



Polbeth Nursery School - Newsletter [Term2]

Term 2 newsletter [January 2023]

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year!

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Diary Dates



Important
Dates

Please see below our diary dates for term 2, we kindly ask that you are mindful that these dates may change depending on the on-going events within the nursery.

Term 2 (January – April 2023)

January

Community Week(TBC)

Since COVID we have been restricted with our involvement within the community. We hope to re-implement this through a 'community week' this will involve community walks and visits to local amenities.

More information will follow with regards to this.



February

Biscuit and a Blether → 22-02-23

11am-12pm

This event is for parents to get together and socialise with each other over a biscuit and a drink, we appreciate over COVID this was difficult and we hope this opportunity will allow parents to get to know each other.



March

Stay & Play → week beginning 13-03-23

This Stay & play will reflect on the celebration of 'Mother's Day'

To enable more opportunities for parents to attend we have chosen to offer slots for any key group any day.

Please see the stay and play wall.

(These will be on display nearer the time)



Parent Consultations → 13-03-23 – 03-04-23

Preschool children parents have the option of face:face or phone call, anti-preschool children will be phone call only.

Please see parent consultation wall for dates for each keyworker & ask a member of staff to book yourself in for a date & time. If these dates/times are not suitable please speak to a member of staff

(This is a first come first serve basis on times)

Dates for individual keyworkers will be displayed in due course.



April

Easter Nursery Closures



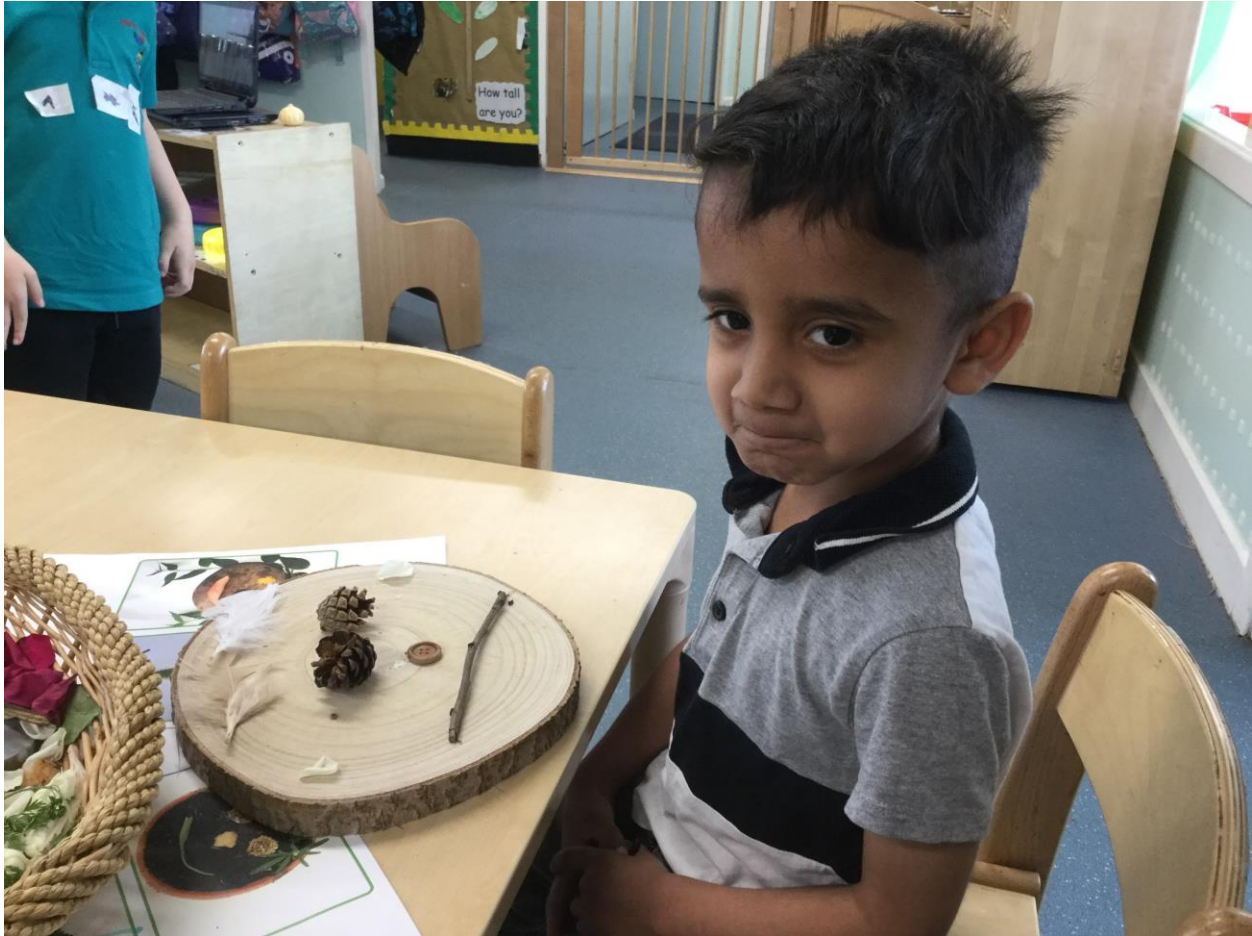
Friday 7th April & Monday 10th April

PM Lunches



PM children will now be offered a **hot meal on arrival** to nursery, this will be offered from **12:30-1pm**, Please note there will still be an alternative of sandwiches on offer to children and a **4/4:30pm** end of day snack.

