

COLGRAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL + PRE-5 UNIT  
REDGAUNTLET ROAD, HELENSBURGH, G84 7TZ  
01436 673557

Email: [enquiries-colgrain@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries-colgrain@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

Nursery Newsletter  
November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our November Newsletter. We are busy preparing for the festive season and would like to keep you up to date with all the excitement too!

Thank you!

Thank you very much to you all for attending our Parents' Evening on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. We enjoyed sharing your child's achievements and next steps with you.

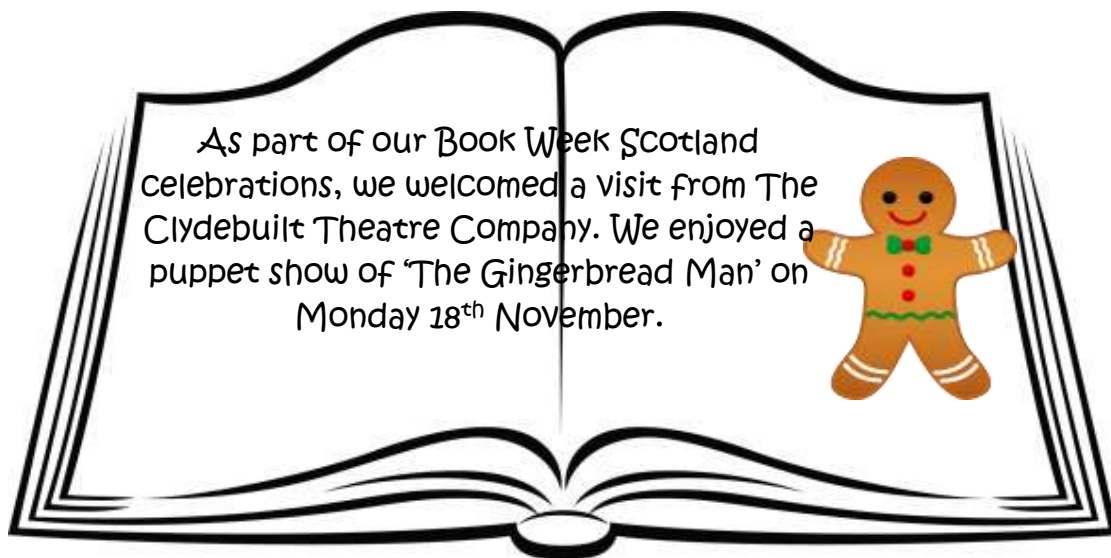


We enjoying sharing your child's learning experiences with you through 'Seesaw'. It's a great way for you to comment and provide feedback at the click of a button...you can even record a voice comment!



Very soon it will be our Christmas Party. We will have a very special visitor joining us during the party. Parents and Carers are welcome to join us for this section of the party. If your child has a younger sibling and you would like them to receive a small gift, please pass this to your child's Keyworker.





As part of our Book Week Scotland celebrations, we welcomed a visit from The Clydebuilt Theatre Company. We enjoyed a puppet show of 'The Gingerbread Man' on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November.



### Colgrain Team

Following the expansion of our Nursery provision to 1140hours, we have been able to recruit a new member of staff to join the team. We are thrilled to inform you that Mrs Gillian Dougan will commence working with us at the end of November. Mrs Dougan is an experienced Early Education and Childcare Worker. I'm sure you will give her a very warm welcome to Colgrain!

### Volunteers

Please keep an eye on our Nursery Noticeboard for our volunteer list. If there is a 'job' you feel you could support us with then please pop your name down. We look for helpers to co-ordinate the children's lending library, wash aprons, support activities and to share their expertise....to name but a few things!

### Information Sharepoint

Mrs Walsh, Head Teacher would like to extend an invitation to you to join us for a cup of tea and an opportunity to share your views on how we are doing as a nursery and school. We value your views and following our first meeting with parents/Carers, we have actioned suggestions that were made. Our next Sharepoint takes place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 9am. We look forward to seeing you there!



Outdoor play is central to how children grow and develop but also to how they learn, engage with, and become empowered by, their interactions, environments and experiences.

As part of the implementation of 1140 hours, as per the curriculum, children are given the opportunity to access the outdoors at any point in the nursery day, in all weathers.

As we enter the season of sniffles and bugs, if your child has been absent due to illness, please ensure they are well and ready to return to both indoor and outdoor play.

Playing outdoors enhances learning and is fundamental for children and young people to thrive in health, wellbeing and development.

## Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

Our focus for this part of the term is Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. The boys and girls have particularly enjoyed junk modelling and reusing packaging to draw and write on.



---

### Reminder

Nursery drop-off is at 8:45am. We must request that following drop-off, you leave the drop-off zone as efficiently as possible. Cars should not be parked there. If you require to speak to a Key Worker, please do so at the end of the day or contact the School Office who will make the necessary arrangements for you. We appreciate your co-operation with this matter.



Please ensure your child's clothing and shoes are labelled with their name. If you wish to do so, you may leave an older jacket on their peg for outdoor play.





December Dates

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Lunch

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
1:30pm – 3pm  
Senior Citizens Afternoon (Volunteers needed)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
9am – 10am  
How are we doing? Meet with the HT and DHT

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
3pm – 5pm  
Christmas Fayre

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
10:45am – 11:30am  
Sing-a-long

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Party

