focusing on the child's interests. The children have been looking at the following:

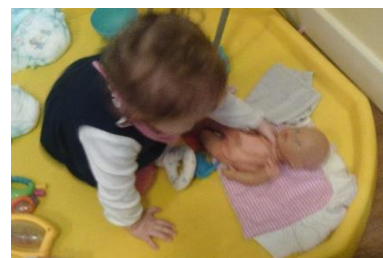
- Under the sea
- Autumn
- Babies
- Maisy the book
- Halloween

The children have also enjoyed looking at musical instruments where the staff made an area of recycled goods for the children to make music. The children had lots of fun using the wooden spoons and banging on the pots and pans. The babies are now focusing on transport, for this they will be going out for a trip to the local library to gather some books on transport.



Discoverers (1-2 years)

Over the last couple of weeks, the children have showed an interest in cars & trains. The staff have been working hard to develop this further by offering a variety of different activities which included art work, singing songs with the children and looking at a variety of different books. The staff then noticed that the children were showing an increasing interest in babies. The staff took learning forward by introducing different role play experiences for the children. Staff introduced babies along with real foods, a high chair, a bouncer, nappies etc. The children also enjoyed exploring the sand toys, using different funnels and sieves to transfer the sand to and from each toy. The children also did this activity with water, pasta and rice.



Investigators (2-3 years)

In the 2-3 room the children looked at Halloween. For this interest the children took a trip to the local library. The staff and children also changed the home corner area into a witch's cave. The children enjoyed exploring in the cave with the sensory bottles mixing potions together. We also held a Halloween party. The children then took an interest in colour and enjoyed getting messy by painting their hands, mixing all of the different colours to make colours up to paint with and recognize the different colours. After colours the children then went onto look at "all about me". For this the children painted a paper plate face. They also drew their favourite toys and were asked to bring in a family photo for our wall display.

The children are now focusing on there favourite book. One child picked "We're going on a bear hunt". The staff took the children out to the local park to collect natural resources to put in our tuff tray to go along with this story.



Inventors (3-5 years)

In the 3-5 room they have been looking at animals. For this interest the children enjoyed using the different colours of paint to paint the animals that they had drawn using the storybooks from the local library. The children are now looking at fire engines as one child in particular has taken an interest to these. The staff put the fire engines along with spray bottles and a house building in the water tray and the children enjoyed spraying the water on the building to put out the 'fire'. The staff are also going to be going on a visit to the fire department to let the children see the fire engines.



Swannies Dance classes

We have had a mini taster of a dance class within the nursery. These classes allow young children to learn, grow and dance. The class will run each week on a 10-week block contract. This will cost £15.00 per child. If you would like your child to take part, please send the consent forms back to the nursery along with the £15.00 as soon as possible so we can get numbers together.

(2-5 years only).

Clothing

Can all parents please ensure that their child has a spare set of clothes either in their tray or on their peg. We don't have any spare clothing in the nursery therefore if your child does become dirty or they have an accident then you will need to be called to bring clothes with you when collecting your child.

Also, we are now into winter, much colder mornings and nights therefore please remember to bring in a coat, winter hat, scarf, gloves, welly boots and a change of shoes.

Staffing as of December 2017

As of Monday 11th December 2017, we are having a few staff changes.

Calvin Ogilvie will be moving down to Arbroath nursery to help out there for a short period of time. He will be returning in April 2018. His last day with us will be on Friday 8th December 2017.

Buthy has just recently finished her SVQ level 3 qualification. We would like to congratulate her on this. She will take over from Calvin within the 2-3-year-old room from 11th December 2017 as an early years practitioner.

Caitlin Baines is coming to the end of her year with us. Her last day at the nursery will be on Thursday 30th November 2017. We wish her all the best in the future.

We also have work experience girls on placement within the nursery.

Employee of the year

It's that time of year again where we want your input for Employee of the Year. This can be any member of staff that you feel has done a good job so far. If you do have a staff member in mind, please feel free to let the nursery manager know or pop the name on paper and put it into our suggestions box at the main entrance.



Christmas Party

All rooms will be holding a Christmas party in the nursery on Wednesday 20th December 2017. We will also be having a very special visit from Santa Claus. He will be arriving around 3.00pm.

Remember to wear a Christmas jumper (optional)

Christmas & New Year Closures

The nursery will be closed on Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th December, Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

Please note that the days the nursery is closed no nursery fees are required for these days



Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 5th December – 2-3 years only stay and play, 10am-11am (parents are welcome to come along)

Monday 11th December – visit to shelter housing, Christmas carols 10.30 am (3-5 children only)

Friday 15th December – 0-2 years only stay and play, 2pm-3pm (parents are welcome to come along)

Wednesday 20th December – Nursery Christmas party & a visit from Santa.

(wear a Christmas jumper – optional)

Anything else please feel free to speak to the nursery manager.