



Newsletter- April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter break and are still keeping safe while having lots of fun and family time. I cannot believe we are in April already and there are only 3 more months until the end of the academic year! We have lots of exciting events and activities planned, some of which you will find out more about later in this newsletter.

With the warmer weather coming, we are really working hard to ensure that the children have access to the outdoors as much as possible. This means that we are asking parents/carers to ensure that their child has a sunhat and some sun cream in their bag or to be left on their peg at Meithrinfa.

We are looking forward to all the fun things we have planned in April.

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Rebecca

Our Journey to School Readiness

We understand that the transition from Meithrinfa to Reception can be a big leap. This is why we are dedicated to giving the children access to focused activities that help build their skills ready for starting school.

**April's School Readiness focus is:
Sense of self and self-esteem/2D
shape recognition.**

We will be focusing on:

- Building the children's self-esteem.
- Talking about emotions and how to regulate them.
 - Mindfulness
- Exploring 2D shapes and their properties (sides, corners, symmetrical)

EXTENDED OPENING HOURS- After School Care is now available!

From 12th April we will be open until 5pm. This means that we are able to care for our children, their older siblings, and other children from the Primary School, as well as from other schools at a later date for a longer session than we ever have before. We are able to run this session as long as there is a need for it within our community. The older children will be collected from school and come to the setting. They will be offered a balanced, healthy snack and a drink of milk or water.

It is much more than just extended childcare; they will be able to have the opportunity to free play inside or out (weather permitting) or have some quiet time. We will also be running different activities during this time including Science Club, Art Club, Codebreaking Club and Outdoor Learning. This session costs £7.50.



Parent/Carer Bulletin

GARDEN UPDATES

We have two big thank yous to send out.

First and foremost, we would like to send a massive thank you to Rob (Annaliese's Dad) for building our new picnic bench. The children absolutely love it!

We also need to say thank you to Laura. She did an amazing job at completing at least 10,000 steps each day in February and March to raise money for our Outdoor Area. At time of writing, she raised £570. This will be spent on improving our garden area. We have already bought a pirate ship sandpit for the children to play in and we are going to be creating a plan for other toys and equipment we can get to make it a better space for play and learning. Thank you so much to anyone who donated!

SPRING PROGRESS SUMMARIES

Progress Summaries are currently being written and will be printed and sent home with your child this month. If any parents would like to discuss their child's Progress Summaries, they are welcome to arrange a meeting with a member of staff at a time that is convenient for all.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

May- The Month of May is Local and Community History Month

Throughout May- We will be learning about our local area, our community and the people within it. If you have any stories or photos that we could share with the children please let us know. We will also be doing lots of walks around the area.

Monday 3rd May- Bank Holiday- **CLOSED**

w/b 3rd May- Deaf Awareness Week- The children will be learning some BSL during this week, including the alphabet.

10th-14th May- Coeliac Awareness Week- We will be holding a Gluten Free Bake Sale to raise funds for Coeliac UK.

Monday 31st May- Bank Holiday- **CLOSED**

June

Sunday 20th June- Father's Day

July

Friday 2nd July- Sports Day- We will be holding a Sports Day for our Meithrinfa children. We hope that restrictions allow for parents/carers to come and watch! We will let you know nearer the time.

Monday 19th July- Graduation for School Leavers- It has been a strange year, but we cannot wait to (hopefully- restriction dependent) welcome parents/carers in to Meithrinfa to watch our School Leavers graduate from Nursery ready to go to Big School in September. This event will need to be booked in advance so that we have an idea of how many adults will be attending, and spaces may be limited depending on the rules at the time. More information will be given in due course.