Staff Changes



Sadly we have said goodbye to **Miss Robertson**, who is going to pursue a career in childminding and **Mrs Williams**, who is moving onto another nursery nearer home. We wish them both all the best in their new adventure.

Another last goodbye to **Mrs Prentice** who has now retired after **8 years at Polbeth Nursery!** We hope you enjoy your retirement Mrs Prentice!

Lastly **Mrs Morton** is now on maternity leave and will return in 2024, **Miss Stenhouse** will be covering Mrs Morton's role.



1 - Miss Robertson



2 - Mrs Williams



3 - Mrs Prentice



4 - Mrs Morton

Nursery Times



Gentle reminder the AM session finishes at 12:30pm, Children should be out the setting by this time please.

AM SESSIONS	
Monday – Thursday	7:47am – 12:30pm
Friday	8am – 11:54pm
PM SESSION	
Monday – Thursday	12:30pm – 18:14pm
FD SESSIONS	
2 Full days	8am - 6pm
Monday – Thursday (½ day sessions)	12:45pm – 16:05pm
Friday (1/2 day session)	8am – 11:20am

Parent Consultations



Our parent consultations will be held over a 4 week period starting from:

3rd March 2023 - 3rd April 2023

This is a great opportunity to hear all about what your child's currently learning/interests are at nursery. Preschool children(s) parents have the option of face:face or phone call, anti-preschool and 2-year-old children will be a phone call only. These will all be **10 minutes** slots.

Dates for each key worker will be released in due course.

Stay & Play



Our Stay and play week will now be on the **week beginning 13th March Monday-Thursday**. To enable more opportunities for parents to attend we have now chosen to offer slots for any key group any day.

Times will be released nearer the the time.

Dressing for Weather



As we believe outdoor learning is very important for our children's development, we offer daily access to our nursery garden - whatever the weather! We love to get muddy but with the colder weather on the way please think about clothing that allows your child to stay warm. If possible please provide labelled wellies that can be kept at nursery.

Please remember to pack:

- Wellies
- Change of clothes
- **Socks**

Please can you ensure your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their name. If not, the nursery will label the clothing.

Students



We will be welcoming our West Lothian College students back this term, please see below their names:

- Miss Ferguson
- Miss Jaxon
- Miss Syme

Biscuit and a Blether (22-02-23)



Wednesday 22nd February at 11am-12pm

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Community Week (Date TBC)



SCOTTISH
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Working together for a safer Scotland

West Calder Community
Fire Station

← Main
Entrance



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Nursery Carpark & Grounds



Please be aware that both the **school** and **nursery car park** are for staff use **ONLY**. With the exception of blue badge holders, you should not enter the carpark to drop off or collect your child, even out with school hours. A dedicated disabled space is allocated outside the nursery. We thank you for your cooperation on this which ensures the safety of everyone.

The Polbeth Community Hub kindly offer us the use of their car park. It is located behind the nursery and there is a path from here leading to our drop off/ pick up points.

Please be mindful of other drivers and look out for small children. The car park will be busier than before as we no longer have a gap between our morning and afternoon sessions.

Please note that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.

Curriculum Corner



Please look out for our termly learning sways which will give you an insight into what we have been exploring and learning during their time at nursery. Please note you can always ask to look at our floor books at any time. Please see below our termly learning sways to date:

- [Learning Sway - Term 1 \[Part1\]](#)
- [Learning Sway - Term 1 \[Part2\]](#)

We will continue to promote child-led learning and encourage all of our children to engage in their own ideas. We also encourage lots of risky and creative play, which helps to develop children's curiosity and inquiry. Please keep an eye on your child(ren)'s learners journey and the nursery blog/facebook for updates on what we have been learning in nursery.

Big Bedtime Read [Relaunch]



Big Bed time Read will be re-launched in January. This will be slightly different to how we have previously done it. A letter will be sent out prior to this to tell you more about it.

Lost Property

Welcome to
Polbeth Nursery

Please call:
01506 872511
07724139289

Lost
Property



Our lost property box is situated outside in the nursery foyer. Please check this regularly for your child's belongings. This will be donated at the end of every term.

We gently remind parents to please label all children's belongings.

Advice & Useful Links

Advice Shop

We know this can be a challenging time for some households.

If you have money worries and need help, please contact the Advice Shop by phoning 01506 283000 to speak to an adviser who can offer advice and support. Or complete the referral form:

[Westlothian Council - Advice Shop](#)

Welfare Fund

If you are in urgent need of immediate financial assistance West Lothian Council's Scottish Welfare Fund may be able to help. Please refer to the guidance to apply for a crisis grant:

[Welfare Fund](#)

Polbeth Nursery active playroom

This is an interactive app that can be used on any device, the virtual playroom is updated and reflects the learning happening within the nursery setting.

[Polbeth Nursery Playroom](#)

Polbeth Nursery Blog

We regularly post onto the nursery blog giving you updates of events & learning happening throughout the nursery.

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Happy times are never ending, when we are playing and pretending

