

Lisbellaw
Community
Nursery
School

Newsletter
October 2009



Theme for this month: **Trees/autumn**

Colours: **ALL**

Emotion: **Happy**

Some things we will be doing:

- Walking around the school grounds and visiting Castle Coole (by bus) to observe the changing colours, gather leaves and other natural materials
- Printing with leaves and looking at the different colours and shapes
- Making hand and arm print tree pictures
- Experimenting with colour mixing in various ways
- Making shakers to add a bit of percussion to our beautiful singing!
- Talking about animals that live in the trees/forest and learning rhymes about some of them
- Making hedgehogs from modelling dough
- Dramatising the stories of Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Bears



How you can help us:

- Please help your child to select one or two items to bring in for the colour table each week. This month we are looking at autumn colours in the following order: green - week beginning 28th September; red and orange - week beginning 5th October; yellow - week beginning 12th October; brown - week beginning 19th October.
- Please help your child to collect a few autumn items e.g. conkers, acorns, beech nuts, for our autumn table
- Please encourage your child to learn the songs/ rhymes on the back of this newsletter.
- We hope to spend some time outside daily, whatever the weather. Could you please ensure that your child has a coat in school every day. We have lots of Wellingtons in school left over from previous years if we need them but if you prefer your child to wear his/her own, you may send a pair in to keep in school.



Dates for your diary:

- We hope that you will be able to attend the information evening for parents to be held on Monday 5th October at 7:30pm in the Nursery. We will be showing a short DVD of the children at play, followed by a presentation of some information about the pre-school curriculum and, of course, a cup of tea!
- You should all have received an interview appointment to discuss how your child has settled into Nursery. Please reply as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. Thank you.
- The half term holiday for the children will be Wednesday 28th -Friday 30th October inclusive.
- A trip to Castle Coole has been booked for Friday 16th October. We will be leaving the Nursery at 9:15am sharp and will be back at the Nursery by 11.45 am. All children will need a coat. We would like about 6 adults to accompany us. Please let us know if you may be able to help in this way.
- Our Christmas concert will take place in the **Primary School Assembly hall** on Wednesday 9th December at 10am and will last for approximately half an hour. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. All are very welcome to attend.
- We have a birthday party every month to celebrate the birthdays of the children born in that month (including summer birthdays in September). This is normally held on the last Friday in the month. On these occasions, we have fruit, crisps, birthday cake and possibly a few sweets/small bit of chocolate. If your child has any allergies, or you would prefer them not to eat certain foods, please let us know.

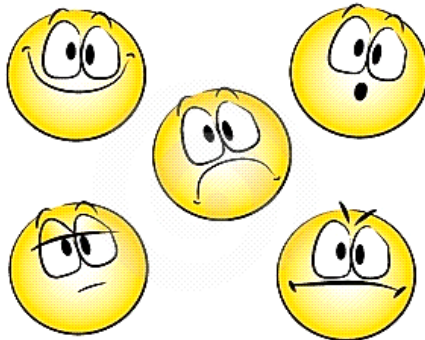
Snack time

All children are encouraged to take snack each day. If he/she really does not want it, we will not insist that they have it, but we will try to remember to let you know. Our snack menu is flexible but is normally:

- Monday - pancakes and grapes
- Tuesday - wheaten bread and banana
- Wednesday - fromage frais
- Thursday - cheese, crackers and apple
- Friday - rich tea biscuits and apple (unless we have baked or there is a birthday party)

If there is something your child does not like, we will offer him/her a plain biscuit instead. Occasionally we receive treats or there may be biscuits left over e.g. from a parents evening, in which case these will replace our normal menu. Fruit also may vary.

Circle time



A very important part of our Nursery curriculum is 'circle time' where we sit in small groups and discuss issues which help to build up the children's self image and self-esteem, and help them to learn to respect others. As part of this, each month we look at a different emotion, and the children make posters to represent each one. It would be valuable for your child, if you could take a little time each month to look through pictures/photographs/magazines etc and help him/her to discuss emotions represented. Our emotion for October is **HAPPY**.

Thank you

Action rhyme

There's a wide-eyed owl
Forefingers and thumbs around eyes
With a pointed nose
Forefingers and thumb make a point
He has pointed ears
Clenched hands, forefingers up for ears
And claws for toes
Make hands into claws
He sits in a tree
And looks at you
Circles around eyes again
Then flaps his wings and says,
Hands to chest and flap elbows
"Tu-whit, tu-whoo!"
Hands cup mouth to hoot.



Song (To the tune of "The grand old duke of York")

Oh the little frisky squirrel!
He gathers nuts and seeds.
He hides them for the wintertime,
So he'll have all he needs.

Oh up-up-up he goes,
Down-down-down he comes,
He runs around, goes up and down,
His work is never done!



Action song (*Children twirl round and gently fall as they sing!*)

The leaves are falling down,
The leaves are falling down,
Red, yellow, green and brown,
The leaves are falling down.

Rhyme

Woodpecker, woodpecker
Tapping at the tree.
Woodpecker, Woodpecker
Can't you see?
Woodpecker, Woodpecker
You can't win.
You can knock all day
But there's no one in!

Finger rhyme

(*Raise fingers one by one*)

1 little leaf
2 little leaves
3 little leaves today
4 little leaves
5 little leaves
Whoo! Blow them all away!
(*Blow and close fingers up into fist*)

Rhyme

Way up high in the apple tree,
A little brown worm smiled at me.
I winked my eye, and what do you suppose?
A shiny red apple dropped on my nose!

Please also continue to practise traditional nursery rhymes, as in last month's newsletter. Thank you.